

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 4th October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton)
9.30am Breakfast in Findon Church
10.00am Worship & Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone'
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
97: Christ is made the sure foundation; **18:** All I once held dear;
463: My song is love unknown; **32:** And can it be
3.30pm Blessing of Pets Service in Findon Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
3.30pm – Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

- Wednesday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church

- Friday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church

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- 8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven. John Barton)



Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Other readings for this week: Ps. 80: 8-16; Phil. 3: 4b-14

Post Communion Prayer for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 5th

Luke 10: 25-37

Tuesday 6th

Gal. 1: 13-end; Ps. 139: 1-9; Luke 10: 38-end

Wednesday 7th

Luke 11: 1-4

Thursday 8th

Luke 11: 5-13

Friday 9th

Luke 11: 15-26

Saturday 10th

Luke 11: 27-28

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Isa. 25: 1-9; Ps. 23; Phil. 4: 1-9; Matt. 22: 1-14

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 Fox Lea, Clapham Common and Long Furlong.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Lucia; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford; Karen Kennard; Michael Drakeford; Robert; Marilyn Cox

NOTICES

Saturday 10th October – Friends Autumn Work Party at Clapham Church. 9.30-12.30pm

All welcome to come along and help clean the church and tidy the churchyard. Please bring own gardening equipment.

Refreshments will be available.

Patching Church Work Party will be on Saturday 24th October.



Harvest Service in Findon School - Wednesday 14th October, 1pm

We are invited to join Findon School for their Harvest Service, along with residents of Merriman Grange Care Home. Refreshments will be provided.

Wed 21st October – Men's Supper – 6.30pm.

Men's supper at the Rectory. Starting at 6.30pm. Supper at 6.45pm and finishing approx. 8.45pm. Donations welcomed.

Saturday 7th November – Findon Church Open Morning – 10am to 12noon

Tabletop sale, children's activities and refreshments. To book a table for the tabletop sale, please contact 07837 049547.

We are very sorry but the **Evening with JB Gill on 28th Nov.** has been cancelled. If you have bought tickets via Dom, please provide him with your bank details and number of tickets purchased and we will reimburse you. Dom's email is fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com

If you purchased tickets from the Village shop, please take them back and they will reimburse you there.



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