

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 19th June 2022

First Sunday after Trinity



8.00am Traditional Communion at Findon Church

9.30am Eucharist at Findon Church

494 O God, our Help in Ages Past (v1-4);

67 Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord; **314** Immortal, Invisible;

419 Lord, the Light of your Love is Shining

10.00am Eucharist at Clapham Church

**At Findon today, we welcome Revd. Nancy Ford, presiding,
our visiting musicians from St. Matthew's and Rachel on her flute.**

Banns 2:

Henry Millar and Janelle Thorpe-McCandless

Guy Howe and Ella Mackay

Adam Hedges and Francesca Yates

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity



God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Bible reading: Luke 8: 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many

demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reflection on the Reading:

As Jesus and the disciples crossed the lake to visit this Gentile territory they encountered a storm that threatened to swamp the boat. When he stilled the wind and waves his disciples wondered just who he was to have such authority over the forces of nature. As Jesus stepped ashore he is met by a man who is naked, like the beasts of the field and shouts at him, a storm in human form. But like the storm at sea, Jesus is a centre of calm and peace. Luke portrays the man's behaviour as being due to evil forces at work in him, and these demons know who Jesus is, and of his authority to banish them. Jesus sees beyond the shouting and violence to a precious child of God, whom he loves and cares for, and who needs his help. When he asks the man his name, he get the answer 'Legion', which has military connotations of power and strength, that have a hold over him. It even subverts his identity. When Jesus heals the man, we are told that he sat at Jesus' feet, the place of a disciple. So Jesus embraced him into his inner circle of friends. Having restored him to health, Jesus restores him to his community by sending him home, to share the good news of what God has done for him. He has the important task of preparing the way for the mission to the gentiles. This passage reminds us that the sick and disabled can be dehumanised, and yet how much God loves and cares for them. We are invited to share in his love which casts out all fear.

Other readings for today: *Isa. 65: 1-9; Ps. 22: 19-28; Gal. 3: 23-end*

* The highlighted text indicates the chosen reading for our church services.

Post Communion prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 20th

Matt. 7: 1-5

5.30pm – Wedding Rehearsal

Tuesday 21st

2 Kings. 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-36; Ps. 48: 1-2, 8-end; Matt. 7: 6, 12-14

10.00am – Holy Communion at Findon Church

7.45 – 9.15pm – Bellringing Practice at Findon Church

Wednesday 22nd

Matt 7: 15-20

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Thursday 23rd

Matt. 7: 21-end

Friday 24th – St John the Baptist

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Saturday 25th June

Matt. 8: 5-17

1.00pm – Findon Wedding

Sunday 26th June – Second Sunday after Trinity – Patronal Festival at Findon

Gal. 5: 1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-end; Acts 13: 14b-26; Luke 1: 57-66, 80

8.00am – Traditional Communion at Patching Church

9.30am – Eucharist at Findon Church

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 Gallops Farm, Clapham Close and Michelgrove Lane.
- The sick and those who care for them including: Teresa Street; Colin and Stella Hastings; Anne De Campenhout; Jeanne Hastings; Peter Rogers; Michael Grand; Clare Jones

- RIP: Mrs Rose
- On their anniversary: 20th Richard Currer-Briggs

NOTICES



**Congratulations to Colin and Marilyn Cox
on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary**

Clapham Flower Festival – 2nd & 3rd July 2022 – Clapham Church
Display theme is “*Favourite Hymns and Psalms*”. Open to everyone.
Church open from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments available. Songs of
Praise service at 4pm on 3rd July.

For more details please contact: focpcfestival@gmail.com



LambsTails – 10.30am every Tues. morning. For babies, toddlers and their
parents/carers in Findon Village Hall, (every 3rd Tues. in Findon Church, 11.00am.)
All welcome!



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