

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter



8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

435 Low in the grave he lay; **361** Jesus, stand among us;

84 Breathe on me, Breath of God; **16** All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name

Banns 3

William Hutton and Georgina Smith

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
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 4th May – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone'

10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (where we welcome Nancy Ford)

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter



Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'

Other readings for today: Ps. 118: 14-end or Ps. 150; Rev. 1: 4-8

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 28th – George, Patron of England (*transferred from 23rd April*)

John 15: 18-21

Tuesday 29th – Mark the Evangelist (*transferred from 25th April*)

Acts 15: 35-end; Ps. 119: 9-16; Eph. 4: 7-16; Mark 13: 5-13

Wednesday 30th

John 3: 16-21

Thursday 1st May – Philip and James, Apostles

John 14: 1-14

Friday 2nd May

John 6: 1-15

Saturday 3rd May

John 6: 16-21

Sunday 4th May – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20]; Ps. 30; Rev. 5: 11-end; John 21: 1-19

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 The Willows, Castle Goring and Selden Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Jane Wyatt; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Tony; Peter Vaughan; Caroline Allcorn
- On their anniversary: **30th** Jim Bartlett; **30th** Godfrey Stanford
- **RIP:** Mick Fish

We wish Colin a restful and relaxing post Easter break!

NOTICES

Findon Light Lunch – 1pm in Findon Village Hall – Tuesday 29th April
£6 per person. All welcome!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Electoral Roll Forms

The APCM will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 25th May in Findon Church.

All welcome to attend. New applications for Church Wardens or PCC members very welcome. Please see Helena.

Could people responsible for submitting reports for the APCM please send these to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The deadline is Mon. 5th May to allow time for the final APCM report to be completed. Thank you very much.

Any outstanding Electoral Roll forms **MUST** be submitted by 5th May

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 22nd June - Rounders at Wild Heart Hill after 9.30am church service



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