

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 20th September 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer) (followed by Fire Training)
409: Lord, for the years; **195:** From heav'n you came (Servant King);
18: All I once held dear; **252:** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
10.00am Harvest Eucharist in Clapham Church (Rev. Wilma Roest)
719: We plough the fields and scatter (omit v3); **511:** O Lord, my God;
184: For the beauty of the earth; **766:** You shall go out with joy x2

The Parish Office will be closed Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September

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 – 12noon - Visiting Bellringers in Findon Church
1.00pm – Baptism in Findon Church

Sunday 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker)
10.00am Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



First Reading: Jonah 3.10 – 4.end

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one

hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Other readings for this week: Ps. 145: 1-8; Phil. 1: 21-end

Post Communion Prayer for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 21st – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew 9: 9-13

Tuesday 22nd

Proverbs: 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps. 119: 1-8; Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday 23rd

Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday 24th

Luke 9: 7-9

Friday 25th

Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday 26th

Luke 9: 43b-45

Sunday 27th – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Ezek. 18: 1-4, 25-end; Ps. 25: 1-18; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matt. 21: 23-32

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

NOTICES

A very big thank you to all the flower arrangers who have worked so hard to make our three Churches look so beautiful during the Harvest season.



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

Supporting the Harvest Appeal “Make a Meal” for Turning Tides. Donations of non-perishable food and drink items can be left in Church on the 19th / 20th Sept.

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 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.

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.

Saturday 10th October – 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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All money donated goes to the Parish for the upkeep of our Churches.

Parish Giving Scheme "PGS"

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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