



# Findon

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Community newsletter for  
Findon, West Sussex  
Including the Church Parish of  
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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# News

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## Village of the Year

By now most of us will have seen and know the outcome of the Village of the Year programme, filmed last summer, on Channel 4 and know that Findon was successful in reaching the semi-finals. For those of you who missed it, seventy-six villages, out of 400 applicants, were chosen for the series of programmes, shown on Channel 4 in January. It was presented by Penelope Keith but judged by a team of three. Findon survived the heats and was one of the semi-finalists. Sadly we didn't make it into the Finals but we know we're a great village. (If only they'd filmed after our fabulous shop had opened.)

However the Parish Council could have made very good use of the prize money of £10,000 for the good of the village. So, to keep Findon great, let us support the fund raising activities organised in here in our village which, one way or another, ultimately benefit us all.

## Dog Attacks Sheep on Cissbury Ring

On Saturday morning 20th January, at approximately 9.00am, a dog attacked three sheep on Cissbury Ring. It is distressing for both the animals left injured, for the farmer who cares for his animals and the damage to his livelihood. To date the dog and its owner have not been found.

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## From the Rectory

Over half-way through January seems an odd time to be wishing you all a Happy New Year, but both Colin and I would like to do so, along with thanking you all for your cards and good wishes to us and our families over the Festive period. Now as February begins, we turn our minds away from the Nativity towards the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter. The feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) on 2nd February marks the official end of the Christmas Season in the Church. Here, we remember how Mary and Joseph took their baby son to the Temple, as was customary, to give thanks and present him to the Priests, and it was here that Jesus was recognised first by an elderly priest, Simeon, then by the prophetess Anna as the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon's words (known as the Nunc Dimittis) are still said or sung daily in churches at Evening Worship.

Easter is early this year, falling on April Fool's Day! This means that we celebrate Shrove Tuesday on 13th February this year – do join us in St John's Church at 3.30pm for pancakes! Traditionally pancakes were made to use up rich ingredients before the austerity of fare during Lent, and people still often 'give up' a food or drink they enjoy during Lent. Known as a penitential season in the church's year, it's seen as an opportunity to reflect on our lives, pondering what excesses we could well do without, but also more importantly, what we could do more of, to help others, and so help God. The sign of the cross can be made on the forehead of people on Ash Wednesday

as a symbol of both our sorrow at where we have fallen short of God's will (individually and as a nation) and of our wish to amend our lives. Our Bishop has, over the last few years, offered this to passers by in Chichester city centre for example. Here, we have a Service in Patching Church at 10.00am or Findon Church at 7.00pm; it is also Valentine's Day – why not come to renew your commitment to our God of Love?

As I wrote at the end of last year, this year has been designated as a Year of Prayer in this Diocese, and this will be reflected in our Lent Course, 'Inspiring Vision', which uses art as a medium to open windows on to God, recognising his saving work in the world through Jesus his Son. Each week, a different well-known public figure (including the Archbishop of Canterbury) will reflect on a piece of art that has inspired their faith and journey of prayer through a podcast, which we'll look at together, leading on to discussion and reflection within a small group. Colin will be leading the course in the Parish and through the sign-up sheets in churches, has decided the best time for people will be 2pm on Friday afternoons. The course will begin on Friday, 16th February, held at Findon Rectory and everyone is welcome. Please let the Office know if you'd like to join us if you haven't already signed up, so we have an idea of numbers, thank you.

Chris and I will be having a time later this month with our family in Australia, so I am away for much of Lent, but the Office is open as usual and Colin will be checking mail and phone messages regularly too.

Every blessing  
Helena

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**Franciszek (known as Franek or Frank) Kornicki  
(December 1916 - November 2017)**

**Patience Kornicka  
(August 1923 - November 2017)**

Known to many Findon residents Frank & Patience lived in Findon Village since 1983. They moved to a Worthing care home last summer and died 9 days apart in November. In March this year they would have celebrated 70 years of marriage.

An article in Findon News last February covered details of Frank's 100th birthday and Frank & Patience were fully in support of the consortium purchasing the Village shop and Post Office - many will recall the photo of Frank with the fundraising thermometer gauge.

On hearing of Frank's death Findon News was only able to make a brief comment before going to print for December's edition.

