

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 16th January 2022

The Second Sunday after Epiphany



8.00am Traditional Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

259 Hail to the Lord's Anointed; **382** Let all the World in every
Corner Sing; **686** Through all the Changing Scenes of Life;
163 Father, Lord of all Creation

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

8.00pm Compline Zoom Service

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany



Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible reading: John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this,

the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reflection on the Reading:

If you were to think of a happy family occasion you might well think of a wedding you have been to. Weddings take a lot of planning and these days can cost a huge amount of money. They are also prime candidates for TV comedies as there is great potential for disaster, just when you want everything to go really well.

The wedding at Cana that Jesus and his mother attended looked to be heading towards the disaster category. A wedding banquet could last a whole week and it was the responsibility of the groom's family to provide the food and wine. To run out of wine would be considered a serious failure of hospitality and in Middle-Eastern society would mar this couples standing in the community for years to come.

Mary brings the problem to Jesus and tells the servants to do whatever he tells them. Mary is an example to us of what we are to do as Christians, when faced with what might seem like insurmountable problems. We are to bring them to Jesus and then do whatever he tells us.

Jesus not just saves the day for this couple and their family but he blesses them with exuberant extravagance, providing far more wine than they could possibly drink and of the finest quality.

The Lord wants to bless us full to overflowing and this is a sign of what is to come in the kingdom. It also tells us something about who Jesus is, as who but the creator God could perform such a miracle.

Other readings for today: *Isaiah 62: 1-5; Ps. 36: 5-10; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11*

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

Post Communion prayer:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 17th

Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday 18th

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

1 Sam. 16: 1-13; Ps. 89: 19-27; Mark 2: 23-end

Wednesday 19th

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 20th

7.45 – 9.15pm - Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Mark 3: 7-12

Friday 21st

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday 22nd

Mark 3: 20-21

Sunday 23rd – the Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

8.00pm – Compline Zoom Service

Neh. 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

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 Sycamore Court, Rectory Lane and Michelgrove 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; Norman Franklin; David Burt (Priest); Peter Rogers
- On their anniversary: **16th** Joyce Stibbs; **19th** Ernie Field; **22nd** Derek Kenny
- **RIP:** Mary Short (Funeral in Findon Church on 28th January at 2.30pm)

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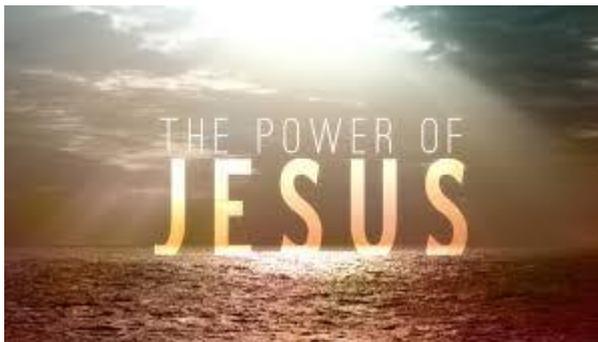
Light Lunch @ 1pm – the next lunch will be on Tues 25th January in Findon Village Hall. Everyone welcome. £5.



Messy Church starts again on Tuesday 1 February.

Meeting in Findon Village Hall from 3.30pm. For more information contact Hilary Langford – fishponds2@hotmail.co.uk

Lambstails – this will start up again after Easter. Parent and Toddler Group for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers. Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall, every third Tuesday at 11.00am in Findon Church. For more information contact Sue Stone - belgiumsue@hotmail.com



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