

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**



8.00am Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

**467:** New ev'ry morning is the love; **332:** I, the Lord of sea and sky;

**70:** Be thou my vision; **572:** Praise to the Holiest

## Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent



Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Romans 4: 13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' e did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already] as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-end**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*Other readings for today: Gen. 17: 1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22: 23-end*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Luke 6: 36-38*

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Isa. 1: 10, 16-20; Ps. 50: 8, 16-end; Matt. 23: 1-12*

10am Holy Communion at Findon Church

11am – Lambstails at Findon Village Hall.

1.00pm – Light Lunch @ 1pm. Findon Village Hall. £6. All welcome

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 20: 17-28*

9.00am – Morning prayer at Findon Church

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 16: 19-end*

2.00pm – Clapham Wedding

7.45pm – Bellringing practice at Findon Church

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

*Matt. 21: 33-43, 45-46*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

2.30pm – World Day of Prayer Service at All Saints, Findon Valley

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

*Luke 15: 1-3, 11-end*

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

*1 Cor. 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22*

8.00am - Holy Communion at Findon Church

10.00am - Worship & Praise at Findon Church with Findon School Choir

10.00am – Eucharist at Patching 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 Steep Close, Brickyard Cottages and Hillside.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Naomi; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Lucia; Deborah; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Caroline Allcorn; Vince Mason; Rosie; Mary
- On their anniversary – **25<sup>th</sup>** Dennis Kennard; **27<sup>th</sup>** David Boncey; **28<sup>th</sup>** Ray Hazelgrove
- **RIP:** Sally Morris (funeral at Worthing Crematorium on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm); Jerry Fox; Judy Beck (funeral 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm, Worthing Crematorium)

## NOTICES

As part of our **Lent** preparation there will be a short service of Compline on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Findon Church. Please join us.

### **World Day of Prayer – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2.30pm – All Saints, Findon Valley**

Joint service with St Peter's, High Salvington, and Findon Valley Free Church.  
All welcome and refreshments will be served after.

### **Volunteer Parish Representative for the Village Hall Committee**

If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please speak to Helena.

We are very grateful for Graham Langford's help with this over the past few years.



**STOP PRESS – Save the date!** Salvation Army are coming to Findon Church for our Worship & Praise service on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**.

### **Inspired Instrumentalists Concert – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – CANCELLED**

Sadly, this has been cancelled due to the conductor's ill-health.

For refunds, please contact Graham Langford

### **Sacred Space Workshop at Micklepage, Nuthurst, Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Starts at 10am and finishes at 4.45pm - £95 (or £80 if booked before 23<sup>rd</sup> March)

For more details - <https://an-cala.co.uk/> or to book contact Revd Steve Gurr on 07549 043330 or email [steve@an-cala.co.uk](mailto:steve@an-cala.co.uk) or [ss.gurr@gmail.com](mailto:ss.gurr@gmail.com)

We are looking to organise a trip to Schney (Germany) this year. If you would be interested, please speak to Helena after the service or contact the Parish Office.



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