**Published a week after his death an obituary in The Times newspaper carried a detailed history of Frank. Although requested, The Times have not given Findon News permission to reproduce it.**

**However, as a tribute to Mr & Mrs Kornicki Findon Valley, resident Alex Clouter has kindly allowed us to include the article he wrote following a recent interview with Frank.**

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Franek (shortened from Franciszek) recounts his earliest years in Poland... "Well I was the youngest of six boys, the first sadly dying in infancy. We lived in Wereszyn, a rural village in Hrubieszow district and we were involved in estate management and when I was of the age, I was keen to go into the services and decided to go on two gliding courses." This decision was the foundation of Franek's remarkable flying career that saw him start as a cadet in the Polish Air Force in his early years and within a few years a fighter pilot on Hurricanes and Spitfires carrying out many sorties over occupied territories as well as coastal control plus escorting Blenheims,

Marauders and Flying Fortresses. In 1943 Franek became Commander of 308 Squadron. For his service in the Second World War, Franek was awarded the Silver Cross of the Virtuti Militari (War Order No. 08487) and the Cross of Valour with two bars.



*Franek decorated with the Silver Cross of Virtuti Militari in autumn 1943*



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Franek was in England when the formal announcement was made about the end of the war. He spent a short time there before returning to the HQ in Germany, where Franek was struck by seeing first hand all the refugees of many nationalities and the dire camps as he toured around. Then there were thoughts of what Franek will do after the war leading him towards revising mathematics which he persevered with as he was learning in English not Polish! Late 1945 saw him return to England: RAF Station Newton, near Nottingham, in a Flight Lieutenant rank and very proud to have served as Squadron Leader for three years. Franek took up a textile chemistry course and actually enjoying it over time! Early in the following year he heard that his mother and his three brothers with their families were well and that his dear father had died in the summer of 1942.

On his 30th birthday, 18 December 1946, Franek joined the Polish Resettlement Camp in Framlingham, Suffolk thus leaving his course in Nottingham Technical College and began another – plastics chemistry – in the camp. A trip to London in spring of the following year to see off a friend, Cecile, to Scotland from Paddington Station and there Franek met someone else, who was wishing her cousin a happy trip. Her name was

Patience (Pat) Williams and on 6 March 1948 they married!

Two sons arrived into their lives, Peter and Richard, over the next few years and the Kornicki family started a new and colourful chapter in their lives, taking them around England and overseas and gaining new experiences, new challenges as they all grew older, wiser and loving life to the full! When Franek and Patience finally decided to retire they settled in Cornwall initially, then a decision to go south easterly and the couple found a beautiful home in Findon village, after 35 years of marriage.



*Franek reunited with his Spitfire VB BM597 that he'd flown in 315 Squadron in 1942. Photo taken in Chailey Airfield, August 2004*

**Excerpts from article written by  
Alex Clouter  
Published on Findon Valley website  
For the full article visit website  
[www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)**

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News from Findon Valley - Alex Clouter

Findon Valley Residents' Association Website

The FVRA website has recently been given a makeover for everyone to read and enjoy. It's a mix of everything related to the Residents' Association alongside different aspects of Findon Valley and surrounding areas. Visit their site at [www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)



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## David Pelling

Christine and family would like to say thank you for all the cards, messages, flowers, love and support in the sudden and unexpected loss of Dave, husband,

father, grandfather, father-in-law, and soon to be great grandfather.

He is greatly missed by us all.

Christine Pelling

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## Coffee Morning

An excellent turnout of people came to the 'Mince pies and Coffee' fund raising morning at the home of Molly Stooks on Saturday 25th November resulting in a grand total of £620.00 being raised for St. Barnabas.

Sincere thanks to everyone for your support. Special thanks to Molly for the use of her lovely home, to Maggie for the super cake that raised nearly

£40:00, to Judith and Cathrine who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, serving and washing up, to Michael and Julia for sales, and to Sue and Janet for selling so many raffle tickets! Our sincere gratitude to the members of the Committee who provided sausage rolls, sandwiches, cakes, etc. and to those who very generously donated raffle prizes. A great morning.

Mike Solomons, Chairman  
Findon Friends of St. Barnabas

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## St John the Baptist

The Church at Findon were given some military medals to be auctioned, specifically for the benefit of the parish youth, particularly enabling all young people, if they wish, to attend church camp in May. The camp is held at Plumpton Race Course and last year 400 young people from Sussex attended. The medals raised £423

With a view to raising further funds for the Churches at Findon, Clapham and Patching, if you have unwanted items you would like to donate, please contact the Rectory Office on 01903 873601 or  
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# Findon Community Shop and Post Office Update

Rebecca Fagan

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The new year has brought two new team members. Annie, who will be working 18 hours a week for up to a year as a volunteer trainer, has a wealth of experience to bring to the role and will be a valuable addition to the team. We are confident the trainer role will help our wonderful band of volunteers increase their abilities and confidence while working at the store. We are also delighted to welcome Steve Smith to the management committee. Both a shareholder and shop volunteer, Steve has a broad knowledge of business

performance and process improvement, particularly in the retail sector. He has extensive knowledge of supply chain management and contract negotiation and has a strong belief in teamwork and customer focus. Steve is keen to lend his skills and experience to help drive our business forward.

