

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

### **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



- 8.00am Traditional Communion at Findon Church  
10.00am Worship & Praise at Findon Church with 'Hope Rising'  
10.00am Eucharist at Patching Church  
**70** Be thou my vision; **340** Jerusalem the Golden;  
**655** The Lord will Come and not be Slow; **511** O Lord my God

Thank you to Irene Adams for leading the 10am Service at Findon today.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity



Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Bible reading: Luke 12: 32-40**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## Reflection

Be prepared! That was always the scouting motto and is also the theme of today's gospel. Last week we were reminded of the danger of becoming defined by our possessions, tempted into greed and idolatry; today's similar message is gentler but equally important. Our treasure lays not in what we have but how we live. Generosity brings abundant blessing and those who are ready and prepared for the coming of the Son of Man will find their rich reward. The Master will invite them to be seated and serve them himself at table. As always with Jesus, worldly values and expectations are turned around!

Jesus starts his discourse with those familiar words from scripture: Do not be afraid. His little flock have nothing to fear when they follow his teaching. This is as true for us today as it was for those early disciples. Amen.

Other readings for today: Gen. 15: 1-6; Ps. 33: 12-end (or 33: 12-21); **Heb. 11: 1-3, 8-16**

\* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

## Post Communion prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

## DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 17: 22-end*

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

*Ezek. 2.8 – 3.4; Ps. 119: 65-72; Matt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14*

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellingring Practice at Findon Church

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

*Matt 18: 15-20*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 18.21 – 19.1*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

*Matt. 19: 3-12*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

11.30am – Wedding Rehearsal at Findon Church

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

*Matt 19: 13-15*

2.00pm – Findon Wedding

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*Jer. 23: 23-29; Ps. 82; Heb. 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12: 49-56*

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Clapham Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

**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 Ivy Arch Close, Castle Goring and France Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Teresa Street; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Jeanne Hastings; Peter Rogers; Clare Jones; Jean Grieves; Elizabeth; John Sayles; Anne Brooks
- On their anniversary: **8<sup>th</sup>** David Power; **11<sup>th</sup>** Jane Sayers; **13<sup>th</sup>** Jeanne Paynter

NOTICES

**Christian Aid Emergency Appeal**

We have received an emergency appeal for East Africa who are facing their worst drought in 40 years. Lives are at risk.

Envelopes are at the back of each Church, or visit

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> if you would like to make a donation.

**Fleece Blankets Wanted!**

Having received many kind donations of duvets, Dorothy now needs extra covering fabric for her dog beds. Please leave any donations at Dorothy's house.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 2.45pm

Please join us for the “Songs of Praise” service in the Marquee on Nepcote Green on the Sheep Fair weekend, with the Salvation Army. All welcome!



### Date for the Diary:

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm

The Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir at Findon Church.

Please be aware that the gates to Findon Church are now locking automatically overnight.



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