

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

*First Sunday in Lent*



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church  
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church  
**379** Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us;  
**190** Forty days and forty nights (omit v4&5); **161** Father, hear the prayer we offer; **221** God is working his purpose out (omit v3)

## CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday: 2-4.00pm – Tea/Coffee/biscuits in Findon Village Hall. Just pop in!
- Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church  
1.00pm – Light Lunch @1pm in Findon Village Hall. £6  
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1  
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Wednesday: 9.00 am - Morning Prayer in Findon Church  
7.30pm – Compline in Findon Church
- Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church  
7.00pm – 9.00pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Saturday: 10.30am – Wedding Preparation Morning in Findon Church

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church  
10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with Findon School Choir and guest speaker from East Clayton Farm  
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church

**The Parish Office is now open 8am-11am Mondays and 7.30am-3.30pm on Fridays**

**Advance Notice: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30-11.30am, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 8am – 3pm**



## **Collect for the First Sunday in Lent**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Romans 5: 12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Other readings for today: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7*

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Matt. 25: 31-end*

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

*Isa. 55: 10-11; Ps. 34: 4-6, 21-22; Matt. 6: 7-15*

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Ember Day

*Luke 11: 29-32*

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 7: 7-12*

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 5: 20-26*

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 5: 43-end*

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Second Sunday in Lent

*Gen. 12: 1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17*

## 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 Rogers Lane, Clapham Common and Patching Street.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford
- **RIP** – Richard Dixon

## Compline

During Lent there will be a weekly Compline service in Findon Church at 7.30pm each Wednesday. Starting Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> February, through to Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## Notices

### Parking at Findon Church

We have been asked by Caroline of Findon Place to please **not park** on the verges or bank as it is causing damage. Caroline owns the road and is getting upset at inconsiderate parking. Can parishioners please make sure when they park, that they park on the left side facing down the road, and make sure all 4 wheels are on the road surface. Do not allow any wheel to be on the verge or embankment please.

### A date for your diaries!

**Fundraising Barn Dance at Holt Farm. Sunday 19th July**, Arrival from 1pm.

BBQ from 1:30pm, Dancing from 2:30pm till 5:30pm. Tickets £20 per adult, children free. Contact Maggie to book your place. [fcobarndance@gmail.com](mailto:fcobarndance@gmail.com) 07483 239208. All proceeds to the PCC of Findon, Clapham and Patching.



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