We were incredibly sad to see the closure of Nanny Sue's Eggs. The eggs had been a feature in the shop for many years. We send Steve and Sue our best wishes. We have sourced an alternative supply of free range eggs but would welcome recommendations if anyone knows of any local producers.

February is the season for romance and this year we will be offering a special local delivery service on Valentine's Day. Customers can choose to send their valentine either a dozen red roses, a single red rose or a romantic bouquet of Tulips, which in the language of flowers mean 'perfect love'. Delivery will be available to all local addresses and you can choose any extra items purchased from the shop to send alongside the flowers. There is also an option to make up a gift without flowers, also for delivery. Please ask in store for more details.

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## More News From Findon Valley - Alex Clouter

### New Outdoor Gym

Thanks to an idea that was made by local resident Geoff Swann at the 2016 AGM of the Findon Valley Residents' Association a new outdoor gym with a variety of equipment is now sited on The Gallops. Worthing Borough Council installed the new £20,000 outdoor gym equipment. The local authority secured funding from section 106 developer contributions to pay for the work.

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## Village of the Year Competition

Our thanks are due to Etta and Geoffrey Wyatt for their involvement in entering Findon for the Village of the Year Competition shown on Channel 4. TV cameras came to Findon during the Summer and Villagers were interviewed. Findon did not make it to the final rounds but did feature on the Show transmitted on 25th January .

Robin Carr, Chairman, FPC

### **Don't Forget!**

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## **Do you know ?**

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## **Findon Parish Council (FPC)**

**Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates. Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details. Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

**Variation of Condition No. 4 on planning consents** Cissbury Nephcote Findon West Sussex BN14 0SR.

**Erection of two storey rear extension into existing conservatory** 1 Cedar Chase, Cross Lane Findon BN14 0US

**Prior Notification for Agricultural Building** Tolmare Farm Long Furlong Findon

**Cattle track** Tolmare Farm Long Furlong Findon

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**Erection of an orangery** see drawings Preseli House Soldiers Field Lane Findon

**New detached timber framed garage** Braeside Stable Lane Findon BN14

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## A stroll up School Hill

Walking around Findon is a good thing to do for many reasons: apart from easing traffic congestion, doing our bit for the planet and not polluting the air, it means that we are able to view a number of rural delights including our lovely early 19th century village school. By the way, walking to and from our school (especially if you are a parent), benefits others too as it eases considerably the parking log jam that occurs twice a day at morning rush-hour and home time.

Two of our school's many delights are its clock and its Findon Windows – a design of window peculiar to the village – which have recently been renovated thanks to people's efforts and the kind patronage of our villagers. Both projects were challenging and required specialist expertise.

The clock was renovated a while ago thanks to our Parish Council (in particular the late Len Prior), and to other kind donations.

The Findon Windows have been an ongoing project whose urgency increased as the existing windows crumbled before our eyes, presenting a safety risk to school as well as increased heating bills due to their thermal inefficiency. Replacement presented all sorts of problems both financial and structural – the windows are set in the stonework of a listed building meaning stone masonry skills were required; this being not just a simple window replacement project.

As we know from recent media reports school budgets are very tight and our school is struggling as much as any other and we have more works to do

this year. For all capital building projects for C of E schools the Government and the Diocese provide only 90% of the cost meaning that the Governors have to make up the remaining amount via fund-raising. We are very grateful to the villagers of Findon for their kind contributions to schools' many fundraising events and initiatives. In particular the PTA and our Findon Sheep Fare Committee have made large donations which triggered the building work necessary to complete the Findon Window project.

If we could somehow measure community spirit levels in Findon they would register high. This is especially so now as we enjoy a boom time thanks to everyone's efforts to refloat our village shop; the shop is another asset which, along with a school and a church, help to create local facilities for the benefit of all.

