

# Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023** **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**



8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

**57** Awake, awake, fling off the night; **180** Forgive our sins as we forgive; **437** Make me a channel of your peace; **379** Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

10.00am **Harvest Eucharist** at Clapham Church

### Collect for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



Lord God, defend your church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### First Reading:

#### **Findon: Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup> So they approached<sup>[a]</sup> Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept,<sup>[b]</sup> fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

#### **Clapham: Exodus 23:10-13,16**

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

For six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your home-born slave and the resident alien may be refreshed. Be attentive to all that I have said to you.

You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labour, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour. At I have said to you.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church<sup>[a]</sup> sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven<sup>[b]</sup> times.'

<sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents<sup>[c]</sup> was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;<sup>[d]</sup> and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister<sup>[e]</sup> from your heart.'

*Other readings for today: Ps. 103: 1-13; Rom. 14: 1-12*

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## DIARY AND READINGS:

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 7: 1-10*

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

*1 Tim. 3: 1-13; Ps. 101; Luke 7: 11-17*

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

11.00am – Lambstails in Findon Church

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

*Luke 7: 31-35*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

*Matt. 9: 9-13*

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing practice at Findon Church

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Luke 8: 1-3*

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

4.30pm – Wedding Rehearsal at Findon Church

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Luke 8: 4-15*

1.30pm – Findon Wedding

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Jonah 3.10 – 4.end; Ps. 145: 1-8; Phil. 1: 21-end; Matt. 20: 1-16*

8.00am – Holy Communion at Patching Church

9.30 am - Eucharist at Findon Church

5.30pm – Taizé service lead by our Austrian student, Laura Schellenberg

## 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 Kilmore Close, Rectory Lane and Hillside.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Anne De Campenhout; Ruth Simpson; Jennifer Jones; Naomi; Sam; John Childs; Fred Ford; Lydia Evans; Tina; Caroline Allcorn; Ray Taylor; Lucia; Deborah

## NOTICES

### **Love in a Box – Shoebox Appeal**

The shoebox appeal is resuming again this year. Please fill a shoebox with necessities and toys for a child in the poorest countries of Eastern Europe. For more information, please see Church notice board or call Hilary on 07899 990748.

If anyone is interested in an electric reclining chair, double or single bed, please contact Helena or the Parish Office.

*End of Summer market: Clapham and Patching Village Hall TODAY until 2.30PM*

## Clapham Harvest Service – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10am

There will be a collection of tins and packets to donate to a local food bank.

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30pm, Findon Church

We welcome you to a Taizé service lead by our Austrian student, Laura Schellenberg.

## Homegroup

We have a Home Group where a number of people meet to grow in faith in a relaxed setting and to get to know and support one another. If you would like to know more about it, or to take part in it, please speak to Jean Burden or Helena, or contact the Parish Office.

## Patching Harvest Service – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10am

This will be followed by an auction in aid of Prostrate Cancer Research. Donations of produce, baked, tinned and packeted goods welcome on the day.

## Parish Pastoral Group

Our Parish Pastoral Group is there for anybody within our parish. We also keep in contact with baptisms, weddings and the bereaved.

Please contact the Rectory if either you or anyone you know needs a visit.

## Day of Reflection – Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct., 10am – 3pm, St Michael & all Angels, Lancing

A day of prayer and reflection, led by the Rev'd Canon Michael Hart

## SAVE THE DATE! – Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Graham Kendrick, well known singer/songwriter (eg Shine Jesus shine, The Servant King and many more!) is coming to Findon Church to give a concert. More details to follow. Please put the date in your diaries!



*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

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