

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 6th September 2026

Harvest Festival

(Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church
(Rev. Chris Skilton)

9.30am Breakfast in Findon Church

10.00am Worship & Praise for Harvest in Findon Church
with 'Hope Rising'

10.00am Eucharist (Harvest Festival) in Patching Church

719: We plough the fields and scatter (omit v3); **60:** Beauty for
brokenness (omit v2); **133:** Come ye thankful people come;

766: You shall go out with joy X2

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Richard Prior's house (cancelled if wet!) £1
3.15pm – 4pm – 'Explorers' at Findon Rectory
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

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.00noon – Visiting Bellringers in Findon Church
Findon Sheep Fair on Nepcote Green

Sunday 13th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church

2.45pm Salvation Army Service in the Marquee at Nepcote Green



Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness[b] endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass

of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Other readings for this week: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 or 28: 1-14; Psalm 65

Post Communion Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant with in us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 7th

Luke 6: 6-11

Tuesday 8th

1 Cor. 6: 1-11; Ps. 149: 1-5; Luke 6: 12-19

Wednesday 9th

Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday 10th

Luke 6: 27-38

Friday 11th

Luke 6: 39-42

Saturday 12th

Luke 6: 43-end

Sunday 13th – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Gen. 50: 15-21; Ps. 103: 1-13; Rom. 14: 1-12; Matt. 18: 21-35

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 Findon Park Lane, Castle Goring and France 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; Marilyn Cox
- RIP – Fred Ford

This **Turning Tides Harvest Prayer Calendar** invites us to pray for people across West Sussex - <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Harvest-Prayer-Calendar-2026.pdf>

"As we prepare to celebrate the harvest, may we remember that there is enough to share, and that a small act of generosity can become the beginning of hope, belonging and a new life."

NOTICES

Lambs Tails has changed its name to 'Explorers'!



Explorers is for babies and children up to school year 2, with their parents/carers. Starting 8th September, every Tuesday 3.15pm to 4pm at the Rectory, School Hill, Findon. Games, crafts and refreshments for all.

Harvest Festivals - Sunday September 6th

Findon – Breakfast at 9-30 am - pastries, coffee and squash; donations welcomed.

Service starts at 10 am. **A Messy Church Craft will be held during the service.**

All welcome. Please note there will be no refreshments after the service.

Donations welcomed for Turning Tides - See list of produce items at back of the church.

Patching – Following the 10am Harvest Service, there will be a charity auction starting at 11.15am. All welcome. Money raised will be donated to St Barnabas Hospice.

Donations of goods can be taken to the church on Saturday 11am – 3pm or brought to the auction. Enquiries to Kath – 01903 871147, hutchinson997@btinternet.com

Sunday 13th September – Salvation Army Service

After the Sheep Fair on Saturday 12th, join us for a service on Sunday afternoon at 2.45pm with the Salvation Army in the Marquee on Nepcote Green.



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