We would make just one more appeal to our stakeholders and fellow villagers that will also help our Parish Council as they instigate improvements designed to keep us all safe from increasing traffic volumes: please try hard to keep School Hill and its surrounding areas free from cars. We have had several dangerous incidents of late that have threatened the safety of both parents and children; we all need to do whatever we can to ensure that a stroll up school hill, for whatever reason, is a pleasant experience.

John Roche – Chair of Governors, St. John the Baptist School, Findon.



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## From The Bishop of Horsham

Early in February, the Church remembers Jesus being presented in the Temple. Wise and holy old Simeon, utters the words of the Nunc Dimittis, including: to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of your people, Israel. It is the proclamation that Jesus is not simply for those associated with him, the Israelites, but for everyone else as well, the non-Israelites, the Gentiles.

Clergy get used to people casually referring to God and to prayer as 'your department' or 'your business'. 'Have a word with your boss' people joke; 'say one for me.' It is as if people acknowledge prayer as valuable, even important, but consider it someone else's business. Perhaps there is too much truth in those jokes that imply prayer is for the specialists or professionals rather than everyone else. The 2018 Year of Prayer reminds

us that prayer in the name of Jesus, like Jesus himself, is for everyone and not just for those most publicly associated with him.

Certainly clergy should pray for their people daily at Morning and Evening Prayer, but they are also bidden to ring the church bell to tell everyone that it is happening. Church bells both announce that people are being prayed for and call them to join in whether in Church or elsewhere. If you cannot hear a church bell, you can set an alarm on your watch or mobile phone creating a regular reminder to pray. There are many opportunities to learn about praying this year, not least in Lent which also begins this month, but let me commend to you the Daily Prayer of the Church, which you can download to your PC, smartphone or tablet. Just visit your App Store, search for Church of England, download and join in.

With prayers and  
good wishes,  
Bishop Mark Horsham



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## Messy Church Next session - 6th February

At our last Messy Church session in December (there was no session in January) our focus was Joseph, the father of Jesus and how he placed God's honour above his own. He risked all in his obedience to God. We created crafts connected to our theme and also to Christmas. Taking the opportunity to talk about our theme, we made nativity scenes from handprints, decorated bauble shaped card, created angels from marshmallows, paper plates and origami, woolly sheep and Christmas

cards. The children always enjoy the simple worship, prayer and singing presented by Helena and as always, our marvellous dinner team excelled themselves cooking and delivering us a Christmas turkey roast.

If you would like to bring your family and join our session you would be very welcome. For further details please ring the Rectory and speak to Helena on 873601.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3.30pm at the Village Hall, Findon

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## Crime Report

Since the last edition of Findon News there have been no reported incidents.

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If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

Findon Parish Council Web site posts any recent local crime events <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>



## The Findon Christmas Lights

We would like to say a big thank you for all the support given to help make the Christmas Lights shine. With the contributions from local businesses, the Parish Council and our own raffle we were able to raise enough money to replace all the lights in The Square and High Street.

A very special thank you to Nick at Peckhams for selling our raffle tickets and to the school children for singing so beautifully.

The fund raising continues; this year we are planning a Vintage Clothing and Knick-Knack stall at Findon Sheep Fair

this September. The money raised will go towards replacement lights for Pond Green and enhancing the display in The Square/High Street.

Should you have any unwanted items that you think would be suitable please contact Jan on 07768863428 or Corinne on 07882328370 - we will happily collect.

Once again thank you so much for all the support and fantastic comments we have received.

The Lights Committee

Raffle Prize Winners were:

|           |               |                               |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st prize | Hamper        | Michelle Hyde                 |
| 2nd       | Turkey        | Adrian (from Convent Gardens) |
| 3rd       | Port & Cheese | Tony Voice                    |
| 4th       | Wine          | Richie Lines                  |
| 5th       | Wine          | Ian (surname not given)       |



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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

We are sorry to say the Sanctuary is temporarily closed due to illness. Stacey contracted flu which has led to further complications. She is home after a week in hospital but confined to bed.

With the help of a group of very loyal volunteers I have been able to keep things "ticking over" with the many animals that need taking care of on a daily basis. I regret that at this moment in time I cannot take in anymore animals, neither can I accept goods for our shop due the large amount of books and bric-a-brac we took over the Christmas period.

Can anyone offer a good home to a mature Tabby Cat? Not sure of his age but he is in good health, his name is Bong!!

Hopefully this time next month we will be back to business as usual.

Regards Sheila

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## Christmas Tree Festival

The sixth Christmas Tree festival was held at St John the Baptist Church in December.

