

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 11th October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



8.00am Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven. John Barton)

580: Rejoice the Lord is King!; **654:** The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend);

649: The King of love my shepherd is; **249:** Great is thy faithfulness

CHURCH DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00am – Eucharist in Findon Church
2.00pm – Tea @2 – Clapham & Patching Village Hall. £1
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

Sunday 18th October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton)

10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)

10.00am Eucharist in Clapham Church



Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Other readings for this week: Ps. 23; Phil. 4: 1-9

Post Communion Prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 12th

Luke 11: 29-32

Tuesday 13th

Gal. 5:1-6; Ps. 119: 41-48; Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday 14th

Luke 11: 42-46

Thursday 15th

Luke 11: 47-end

Friday 16th

Luke 12: 1-7

Saturday 17th

Luke 12: 8-12

Sunday 18th – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Isa. 45: 1-7; Ps. 96: 1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thess. 1: 1-10; Matt. 22: 15-22

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 Lodge and Michelgrove Lane.
- 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

Harvest Service in Findon School - Wednesday 14th 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.

Sat. 24th October – Friends Autumn Work Party at Patching Church. 9.30-12.30pm

All welcome to come along and help clean the church and tidy the churchyard. Please bring own gardening equipment. Refreshments will be available.



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.

We are very sorry but the **Evening with JB Gill on 28th Nov.** has been cancelled. If you have bought tickets via Dom, please provide him with your bank details and number of tickets purchased and we will reimburse you. Dom's email is fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com

If you purchased tickets from the Village shop, please take them back and they will reimburse you there.



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