

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Second Sunday of Advent*



8.00am Holy Communion at Clapham Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

**565** Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; **574** Purify my heart;

**527** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry; **406** Long ago, prophets knew

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion in Findon Church

6.15pm – Walking Nativity in Findon Village, starting at 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 15<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

## Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent



Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Other readings for today: Cantic: Benedictus; Phil. 1: 3-11*

### Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 5: 17-26*

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

*Isa. 40: 1-11; Ps. 96: 1, 10-end; Matt. 18: 12-14*

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 11: 28-end*

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 11: 11-15*

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 11: 16-19*

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 17: 10-13*

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent

*Zeph. 3: 14-end; Cantic: Isa. 12: 2-end or Ps. 146: 4-end; Phil. 4: 4-7; **Luke 3: 7-18***

## 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 Nightingales, Castle Goring and Arundel Road.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Don; June Martin; Daintree; Margaret Cornford; Jane Allcorn; Rachel; Gary; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Al; Tony
- **RIP** – Vince Mason; John Caines; Joyce Lawrence

## NOTICES



### Chichester Diocese 2025 'Year of Faith'

Celebrating the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral. For information about the events and celebrations for both diocese and cathedral, go to website:

<https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>

# PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6.15pm**

**Walking Nativity in Findon, starting at the Village Hall  
Carols in the garden of the Gun Inn**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6.15pm**

**'Carols round the coals' at Patching Church (starts at the Old Forge, to follow the donkey to the churchyard). Father Christmas is expected too!**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**

**Carol singing with the Monarch's Way Singers in Findon, meeting outside the Post Office**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm**

**Carol singing with the residents of Clapham Lodge**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 3pm**

**Family Carol Service with a Nativity tableau at Findon Church**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**3pm - Christingle Service in Findon Church**

**11.30pm - Midnight Mass in Findon Church**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**8am – Holy Communion in Findon Church**

**10am – Christmas Eucharist in Findon Church**

**10am – Christmas Eucharist in Patching Church**

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