

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 21st June 2026

Patronal Festival at Findon



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Revd. Zachary Allen)
527 On Jordan's bank; **752** Will you come and follow me
70 Be thou my vision; **580** Rejoice, the Lord is king
10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church

Banns 2

Jack Gardiner and Emma Horsnell-Shave
Jed Powell and Eleanor Johnson
Andrew Johnson and Sophie Smith
Andrew Cornish and Olivia Weatherill

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Richard Prior's house (cancelled if wet!) £1
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 28th June – the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Revd. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Revd. Bill Meyer)



Collect for the birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them

pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Post Communion Prayer for the birth of John the Baptist

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 22nd

Matthew 7: 1-5

Tuesday 23rd

2 Kings 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-36; Ps. 48: 1-2, 8-end; Matt. 7: 6, 12-14

Wednesday 24th – Birth of John the Baptist

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Thursday 25th

Matthew 7: 21-end

Friday 26th

Matthew 8: 1-4

Saturday 27th

Matthew 8: 5-17

Sunday 28th – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Ps. 89: 1-4, 15-18 [or 89: 8-18]; Romans 6: 12-end; Matthew 10: 40-end

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 Braeside Close, Brickyard Cottages and France Lane.
- 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; Karen Kennard; Michael Drakeford

NOTICES

New Safeguarding Officer

We welcome Vicky Riches as our new safeguarding officer. Vicky is taking over the reins from Ann Hollyhomes, and we would like to extend our grateful thanks to Ann for her dedication and commitment to this role over several years.

There is more information about Vicky on our website.

Bible exhibition at Christ Church Worthing, June 29th - July 4th 10.30am to 4.30pm.

This is a display of different English Bible translations/versions, other Christian books including different church service books, bible time chart and 66 posters on each book of the bible which will be on display around the church. Everyone welcome.

Turning Tides – June to August Prayer Calendar

Turning Tides began 35 years ago as the Worthing Churches Homelessness Project and have since grown to support people across West Sussex. This first Prayer Calendar invites us to pray for the people they support. The link to the calendar is here - [Our June to August Prayer Calendar](#)

The Ministry of Welcome - it's more than just handing out hymn books!

Sat. 4th July 10am-4pm - free workshop. Church House, New Church Road, Hove BN3 4ED. For more information/book: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZN>

The Vacancy in See Monthly Diocesan Prayer Gathering on Zoom

A monthly diocesan prayer gathering held on the first Monday of each month at noon. These gatherings will bring together lay and ordained people to pray for the life, mission, and ministry of our diocese, and leadership of our new bishop.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85084031631?pwd=0QKxOlyaaQMXVCmXO4kl7e8TDHIYbz.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8403 1631

Passcode: 571007



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Mon: 8am – 11am, Fri: 7.30am – 3.30pm