

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Findon  
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church  
739 When Morning Gilds the Skies;  
382 Let all the World in ev'ry Corner Sing;  
37 Angel-Voices ever Singing; 474 Now Thank we all our God  
10.00am Eucharist at Clapham



## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- 7.30pm Compline at Findon Church

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**Banns 2**

**George Pepper and Justine Earle**

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Collect for Mothering Sunday



God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

First reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to

nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

### Gospel reading: Luke 2: 33-35

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon<sup>▫</sup> blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

### Other readings for today:

*Ps. 34: 11-20 or Ps. 127: 1-4; 2 Cor. 1: 3-7 or Col. 3: 12-17*

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### DIARY AND READINGS:

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 1: 18-end*

2.00 – 4.00pm – Tea and Biscuits in Findon Village Hall. All welcome!

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

*Ezek. 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 46: 1-8; John 5: 1-3, 5-16*

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

No Lambstails this week – next one Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> March in Findon Village Hall

2.00-3.00pm – Tea and Biscuits in Clapham & Patching Village Hall. All welcome!

7.45pm-9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

*John 5: 17-30*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

7.30pm – Compline at Findon Church

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

*John 5: 31-end*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

*John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 18: 9-14*

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Isa. 7: 10-14; Ps. 40: 5-11; Heb. 10: 4-10; Luke 1: 26-38*

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church (Archdeacon Luke presiding)

**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 Beech Close, Clapham Close and Arundel Road.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Jean Grieves; John Sayles; Jeanne Hastings; Brian; Ruth Simpson; Bidy Bolding; David Gear; Jennifer Jones.
- **RIP:** Ray Hazelgrove (funeral on 30<sup>th</sup> March at Clapham Church, 11.00am); Raymond; Jeff
- **On their anniversary:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Ian Swales; 25<sup>th</sup> Seth Evans; 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Merricks

**NOTICES**

Our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped at the **Patching Working Party** yesterday.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Archdeacon Luke is presiding at the 9.30am Eucharist at Findon. Please do come and join us for this service.

**Tea and Biccies at Findon Village Hall!** Monday afternoons, 2pm – 4pm. Everyone welcome and an ideal chance for carers to have a break too!

**Tea and biscuits at Clapham & Patching Village Hall**

Every Tuesday from 2-3pm. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

## Spring Concerts

The Rowland Singers Choral Society are holding two Spring Concerts: Offington Park Methodist Church Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> March and Emmanuel URC, Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> April. 7.30pm – doors 7pm. Tickets £12, child £4. [www.rowlandsingers.co.uk](http://www.rowlandsingers.co.uk)

**LENT 2023** - This year there will be a service of Compline each Wednesday evening during Lent. Compline is a short, beautiful service of Night Prayer. There is no commitment or sign-up sheets. Do join us if and when you can as part of your Lenten preparations.

## Date for your Diary - Bluebell Walk – 16<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting at Patching Church. [More details to follow!](#)

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

This will be held in **Findon Church**, after the 9.30am service. All welcome.

Reports for the meeting are needed before the deadline of **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**.

If you are responsible for providing a report, please arrange for this to be sent to the Parish office **as soon as possible**. Thank you.



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### 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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