

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
221: God is working his purpose out (omit v3);
67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord; **375:** King of glory, King of peace;
33: And did those feet in ancient time

New Opening Hours for the Parish Office from **Monday 20 July:**

Mondays: 8am – 12noon | **Fridays:** 8am – 3pm (closed Friday 31st afternoon due to holiday)

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
1.00pm – Light Lunch @ 1pm – Findon Village Hall. £6
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Richard Prior's house (cancelled if wet!) £1
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Sunday 2nd August – the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Revd. Zachary Allen)
10.00am Worship and Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone'
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church (Revd. Felix Smith)



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 rust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Romans 8: 26- end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Other readings for this week: Ps. 119: 129-136; Rom. 8: 26-39

Post Communion Prayer for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 27th

Matthew 13: 31-35

Tuesday 28th

Jeremiah 14: 17-end; Psalm 79: 8-end; Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday 29th

John 12: 1-8

Thursday 30th

Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday 31st

Matthew 13: 54-end

Saturday 1st August

Matthew 14: 1-12

Sunday 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55: 1-5; Ps. 145: 8-9, 15-end; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

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 Downland Close, Clapham Lodge and Myrtlegrove Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Emily; Gary Bond; Hilary Langford; Karen Kennard; Michael Drakeford
- RIP – Kathleen Merritt (Paul Hunter's grandmother)

NOTICES

Compassion UK – Sponsoring a Child

There has been interest in sponsoring two children abroad by our parish.

Sponsoring a child is £32 per month. It would mean asking for £1 per month - £12 per year from everybody interested and we as a church would then follow the development of the two children, by receiving updates on their progress. Payment would be made into our church account via the Parish Giving Scheme and payment to the Charity would then be processed. Of course, donations more than £1 per month would be lovely.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please let me know on 07753 755889 or ewes16.gl@gmail.com. This would be in total confidence. Donations can be named or made anonymously. Subscriptions may be cancelled at any time. **Thank you, Graham**

Turning Tides – June to August Prayer Calendar

Turning Tides supports people across West Sussex. This Prayer Calendar invites us to pray for those people - [Our June to August Prayer Calendar](#)



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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.

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