

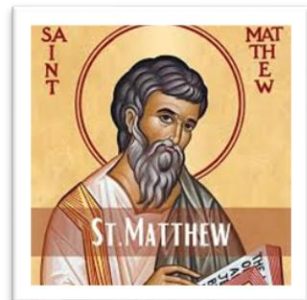
Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 21st September 2025

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

(Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)



8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

177 For all the saints v1, 4, 7, 8; **18** All I once held dear;

In Christ alone; Onward Christian soldiers

10.00am Harvest Eucharist in Clapham Church

719 We plough the fields and scatter; **185** For the fruits of his creation
(tune – Welsh trad: God who made the earth and heaven)

559 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field;

133 Come, ye thankful people, come

11.30am Baptism of Colby Setchell in Findon Church

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 12.45pm – Funeral of Jane Wyatt in Findon Church

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church

2.30pm – Lambs Tails at Findon Rectory

7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church

Wednesday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Friday: 9.00am – Morning Prayer in Findon Church

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm – Clapham & Patching Churches clear-up

Sunday 28th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church

9.30am Eucharist in Findon Church

Collect for Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist



O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 (*Clapham – Ruth 2: 1-7*)

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9: 9-13 (*Clapham – Matthew 25: 31-40*)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Other readings for today:

Prov. 3: 13-18; Ps. 119: 65-72



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 22nd

Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday 23rd

Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps. 124; Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday 24th

Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday 25th

Luke 9: 7-9

Friday 26th

Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday 27th

Luke 9: 43b-45

Sunday 28th – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Amos. 6: 1a, 4-7; Ps. 146; 1 Tim. 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-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, Church Close and Patching Street.
- Friends and family of Colby being baptised today.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Rowan Potter; Teresa Street; Fred Ford; Lucia; Eda Spencer; Daintree; Richard; Adrian Kewell; Caroline Allcorn; Mike Solomons; Danielle Timm; Richard Goodsell; Gerald Hibbs; Pam Felton; Emily; Pauline Roberts
- RIP: Jane Wyatt (Funeral in Findon Church 12.45 on Monday 22nd September)



Harvest Service - 21st September at Clapham 10am

Non perishable food items urgently needed, especially ring pull tinned food. We also have a collection point at The Junction.

Reminder! Food donations for Turning Tides can still be left at the back of any church or the Rectory porch for the next couple of weeks.

NOTICES

Saturday. Sept. 27th, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Clapham & Patching Churches – Churchyard (& church) clear- up

Refreshments provided. Please bring secateurs, strimmers and trowels if possible.



Film Afternoon – Sat. 4th October, Findon Church, 2pm

Showing Paddington 2. All welcome. Donations requested. Refreshments available

Pet Service – 3pm, Sunday 5th October in Findon Church

Bring your pets along to this short service for a blessing!



Stepping-Up – 6th October and 20th October – 7pm – 9pm

A two-session course to explore God's calling to each of us being held at St Laurence Church, 51 Sea Place, Goring, BN12 4BY. **All welcome** – please contact Parish Office.

The Ron Green Big Band - Sat. 18th October, Findon Church, 7.30pm

Tickets £5 available from Peckhams butchers and village shop.

Remembrance Day Poppies - Calling all knitters and crocheters!



If you would like to knit or crochet poppies for the Remembrance Display on the Church gates, please get them to Gill Gostick, 11 Downland Close by Friday 11th Oct., or we can collect. Contact gill.gostick@yahoo.co.uk 07734298800.

LOVE IN A BOX

We're collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies again for children in Moldova.

Full details to follow, but please see the leaflets at the back of the Church.

For more information ring 07899 990748 and please leave a message.



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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