

It is wonderful that events are starting up again in the villages, after well over a year of restrictions. The Findon Village Hall Team put on a film evening in mid-September and it was lovely to be back there again to enjoy a relaxed evening with drinks and a burger, with ice cream in the interval and David Gear entertaining us with popular melodies, before watching 'Military Wives'. The film really brought home the challenges of being married to a serving member of our armed forces, and the real-life families certainly all need our ongoing prayers. We had a tantalising glimpse of the October film and other titles to look forward to between now and Christmas.

Light Lunch at 1 is also back – how we have all missed this opportunity to chat with friends over delicious soup and puddings, all home-made. Thank you to Dorothy Barber and her team for all their cooking! If you haven't been before, give it a try – see you in Findon Village Hall on the last Tuesday of the month; £5 is excellent value!

Messy Church also resumes this month, meeting in Findon Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month, 3.30-5.30, with activities around the theme of ***One World; let's care for it!*** this month. All welcome, but remember that children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who is responsible for them at all times. We ask for a minimum contribution of £3 per head to offset the cost of art materials and the meal we provide for everyone to share at the end of the session. Don't forget to let us know on arrival if you or your child have any food intolerances.

Sadly, we have had to take the decision to close the weekly Youth Club due to the lack of response from both young people and volunteers to help to supervise their activities. We are sad that the 3-4 regular youngsters no longer have this available, but I still hope we might be in a position to offer a weekly club again in the future, if there is sufficient demand. Meanwhile, I hope to liaise with the Village Hall Team to put on a Family Afternoon 3-4 times a year; watch this space, and keep an eye on the Findon Village Hall and Parish Churches websites!

Our first Parish Family Walk will have taken place when you read this and has hopefully been enjoyed and well supported. A pilgrimage has been a central part of many faiths throughout the centuries, and this is no accident. Barriers come down as people walk together, enjoying the countryside and chatting, and friendships can form and deepen, as well as having the time simply to appreciate this beautiful part of Sussex where we live, giving thanks to God for his abundant provision.

It doesn't seem possible, but it is now three years since we held our first Findon Worship and Praise Service! This has continued to grow in popularity, with visiting groups of musicians eager to return to help lead our worship again - thanks to Graham Langford for co-ordinating this. If you haven't been before, do join us at 10am on the first Sunday of each month to see what we do. The projector and screen we bought, thanks to the generosity of some of our congregation, is also used to good effect in our Communion Services now. Looking up instead of down at a hymnbook really improved the quality of singing!

Every blessing,

Helena