

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 12th May 2024 **Celebrating Ascension Day** **(Seventh Sunday of Easter)**



8.00am Holy Communion at Clapham Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

16 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name (omit v.2&3);

67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord; **461** My Jesus, my Saviour;

104 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

10.45am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

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William McAleer and Jessica Ignatius

Darren Bamber and Joanne Perkins

Paul Hunter and Abbie Morrison

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice at Findon

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

Collect for Ascension Day



Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Other readings for today: Isa. 55: 1-11; Ps. 98; 1 John 5: 1-6

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 13th

John 16: 29-end

Tuesday 14th – Matthias the Apostle

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:9-10, 18-19; John 17:1-11

Wednesday 15th

John 17: 11-19

Thursday 16th

John 17: 20-end

Friday 17th

John 21: 15-19

Saturday 18th May

John 21: 20-end

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2: 1-21; Ps. 104: 26-36, 37b; Rom. 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

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 Cedar Chase, Castle Goring and Hillside.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Caroline Allcorn; Vince Mason; Mary; Don; Barbara Harbut; Tony; Dennis Stanford
- On their anniversary: **15th** Eileen Bamford

NOTICES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 12th May in Findon Church. All welcome.

Help for Ukraine

Ukraine has a great need for manual wheelchairs and disability 3 or 4 wheeled walkers. These are to help in the recovery of injured fighters and for some, to assist in their ongoing life. Adur Ukraine Support Association are trying to collect up a number to send out to Ukraine. If you have one that is no longer required and would like to donate it, please contact Nigel Kerridge on 01903 527569, for collection.

Save the day – Findon Church Open Morning! Sat. 22nd June - 10:00 till 12:00

We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

Have a try at bellringing | Guided tour of St John's Church history

Activities for children and teenagers | Tea, Coffee and Snacks available



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