

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 1st September 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion at Findon Church
10.00am Worship & Praise at Findon Church with Becca Lieu and students
10.00am Eucharist at Patching Church
19 All my hope on God is founded; **629** Teach me my God and King;
484 O for a heart to praise my God; **84** Breathe on me breath of God
11.45am Baptism of Grace Pollard at Clapham Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice at Findon

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church
7.00pm – Concert at Clapham Church

Sunday 8th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion at Clapham Church
9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: James 1: 17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Other readings for today: Deut. 4: 1-2, 6-9; Ps. 15

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 2nd

Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday 3rd

1 Cor. 2: 10b-end; Ps. 145: 10-17; Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday 4th

Luke 4: 38-end

Thursday 5th

Luke 5: 1-11

Friday 6th

Luke 5: 33-end

Saturday 7th

Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday 8th – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isa. 35: 4-7a; Ps. 146; Jas. 2: 1-10 [11-13], 14-17; Mark 7: 24-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 Street, Holt Farm and Patching Street.
- Friends and family of Grace being baptised today.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; John Childs; Fred Ford; Tina; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Dennis Chandler; Caroline Allcorn; Vince Mason; Don; June Martin; Daintree; Eric; Margaret Cornford; Jane; Rachel; Marigold Somerset
- On their anniversary: **1st** Rosina Dimmock
- RIP: Anne Brooks – funeral details tbc

NOTICES

[The Friends of St John the Baptist Church are looking for a new Secretary!](#)

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact:

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Turning Tides Harvest Food Appeal

Please donate if you can, to help Turning Tides support people in need. A tin added to each shopping trip soon mounts up! Donations can be left at the back of each of our Churches or in the Rectory porch.



Choral Evensong – Sunday 22nd September, 5pm, St Mary's Church, Sompting
Music by Edward Elgar and Thomas Tallis. All welcome – followed by drinks.

Centenary Praise – Saturday 28th September, 7.30pm.

St Michael & All Angels, South Street, Lancing, BN15 8AJ

BBC Songs of Praise presenter Pam Rhodes joins the Worthing Salvation Army Band and the Boundstone Chorus for an evening of music and praise. Tickets £10 (U16 £3)
Buy online at www.chalkspringchurches.org/coming-soon or telephone 01903 762793 (leave a message) or email stmichaelslancing@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 29th Sept., 10am, Patching Church

One service for all three of our Churches. Please come along – a wonderful opportunity to visit Patching Church if you haven't already done so!



Hut at Findon Church

We will be clearing out the hut at Findon Church in a few weeks. Volunteers are welcome, please see Ian Hollyhomes or Helena.

If you have anything in the shed we need to keep, please label it and put it in the corner near the shed door. Thank you!



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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