

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev. Chris Skilton)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Gerry Kirsch)
6: All creatures of our God and king (1-3& 7);
69: Be thou my guardian; **437:** Make me a channel of your peace;
379: Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
2.45pm Salvation Army Service in Marquee on Nepcote Green

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £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: 10.00am – Walk from Findon Church to the Junction Café, Clapham
10.00am – 4.00pm – Cursillo Training Day in Findon Church
6.30pm – Concert of Church Organ Music in Findon Church

Sunday 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
10.00am Harvest Eucharist at Clapham Church (Rev. Wilma Roest)



Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Other readings for this week: Ps. 103: 1-13; Rom. 14: 1-12

Post Communion Prayer for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keep, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 14th – Holy Cross Day

John 3: 13-17

Tuesday 15th

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27- end; Ps. 100; Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday 16th

Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday 17th

Luke 7: 36-end

Friday 18th

Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday 19th

Luke 8: 4-15

Sunday 20th – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Jonah 3.10 – 4.end; Ps. 145: 1-8; Phil. 1: 21-end; **Matt. 20: 1-16** (Findon)*

***2 Cor. 9: 6-end; Luke 12: 16-30** (Clapham)*

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 Place, Church Close and Hillside.
- 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; Claire Colburn

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.”



The harvest auction at Patching raised £325 which has been donated to St Barnabas Hospice. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

NOTICES

Sunday 13th September at 2.45pm – Salvation Army Service

Join us for a service on Sunday afternoon with the Salvation Army on Nepcote Green.

Lambs Tails has changed its name to 'Explorers'!

Explorers is for babies up to school year 2, with their parents/carers. Every Tuesday 3.15pm to 4pm at the Rectory, Findon. Games, crafts and refreshments for all.

Saturday 19th September – 10am - Walk from Findon Church to the Junction Café at Clapham. All ages welcome. Some transport back is available.

Saturday 19th September – Concert of Church Organ Music, 6.30pm in Findon Church

Tickets £10 available from Peckhams butchers and Simon Knights.

Refreshments available at the interval. Cash advisable. All proceeds to Church funds.

Sunday 20th September, 10am – Harvest Service at Clapham

Supporting the Harvest Appeal "Make a Meal" for Turning Tides, our local charity for the homeless. Donations of non-perishable food and drink items most welcome. They can be left in Church on the 19th and 20th September.



Sunday 20th September – Fire Training

Simon Knights is doing a short fire training session in Findon Church after the 10am service. This is for anyone to attend, so please do if you can and enjoy a cuppa at the same time!



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