Six hundred visitors came to the festival over the two days in spite of the dreadful weather on the Sunday. Not only were they able to enjoy the imaginatively decorated trees but also try their luck on the tombola and lucky dip, buy Christmas crafts, preserves and floral arrangements as well as enjoying delicious refreshments and take advantage of the well stocked cake stall.

Twenty-two organisations took part and there were ten new exhibitors

including the Cinnamon Trust, Findon Village Stores and Men in Sheds who were the winners of the visitors vote and received a cheque for fifty pounds to give to a charity of their choice.

On the Sunday afternoon visitors were entertained by singing and music from Becca Lieu and her pupils.

The event raised over £2,200 for church funds for which the members of the church are very grateful. Thank you to everyone who took part in any way, we couldn't do it without you.

Tessa McCormick, Churchwarden

## Christmas Bells

On a dark Friday night last December, Friday, 22nd to be precise, a goodly (and godly) number of folk from near and far gathered into St John the Divine, Patching Church for a special evening entitled “Christmas Bells”. The church, with glowing heaters ablaze to welcome all-comers, soon filled up, and there was an expectant atmosphere amongst those present.



This was a charitable event in aid of the Friends of Clapham and Patching Churches, and featured the The Clapham and Patching Singers (with a good number of Findonians thrown in for good measure!) and The Sinfonia of Arun Wind Quintet.

“Christmas Bells” was a concert for Christmas comprising a pleasing mixture of seasonal songs, poems, carols and instrumental pieces, with each piece having the theme, as the name implied, of Christmas Bells. Tony Crowther acted as compere and provided an interesting introduction to each presentation, and Keith Smithers accompanied the musical contributions on the piano and organ.

The link between the musical and spoken offerings was ably assisted by well-chosen appropriate and relevant scenes, pictures and sequences which were projected onto a special large screen of linen-like material which had been temporarily fixed from immediately above the rood screen up to the ceiling of the church, so that everyone in church could see. The pictures and sequences much enhanced the enjoyment of the music and spoken and

sung offerings. (The publicity called it a “Magic lantern show”, but it was much more professional than that description might imply.)

With some well-known carols, the audience was invited to join in, and the final piece was “We wish you a Merry Christmas”. Being the end of the concert, prolonged clapping indicated how much the audience had appreciated not only the hard work which had gone into devising the programme but also the excellent performance of all concerned. It was then announced that “figgy pudding won’t be served, but mince pies and mulled wine are available”. Fortunately nobody started singing: “We won’t go until we’ve got some”, as the available offerings were delicious and very well received, and a decidedly fitting end to a most enjoyable and sociable evening.

John Haskey

## Findon Downs WI Reporting on our January Meeting 2018.

Mike Solomon gave a very hilarious talk on some of his amusing times as a TV cameraman for Thames TV which he joined in 1961 and eventually became the chief cameraman for the then Thames TV but they eventually lost their licence which made 2500 employees redundant.

Whilst there Mike was involved with many different and well known programmes over the years including Armchair Theatre, he filmed many famous people such as Barbara Cartland and Benny Hill but one of the most memorable was the Queen when things didn't go quite to plan.

On another occasion they went to make a programme on a duck that had lived for 20 years only sadly to be run over by one of the film crew before filming the programme.

The Next Meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 in the Village Hall

**Speaker:** Melanie Marley - A cake artist demonstration

**Exhibition:** Heart shaped biscuits

Raffle & Sales table

A warm welcome to everyone.

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## Findon Village WI

In December we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated and every lady received a handmade cracker containing hand cream.

The crafty ladies decorated a tree for the Christmas tree festival with delightful felt fairies which sold well on our stall at the Christmas fair, along with festive bags and, of course, a lovely selection of homemade cakes.

The first meeting of the year was our fun auction with lots of laughs and bargains and all proceeds going to charity. Sassy once again, proved to be a brilliant auctioneer.

