

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 15th May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Traditional Communion at Findon Church
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church
565 Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven;
35 A new Commandment I give unto You;
509 O Lord, all the World Belongs to You;
101 Christ's is the World in which we Move
- 10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church
565 Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven;
35 A new Commandment I give unto You;
503 O Jesus I have promised
6 All Creatures of our God and King



**We welcome Nancy Ford, supported by Windlesham House School,
to our 9.30am Service at Findon today**

Banns 2:

**James Avello and Holly Douherty
Thomas Evans and Sarah Whittle**

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Bible reading: John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I

am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Reflection on the Reading:

Our reading is a very small part of John’s version of the Last Supper. It is Judas that has just gone out. He slips away into the night to betray Jesus. Knowing that he has very little time left before he is arrested, Jesus reassures his disciples that what might seem like tragedy and defeat will actually be his victory and glory. This is not something that they would have likely comprehended at the time, but they did remember it, and made sense of it later. Jesus final command to them is that they love one other. This is a new command in that it is specific to their brothers and sisters in the faith. Tertullian, an early Christian writer said that the early church was known for its love. How attractive would that be! Who would not want to be part of a church where each person is loved, accepted and valued for who they are? Yet somewhere things went horribly wrong and the church ended up burning those it disagreed with at the stake. Even in our more civilized times, the Christian Church is still divided over doctrine. So, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill us so that we may become the people and church we are meant to be, so that we may be channels of God’s grace.

Other readings for today: **Acts 11: 1-18**; Ps. 148; Rev. 21: 1-6

* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

Post Communion prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 16th

John 14: 21-26

Tuesday 17th

Acts 14: 19-end; Ps. 145: 10-end; John 14: 27-end

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

Wednesday 18th

John 15: 1-8

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Thursday 19th

John 15: 9-11

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Friday 20th

John 15: 12-17

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Saturday 21st

John 15: 18-21

Sunday 22nd - the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21.10, 22-22.5; John 14: 23-29

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Patching

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

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 Findon Heights, Holt Farm and Coldharbour Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Teresa Street; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Jeanne Hastings; Peter Rogers; Martha; Michael Grand; Clare Jones
- **RIP:** Julie Brookes (funeral to be held 1.00pm, 20th May at Findon Church)
- On their anniversary: **15th** Eileen Bamford; **19th** Francis Bacon; **20th** Madge Eastabrook; **20th** Audrey Gibson-Poole

NOTICES

Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers - 8th - 11th June 2022

After an absence of 4 years the spectacular Festival of Flowers returns to Chichester Cathedral. The theme of this year's festival is 'Life in all its Fullness'. This is a ticketed event which can be booked either online at chichestercathedral.org.uk or by telephone on 0333 6663366. The tickets are £15 per person and are booked in time slots (N.B there is a booking fee online and telephone charge if booked by phone). There are also tickets available for the Festival Grand Draw (£2 each) with a top prize of 'One week's holiday for 2 to Thailand with Kuoni' amongst other prizes.

Further details of the event are available on the Cathedral website.

For help with booking or tickets for the Grand Draw, please contact:

Mrs Claire Kersley, 01903 873562, 07944 414067 or claire.kersley@waitrose.com



Clapham Flower Festival – 2nd & 3rd July 2022 – Clapham Church

Display theme is *“Favourite Hymns and Psalms”*.

Open to everyone to take part. Church open from

10am to 4pm. Refreshments available. Songs of Praise service at 4pm on 3rd July.

For more details and to stage an entry please contact:

focpcflowerfestival@gmail.com

Dog beds: Dorothy Barber would like old duvets NOT FEATHERS; these can be left in Rectory porch or delivered to her in Holmcroft Gardens.

Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir – *The planned concert in Findon Church on Saturday 11th June has been postponed to a later date.*



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