

Last Sunday after Trinity

Trinity 20



Services for this Sunday

We welcome our Archdeacon, Luke Irvine-Capel, at our 9.30am service during which the Induction of Helena as Vicar of this Parish will take place.

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| 8.00am | Traditional Communion at Clapham Church |
| 9.30am | Said Eucharist at Findon Church |
| 8pm | Compline – <i>Zoom service</i> |

Tuesday:

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| 10.00am | Communion at Findon Church |
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There is social distancing in all 3 Churches –

Please remember face masks and to sanitise your hands when going in & coming out.

Church Services are currently not affected by the latest changes and advice from the Government.

‘To our church family, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who gave to friends of St John the Baptist church in memory of my late husband, Jim Bartlett. He was much loved by his friends and family’. **Jan Bartlett**

Collect



Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your work and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible reading for this Sunday: Matt. 22: 34-end

Now when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled together. And one of them, an expert in religious law, asked him a question to test him: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "***Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.***" This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: '***Love your neighbour as yourself.***' All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Messiah: David's Son and Lord

While the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said, "The son of David." He said to them, "How then does David by the Spirit call him 'Lord,' saying,

'The Lord said to my lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"'?"

If David then calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to question him any longer.

Reflection on the reading:

The Pharisees and Sadducees were old rivals, well used to disputing points of law, so hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees see an opportunity to prove they are more adept with the law by testing Jesus themselves. Not only does Jesus find a mighty answer, with words used in our liturgy to this day, but he turns the tables by in turn asking them a question, followed up by quoting from scripture. His questioners are silenced by Jesus' wisdom.

The words on the commandments given here by Jesus are all we need in order to live our lives well as Christians. Yet we too sometimes question Jesus. When doubts assail you, when God feels absent, say these words again to yourself, remembering how God's love for us is shown in Jesus Christ.

A Prayer. Lord Jesus, as you teach us to love God with all our being, help us also to love our neighbour, especially at times when this feels difficult, remembering that they too are beloved children of God. Amen.

Other readings for today: Lev. 19: 1-2, 15-18, Ps 1; 1 Thess. 2: 1-8

Post Communion prayer:

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Weekly Readings:

Monday: Luke 13: 10-17

Tuesday: Eph. 5: 21-end; Ps. 128; Luke 13: 18-21

Wednesday: John 15: 17-end

Thursday: Luke 13: 31-end

Friday: Luke 14: 1-6

Saturday: Luke 14: 1, 7-11

Sunday: **1 John 3: 1-3**; Matt. 5: 1-12

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 Quadrangle, Rectory Lane and Selden Lane.
- **The sick and those who care for them** including: Dilys Allcorn, Julie Brooks, John Childs, Anna Davison, Matthew Moppett, Jill, Teresa Street, Ann and Richard Currer-Briggs, Mabel Carson, Jeremy, Jill Juster; Jane Wyatt (fall with possible fracture).
- **RIP** Rosemary Hobbs (lived in Clapham Lodge); Brenda McCurdie (Reader and Lay Minister at West Tarring)

All activities and groups cancelled until further notice.

It has been suggested that the Morning Service at Findon should change from 9.30am to 10.00am. If you are against this, please let the Parish office know. The change of time would commence in January 2021.

We now have approval from the Diocese for a dropdown screen and fixed projector for Findon Church. Thank you for the generous contributions received so far. It is still possible to make a donation if you so wish. Thank you. A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped in the Working Party at Patching Church yesterday – your help is much appreciated.

All Souls

We welcome you to join us at our All Souls Service in Findon Church on **Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm.**

If you have a departed loved one you would like included in that Service, please write their name on the list at the back of the Church. (Anybody whose funeral we have taken in the last two years is automatically included on the list).

If you are hoping to attend the **All Souls Service** (1st November) or the **Remembrance Sunday Service** (8th November at **10.15am**) could you please ring or email the Parish Office so we can make sure we have sufficient safe seats for everyone. Currently we are allowed a maximum of 40 people.

If you are not planning to attend the Remembrance Day Church Service, you are most welcome to join us afterwards at the War Memorial.

Please note the Remembrance Sunday Service starts at **10.15am** as the congregation are not allowed to sing any hymns and to ensure we are ready for the silence at the War Memorial.

Charity Run for Prostate Cancer

Maz Chapman is doing a charity for Prostate Cancer. If anybody would like to donate to Prostate Cancer UK, the link is below:

<https://runthemoth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/run-for-prostate-cancer>



 Please visit our Facebook page: **Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching**

Contributions for pew sheet notices are invited to be submitted to the Rectory by 10.00am on Friday: findoncrectory@gmail.com, 873601.