

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 28th November 2021

Advent Sunday

8.00am Traditional Communion at
Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

128 Come, thou long-expected Jesus; **303** I Cannot Tell;

557 People, look East; **480** O come, O come, Emmanuel

8pm Compline – *Zoom service*



Banns 3

Sean O’Riordan and Sarah Jones

William Somerset and Saffron Mason

Collect for Advent Sunday



Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Bible reading: Luke 21: 25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Other readings for today: ***Jer. 33: 14-16; Ps. 25: 1-9; 1 Thess. 3: 9-end***

* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

We are pausing the Reflection on the Gospel over the Christmas period to give space to other notices

Post Communion prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 29th

10.45am - Advent Course – see details below

Matt 8: 5-11

Tuesday 30th

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

Light Lunch @ 1pm

Isa 52: 7-10; Ps. 19: 1-6; Rom: 10: 12-18; Matt. 4: 18-22

Wednesday 1st December

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Matt 15: 29-37

Thursday 2nd December

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Matt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 3rd December

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Matt 9: 27-31

Saturday 4th December

Christmas Tree Festival at Findon – 10.00am to 5.00pm

2.00pm – Clapham Wedding

Matt. 9.35 – 10.1, 6-8

Sunday 5th December – the Second Sunday of Advent

Christmas Tree Festival at Findon – 11.00am to 4.00pm

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Findon

10.00am – Worship and Praise at Findon

10.00am - Eucharist at Patching

8.00pm – Compline Zoom Service

Mal. 3: 1-4; Canticle: Benedictus; Phil. 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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 Soldier's Field Lane, Castle Goring and Swillage Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Dilys Allcorn; Julie Brooks; Teresa Street; Emilia; Sue Fisher; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Phyl Wall; Vicky; Jeanne Hastings; Chris Drakeford; Kath Bullen
- On their anniversary: 4th Joan Monks
- **RIP:** George Wareham; Ashara Southgate

NOTICES

Irene's Skydive

Irene did her skydive on Monday 22 November. She sends grateful thanks for all the donations for the 'Care for Veterans' charity. Donations are still coming in but at present over £550 has gone to the charity.

Irene's justgiving page is - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/irene-adams>

Richard Yelland, retires at Christmas after many years as head of Findon Village School. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards a leaving present, please speak to Helena.

Advent Course – This year we are holding an informal short series of meetings to look at some themes of Advent. They will take place on Monday mornings at 10:45am. The first will take place at Flat 4, 318 Findon Road, Findon Valley (Irene Adams' house), on 29th November. You are very welcome to join us. To get an idea of numbers please sign the sheet at the back of the church or drop us an email.

Findon Christmas Cards – on sale at the back of the Church and the village shop. £2 each – all profits going to the Church. We are again grateful to Maggie Martin for her beautiful painting.

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 4th December 10am-5pm

Sunday 5th December 11am-4pm

Celebrate the best of Findon at our biannual Christmas Tree Festival. Colourful trees, refreshments, homemade cakes, crafts, an Instant Raffle with fantastic prizes, a Treasure Hunt – a wonderful way to start the festive season. Please walk if possible – parking is limited.

Entry by donation. For more details, contact Gill: gill.gostick@yahoo.co.uk

Chichester Cathedral Carol Services 2021

The dates for the Cathedral Christmas Carol Services are as follows and due to their popularity tickets do need to be booked. This can be done via the Cathedral website: chichestercathedral.org.uk or by telephone 01243 813586 - please contact me if you need help with this. Tickets are free. Bookings can be made from 9.30am on Friday 26th Nov.

- Sunday 19 December at 3.00pm
- Sunday 19 December at 5.00pm - online live-stream also available
- Monday 20 December at 6.00pm
- Tuesday 21 December at 6.00pm

Mrs Claire Kersley (Cathedral Link)

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