

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others

Sunday 19th November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent



8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist Clapham Church

314: Immortal, invisible; **684:** Thou whose almighty word;

428: Love divine all loves excelling (omit v3&4); Findon: Great is the darkness (Noel Richards); Clapham: **606:** Soldiers of Christ, arise

Collect for Second Sunday before Advent



Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end (Clapham - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Other readings for today: Ps. 90: 1-8, 12; 1 Thess. 5: 1 - 11

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

DIARY AND READINGS:

Monday 20th

Luke 18: 35-end

2-4pm – Tea and Chat in Nepcote Hall, Findon. £1 for tea and cake. All welcome!

6.45pm – Homegroup. Please contact the Parish Office for details of venue.

Tuesday 21st

Rev. 3: 1-6, 14-31; Ps. 11 or Ps. 15; Luke 19: 1-10

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

10.30am – Lambstails in Findon Village Hall

2-3.00pm – Tea @ 2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1 for a cuppa and a chat!

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing practice at Findon Church

Wednesday 22nd

Luke 19: 11-28

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Thursday 23rd

Luke 19: 41-44

Friday 24th

Luke 19: 45-48

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

9.00am – 2.30pm, a talk for women at Offington Park Methodist Church

Saturday 25th

Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday 26th – Christ the King

Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ps. 95: 1-7; Eph. 1: 15-end; Matt. 25: 31-end

8.00am – Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

Please remember in your prayers:

- Our children and young people; staff from our schools and preschool; our work with children and young people.
- Those in Northend, Holt Farm and Coldharbour Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Ruth Simpson; Naomi; Sam; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Ray Taylor; Lucia; Deborah; Barbara Harbut; Eda Spencer; Baby Isadora; Tom Rawlings; Baby Huw

- RIP – Toby Ling
- **On their anniversary** – 19th Major Peter Riddlington; 20th Tom Brooks; 23rd Anthony Seare; 24th Denis Lloyd; 24th Lt. Cdr. John Hammond

NOTICES

A big thank you to the flower arrangers who have made all our churches look so lovely over the past few weeks.

Offington Park Methodist Church, Fri. 24th Nov. 9am – 2.30pm

“A Case of Mistaken Identity?” – a talk for women by Church Pastoral Aid Society Ministry Among Women. £7 to include drinks. Please bring your own packed lunch. For more information and to book please phone Irene Tuley 01903 265319

Village Christmas Cards

These are currently at the printers but should be with us very soon. We are looking for help to sort them into village roads and then delivering. Any offers of help to the office please!

Sat. 2nd December, 10am – 5pm | Sun. 3rd December, 11am – 4pm

Celebrate the best of Findon at our biannual **Christmas Tee Festival**. Colourful trees, refreshments, homemade cakes, crafts, an instant raffle with fantastic prizes, activities for the children – a wonderful way to start the festive season. Please walk if possible, parking is limited. Entry by donation.

[Tickets for our two upcoming concerts: “Inspired Instrumentalists” \(12th April 2024\) and Graham Kendrick \(15th June 2024\) will be on sale during the weekend.](#)



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