**Our next meeting** is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to a talk about Christ Hospital School.

**The competition table** is 'a treasured school item'.

Have a look at our new website – <https://findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk>  
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# Service Rota for Clapham & Patching - February 2018

| DATE                                | SERVICE                                  | PRIEST          | LAYMOC             | READINGS                        | READERS / INTERCESSORS         |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | <b>Clapham 10am</b><br>Sung Eucharist    | Helena<br>Buque | Kath<br>Hutchinson | Hebrews 2:14-18<br>Luke 2:22-40 | Pauline Prior/<br>John Hammond |
| 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Transfiguration | <b>Patching 8am</b><br>Holy<br>Communion | Helena<br>Buque | Pauline<br>Prior   | 2 Kings 2:1-12<br>Mark 9:2-9    | Dorothy Barber                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Lent 1          | <b>Patching 10am</b><br>Sung Eucharist   | Nancy Ford      | Kath<br>Hutchinson | 1 Peter 3:18-end<br>Mark 1:9-15 | Dan Banting<br>John Haskey     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Lent 2          | <b>Clapham 8am</b><br>Eucharist          | Nancy Ford      |                    | Romans 4:13-25<br>Mark 8:31-38  | Dorothy Barber                 |
|                                     | <b>Patching 10am</b>                     | Nancy Ford      |                    | As above                        | Children                       |

Rev. Helena Buqué, Priest in Charge and Colin Cox, Curate:  
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## Live Nativity

Graham Langford

The second Live Nativity was very well attended again this year with many more people dressed up as shepherds and angels.



The picture shows everybody lined up in the Village Hall Car Park before the procession along the High Street to the Gun started. A very big thank you to Sally and her team at the Gun for allowing the Shelter (Stable) to be used for carol singing, with donkeys and sheep penned inside.

A big thank you to all the stewards who ensured a safe procession from the Village Hall to the Gun.

It is in the calendar again for December 2018.



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# Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - February 2018

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|                                         |         |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>           | 08.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church          |
|                                         | 09.15am | Breakfast, Village Hall Service,  |
|                                         | 10.00am | followed by Service               |
|                                         | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church    |
| <b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>          | 08.00am | Eucharist, Patching Church        |
|                                         | 09.30am | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church     |
| <b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>       | 10.00am | Ash Wednesday Service, Patching   |
|                                         | 07.00pm | Ash Wednesday Service, Findon     |
| <b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>          | 08.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church          |
|                                         | 09.30am | Family Communion, Findon Church   |
|                                         | 10.00am | Family Service, Patching Church   |
| <b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>          | 08.00am | Eucharist, Clapham Church         |
|                                         | 09.30am | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church     |
|                                         | 10.00am | Family Service at Patching Church |
| <b>March<br/>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b> | 08.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church          |
|                                         | 09.15am | Breakfast, Village Hall Service,  |
|                                         | 10.00am | followed by Service               |
|                                         | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church    |

## From the Registers - December 2017 & January 2018:

**Deaths** - David Pelling, Lorna Pannell, Janice Oakes, Gladys Sanger and Joyce Duke.

**Afternoon Plus** – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office.

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** - last Tuesday of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome

**Lent Groups**. - Starting week commencing 12th February. Please contact the rectory office or see website.

**Youth club** - Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church** - 1st Tuesday of the month (6th February). TERM TIME ONLY. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Carpet Bowls                      | Monday                             | 14:30                                               |
| Lambstails (Term Time)            | Thursday                           | 10:00 – 12:00                                       |
| Line Dancing                      | Wednesday                          | 09:45                                               |
| Danceaholics                      | Sunday                             | 19:30                                               |
| Just Yoga                         | Monday                             | 10:30                                               |
| Tai Chi                           | Friday                             | 10:00 – 13:00                                       |
| You Yoga                          | Tuesday                            | 19:00                                               |
| Reduce<br>Stress & Stiffness Yoga | Wednesday                          | 19:30                                               |
| <b>Fortnightly</b>                | <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Time</b>                                         |
| Circle Dancing                    | 12 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> | 19:10                                               |
| <b>Monthly</b>                    | <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Time</b>                                         |
| Auction                           | 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | 18:00<br>(goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) |
| Arts Class                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | 09:00                                               |
| Bead Magicians                    | 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | 09:00                                               |
| Downs WI                          | 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | 14:30                                               |
| Family Church Service             | 4 <sup>th</sup>                    | 09:15 Breakfast<br>10.00 Service                    |
| Gardens Association               | 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | 19:30                                               |
| Messy Church                      | 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | 15.30                                               |
| Village WI                        | 8 <sup>th</sup>                    | 19:30                                               |
| Meditation                        | 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | 19:30                                               |
| Strictly Dancing                  | 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | 15:00                                               |
| <b>Committee Room</b>             | <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Time</b>                                         |
| Village WI Darts                  | Mondays                            | 14:00                                               |
| <b>Other Events</b>               | <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Time</b>                                         |
| FVHT Coffee Morning               | 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb               | 09:00                                               |
| Film Night                        | 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb               | 18:30 (Doors Open)                                  |

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