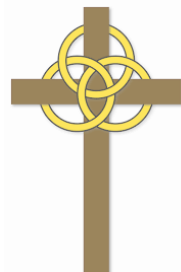


Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 18th October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
286: Holy, holy, holy;
(**Findon:** I will offer up my life (Matt Redman);
(**Clapham - 310:** I heard the voice of Jesus say);
19: All my hope on God is founded; **104:** Christ triumphant
10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church (Rev. Roger Hagon)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Wednesday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church
6.30pm – Men's Supper at the Rectory
- Friday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church
- Saturday 10.00am – Visiting Bellringers in Findon Church
9.30-12.30pm – Friends Autumn Work Party at Clapham Church
- Sunday 25th October – The Last Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven. John Barton)



Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.'

Other readings for this week: Ps. 96: 1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thess. 1: 1-10

Post Communion Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 19th

Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday 20th – Luke the Evangelist (transferred from 18th)

Isaiah 35: 3-6 or Acts 16:6-12a; Psalm 147: 1-7; 2 Tim. 4: 5-17; Luke 10: 1-9

Wednesday 21st

Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday 22nd

Luke 12: 49-53

Friday 23rd

Luke 12: 54-end

Saturday 24th

Luke 13: 1-9

Sunday 25th – Last Sunday after Trinity

Lev. 19: 1-2, 15-18; Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2: 1-8; Matt. 22: 34-end

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 High Barn, Clapham Street and Myrtlegrove Lane.
- 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
- RIP - Marilyn Cox
- On their anniversary – 20th Jennifer Jones

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for Turning Tides at Clapham Harvest Service. They have confirmed these gifts raised over £100 😊.

NOTICES

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.

Sat. 24th October – Friends Autumn Work Party at Patching 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.



A BIG thank you to everyone who helped at the Clapham Church clean and tidy up on 10th October.

All Saints Church, Findon Valley, Coffee Morning – Wednesday 28th October

All Saints have invited us to join them for their **coffee morning, 10am – 12noon**, when they are raising funds for St Barnabas in memory of a member of their congregation. Please support them if you can.

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.

New representatives for the PCC needed!

The existing members would like to recruit new representatives from Findon, Clapham and Patching to the PCC (Parochial Church Council). If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to one of the churchwardens – Simon, Maggie or Kath, or contact the Office.

Volunteers to help in Findon Church

We are desperately looking for some more help in Findon Church, in particular sides people and Sacristans. Please speak to Simon who can give you more details, or contact the Office. Any help would be really appreciated; thank you 😊.

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.



Please use our donation code if you have a smart phone.

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

Administrator - Ian Hollyhomes, t: 01903 872475, e: ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com

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

Website: www.findon-clapham-patching-churches.com

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