

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 27th September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer) **(followed by fire training)**
29: Amazing grace (omit v4); **584:** Rock of ages cleft for me;
649: The king of love my shepherd is; **695:** to God be the glory

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 28th September

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
1.00pm – Lunch @1pm in Findon Village Hall. £6
3.15pm – 4pm – ‘Explorers’ at Findon Rectory
7.45pm – Bell ringing practice in Findon Church
- Wednesday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church
2.00pm – Wedding rehearsal in Findon Church
- Friday: 9.00am – No Morning Prayer in Findon Church
12.00pm – Wedding of Jake Fairgrieve and Courtney Herbert in Findon Church

Sunday 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton)
9.30am Breakfast in Findon Church
10.00am Worship and Praise in Findon Church with ‘Cornerstone’
10.00am Eucharist in Patching Church



Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Philippians 2. 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Other readings for this week: Ps. 25: 1-18; Ezek. 18: 1-4, 25-end

Post Communion Prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 28th

Luke 9: 46-50

Tuesday 29th – Michael and All Angels

Gen. 28: 10-17 or Rev. 12: 7-12; Ps. 103: 19-end; Rev. 12: 7-12 or Heb. 1: 5-end;

John 1: 47-end

Wednesday 30th

Luke 9: 57-end

Thursday 1st October

Luke 10: 1-12

Friday 2nd October

Luke 10: 13-16

Saturday 3rd October

Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isa. 5: 1-7; Ps. 80: 8-16; Phil. 3: 4b-14; Matt. 21: 33-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 Findon Road, Clapham Close and Lee Farm.
- 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

NOTICES

Missing Lapel Brooch – The Rev. Gerald Kirsch

Has anyone seen this? Gerald took the 10am service in Findon Church on Sunday 13th Sept. It says, 'Associate Priest of the Shrine Walsingham'. Please contact the office.

Sunday 27th 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 and enjoy a cuppa at the same time!

Harvest Service in Findon School - Wednesday 14 October, 1pm

We are invited to join Findon School for their Harvest Service, along with residents of Merriman Grange Care Home. Refreshments will be provided.

Wed 21st October – Men's Supper – 6.30pm.

Men's supper at the Rectory. Starting at 6.30pm. Supper at 6.45pm and finishing approx..8.45pm. Donations welcomed.

Saturday 7th November – Findon Church Open Morning – 10am to 12noon

Tabletop sale, children's activities and refreshments. To book a table for the tabletop sale, please contact 07837 049547.



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Parish code: 100610130). Alternatively, contact PGS Administrator - Ian Hollyhomes, t: 01903 872475, e: ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com

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