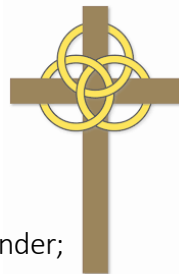


Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 19th July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church
58: Awake my soul and with the sun; **159:** Father God, I wonder;
249: Great is thy faithfulness; **413:** Lord of all hopefulness
10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church (Fr. Felix Smith)
12.00noon Christening of Arthur Oliphant-Hope in Findon Church
1.00pm Fundraising PCC Barn Dance & BBQ at Holt Farm, Clapham

New Opening Hours for the Parish Office from **Monday 20 July:**

Mondays: 8am – 12noon | Fridays: 8am – 3pm

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Richard Prior's house (cancelled if wet!) £1
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 26th July – the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Revd. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Revd. Bill Meyer)



Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Other readings for this week: Ps. 86: 11-end; Rom. 8: 12-25

Post Communion Prayer for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 20th

Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday 21st

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps. 85: 1-7; Matt. 12: 46-end

Wednesday 22nd – Mary Magdalene

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Thursday 23rd

Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday 24th

Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday 25th – James the Apostle

Matthew 20: 20-28

Sunday 26th – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3: 5-12; Ps. 119: 129-136; Rom. 8: 26-39; Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52

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 Cross Lane, Clapham Common and Michelgrove Lane.
- Friends and family of Arthur being baptised at Findon today.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford; Karen Kennard; Michael Drakeford
- RIP – Kathleen Merritt (Paul Hunter's grandmother)

NOTICES

Fundraising Barn Dance and BBQ – Holt Farm Barn, Clapham, BN13 3UB

Organised by the PCC in aid of the Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

Sunday 19th July – arrival from 1pm, BBQ 1.30pm, dancing from 2.30-5.30pm

£20 per adult, children free. Dances called by the Brighton Ceilidh Collective.

Contact fcobarndance@gmail.com or phone Maggie on 07483 239208.

Compassion UK – Sponsoring a Child

There has been interest in sponsoring two children abroad by our parish.

Sponsoring a child is £32 per month. It would mean asking for £1 per month - £12 per year from everybody interested and we as a church would then follow the development of the two children, by receiving updates on their progress. Payment would be made into our church account via the Parish Giving Scheme and payment to the Charity would then be processed. Of course, if anybody wanted to donate more than £1 per month that would be lovely.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please let me know on 07753 755889 or ewes16.gl@gmail.com. This would be in total confidence. Donations can be named or made anonymously. Subscriptions may be cancelled at any time. **Thank you, Graham**

Turning Tides – June to August Prayer Calendar

Turning Tides supports people across West Sussex. This Prayer Calendar invites us to pray for those people - [Our June to August Prayer Calendar](#)

The Vacancy in See Monthly Diocesan Prayer Gathering on Zoom

Held on the first Monday of each month at noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85084031631?pwd=0QKxOlYaaQMXVCmXO4kl7e8TDHIYbz.1> Meeting ID: 850 8403 1631 Passcode: 571007



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All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.

Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"

If you would like to join this tax beneficial scheme to make a regular gift to the Parish by direct debit, use <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/findon-clapham-patching-worthing/> (Parish code: 100610130). Alternatively, contact PGS

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Other ways of supporting our Parish can be found under the Giving Page of our Website below.

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Mon: 8.00am – 12noon, Fri: 8.00am – 3.00pm