

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

(Sunday next before Advent)

- 8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church
9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church
551 O worship the King (omit vs 3&4);
448 Meekness and majesty;
649 The King of love my Shepherd is;
137 Crown him with many crowns



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
2.30pm – Lambs Tails at Findon Rectory
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 30th November – Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist in Findon Church

Collect for Christ the King



God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Other readings for today: Ps. 46; Col. 1: 11-20

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME! From **Advent Sunday**, the Findon Eucharist will change from 9.30am to **10am**, so all sung Eucharists across the Parish will now be 10am.

Daily Postings for Advent

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 24th

Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday 25th

Dan. 2: 31-45; Canticle: Benedicite 1-3; Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday 26th

Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 27th

Luke 21: 20-28

Friday 28th

Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 29th

Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday 30th – Advent Sunday

Isa. 2: 1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13: 11-end; Matt. 24: 36-44

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 London Road, Castle Goring and Michelgrove 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 (currently in Bognor Memorial Hospital, visitors welcome!); Gary Bond; Rev. Keith Smith
- On their anniversary: **24th** Lt. Cdr. John Hammond; **26th** Dorothy White

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

Findon Memorial Garden

Many thanks to Simon Knights for taking out the diseased box hedging and replacing it with new yew hedging. We are very grateful to all who have donated towards this.

Gospel of Non-Violence – Thurs. 4th Dec. 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mill Road, Worthing. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.
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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