

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

*Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
(Candlemas)*



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church  
10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone'  
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (Archdeacon Dr Tom Carpenter)  
450 Morning has broken; 684 Thou, whose almighty word; 381 Let all mortal flesh keep silence; 428 Love divine, all loves excelling (omit v 3&4)

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We welcome Archdeacon Dr Tom Carpenter to our Eucharist Service

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## 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  
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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent**  
8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)  
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven. John Barton))



### **Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon 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.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Other readings for today: Mal. 3: 1-5; Ps. 24: [1-6] 7-end*

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Mark 5: 1-20*

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

*2 Sam. 18.9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19.3; Ps. 86: 1-6; Mark 5.21-end*

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

*Mark 6: 1-6a*

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

*Mark 6: 7-13*

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

*Mark 6: 14-29*

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

*Mark 6: 30-34*

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday before Lent

*Gen. 1.1 – 2.3; Rom. 8: 18-25; Matt. 6: 25-end*

## 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 Paddock Way, Castle Goring and Long Furlong.
- 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; Gary Bond; Mabel Carson
- On their anniversary: **1<sup>st</sup>** Malcolm Laker; **3<sup>rd</sup>** Dilys Allcorn
- **RIP** - Barry Gent

We are pleased to report that a total of **£305.72** was raised at our Christingle Service at Findon Church. This money has been sent to The Children's Society.

## Notices

Next Messy Church is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 3.30pm, Findon Village Hall.



### Sat. 21st February - Film Afternoon in Findon Church, 2pm

**TOY STORY!** All families welcome. Snacks and drinks, donations welcome

### Compline

During Lent there will be a weekly Compline service in Findon Church at 7.30pm each Wednesday. Starting Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> February, through to Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### Sat. 18th April, 7.30pm

Return of the **Ron Green** Big Band Concert in Findon Church

Tickets £7.50 from Dom and the Village Shop, £10 on door

### Worthing National Trust Association (WNTA)

WNTA holds meetings throughout the year. You do not need to be a member to go to these meetings and you will be warmly welcomed. For more information and a list of the 2026 events, please visit - <https://worthingnationaltrust.org.uk/>



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*All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.*

#### 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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Other ways of supporting our Parish can be found under the Giving Page of our Website below.

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