

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

10.00am Parish Eucharist in Findon Church

557 People look East; Into the darkness of this world; Great is the darkness; **480** O come, o come Emmanuel

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
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
2.30pm – Lambs Tails at Findon Rectory
3.30pm – Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Saturday: 10.00am-5.00pm – Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church

Sunday 7th December – Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with ‘Cornerstone’

10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church

11.00am-4.00pm – Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church

Rachel Hartnett is proposing to send out a daily posting for Advent.
If anybody would like to receive this via an App, please contact the Office.

Collect for Advent Sunday



Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Other readings for today: Ps. 122; Rom. 13: 11-end



Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 1st December – Andrew the Apostle

Matt. 4: 18-22

Tuesday 2nd

Isa. 11: 1-10; Ps. 72: 1-4, 18-19; Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 3rd

Matt. 15: 29-37

Thursday 4th

Matt. 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 5th

Matt. 9: 27-31

Saturday 6th

Matt. 9.35 – 10.1, 6-8

Sunday 7th – Second Sunday of Advent

*Isa. 11: 1-10; Ps. 72: 1-7, 18-19 (or 72: 1-7); Rom. 15: 4-13; **Matt. 3: 1-12***

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 Nepcote, Church Close and Myrtle Grove 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; Pauline Roberts; Gary Bond; Rev. Keith Smith; Mabel Carson; Hilary Langford
- On their anniversary: **30th** John Caines; **1st** Vince Mason

NOTICES

The Church Christmas Cards are at the back of the Church ready for delivery before the Christmas Tree Festival. Please help if you can.

ALSO, more help needed, please, with rota slots over the CTF weekend.

Please contact Gill: gill.gostick@yahoo.co.uk or Graham: ewes16.gl@gmail.com or Adrian: adrian@theriches.co.uk

Gospel of Non-Violence – Thurs. 4th Dec. 7.30pm, Mill Road, Worthing.

See poster at back of church for full details.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 6th Dec.

10am–5pm - Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church

Sunday 7th Dec.

11am–4pm - Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church

5.30pm – Christmas lights switch on in Findon Village

Tuesday 9th Dec.

6.15pm - Walking Nativity in Findon, starting at the Village Hall

Carols in the garden of the Gun Inn afterwards

Saturday 13th Dec.

10am-12.30pm - Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fayre in Findon Village Hall

2pm – Christmas film 'The Star' especially suitable for families, in Findon Church

Tuesday 16th Dec.

6pm – Carols around the coals in Patching Churchyard with a visit from Santa

Thursday 18th Dec.

2.30pm – Carol singing at Clapham Lodge Care Home



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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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