

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)
6 All creatures of our God and King (omit vv. 4-6); **649** The King of love
my shepherd is; **662** There's a wideness in God's mercy;
21 All people that on earth do dwell
2.00pm Bluebell Walk at Clapham Church

Banns 3

Thomas Prideaux de Lacy and Leslie Morgan
Joseph Maton and Joy Talbot
Daniel Smith and Lauren Wheeler

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £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 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone' (Rev. Bill Meyer)
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Other readings for today: [Gen. ch.7];

Ps. 23; 1 Pet. 2: 19-end



Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 27th

John 10: 1-10(or 11-18)

Tuesday 28th

Acts 11: 19-26; Psalm 87; John 10: 22-30

Wednesday 29th

John 12: 44-end

Thursday 30th

John 13: 16-20

Friday 1st May – Philip and James, Apostles

John 14: 1-14

Saturday 2nd May

John 14: 7-14

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55-end [or Gen. 8: 1-19]; Ps. 31: 1-5, 15-16 (or 31: 1-5); 1 Pet. 2: 2-10;

John 14: 1-14

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 Summerfields, Church Close and Long Furlong.
- 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
- On their anniversary – **30th** April – Jim Bartlett;

NOTICES

Friends of C&P - Bluebell Walk - Sunday 26th April, 2pm from Clapham Church

Led by Clem Somerset through private land not open to the public, followed by tea and cake at the church. Suggested minimum donation £5 per adult, children free.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held at 11am on Sunday 10th May in Findon Church.

All welcome to attend. **Last reminder that reports for the APCM should now have been sent to the Parish Office!** Thank you very much.

Diocese May Camp – weekend of 23rd / 24th May 2026

We are looking to send one or two people to the Diocese May Camp.

Would anybody in the congregation be able to support this trip which requires a funding of £75.00 each person? If this is something you feel able to support, please contact Graham Langford in confidence, at ewes16.gl@gmail.com

Have your say in the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester

Take part in the online consultation. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is **open until May 26th**. We welcome responses from individuals of all ages, parishes and schools. This link [here](#) takes you straight to the survey. A print version of the survey is available [here](#)

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

Saturday 4th July 10am-4pm - free workshop.

Church House, New Church Road, Hove BN3 4ED.

Led by Hazel Pudney, Warden for Lay Ministry ALM and Churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham.

For more information and to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZN>

DUE TO HOLIDAY, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 27TH APRIL, FRIDAY 1ST MAY & MONDAY 4TH MAY- Normal hours resume Friday 8th May



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All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.

Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"

If you would like to join this tax beneficial scheme to make a regular gift to the Parish by direct debit, use <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/findon-clapham-patching-worthing/> (Parish code: 100610130). Alternatively, contact PGS

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Mon: 8am – 11am, Fri: 7.30am – 3.30pm