

Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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

Sunday 18th July 2021

Seventh Sunday after Trinity



- 8.00am Communion at Findon Church
9.30am Said Eucharist at Findon Church
10.00am Said Eucharist at Patching Church
8pm Compline - *Zoom service*

**As from 1st August, the services at Clapham and Patching are changing places.
For more details, see notices by the Lych Gates.**

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Thomas Beal and Tania Bibby
Darren Tomsett and Natalie Thomas
Lewis Denyer and Jade Mills

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity



Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

Then the apostles gathered around Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come with me privately to an isolated place and rest a while" (for many were coming and going, and there was no time to eat). So they went away by themselves in a boat to some remote place. But many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived there ahead of them. As Jesus came ashore, he saw the large crowd and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

After they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and anchored there. As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Jesus. They ran

through that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever he was rumoured to be. And wherever he would go - into villages, towns, or countryside - they would place the sick in the marketplaces and would ask him if they could just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Reflection on the Reading: We all know how important it is to rest after some strenuous activity and one can only imagine how tired the disciples might have been as they returned elated to Jesus, anxious to tell him all about what they had achieved. Remember Jesus had sent them out in pairs, with no provisions or spare clothes, giving them authority over unclean spirits. They can't wait to tell Jesus about the people they healed! Mark makes the point that still there are crowds around them, so they don't even have time to eat.

They go by boat to a remote spot but even here they can't escape recognition and we hear how crowds see and follow, even arriving ahead of them as they moor the boats. There is no escape for Jesus, but then he isn't really looking for this for himself. Mark tells us he had compassion when he saw how lost the people appeared. Again, we are given the image of a shepherd and Jesus knows he must care for his flock. Compassion means 'suffering with', feeling another's pain. How often do we feel this when we witness the pain of another? Do we, like Jesus, stop what we are doing, put aside our own needs and seek to minister to them? It is so easy to walk past, thinking someone else will see to it, it is not our business. But so often, just a smile and a kind word will bring relief to another.

For Jesus, the pressure continued to grow, as wherever he went, he was instantly recognised and called on to heal the sick. For Jesus, there simply was no time to rest.

A Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your love and care for the lost and broken. Give us compassion and courage to continue your work in our lives. Open our eyes to the needs of those we meet and help us to show them your love. **Amen.**

Other readings for today: Jer. 23: 1-6; Ps. 23; **Eph. 2: 11-end**

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

Post Communion prayer:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 19th

Matt. 12: 38-42

Tuesday 20th

10.00 – Holy Communion at Findon Church

Exod. 14.21 – 15.1; PS. 105: 37-44; Matt 12: 46-end

Wednesday 21st

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Matt. 13: 1-9

Thursday 22nd

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Friday 23rd

9.00am – Morning Prayer at Findon Church

Matt. 13: 18-23

Saturday 24th

Clapham Wedding at 12.30pm

Matt. 13: 24-30

Sunday 25th July

2 Kings 4: 42-end; Ps. 145: 10-19; Eph. 3: 14-end; John 6: 1-21

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 Horseshoe Close, Woodland Close and France Lane.
- **The sick and those who care for them** including: Dilys Allcorn; Julie Brooks; Anna Davison; Richard; Teresa Street; Emilia; Sue Fisher; Colin and Stella Hastings; Clare Jones; Biddy Bolding; John Cornford; Eleanor Bond; Sue; Anne De Campenhout; Tony Voice; Hilary Langford (recovering from surgery)

Summer Music at Patching Church –

Saturday 31 July – 3.30pm



Summer Music featuring *'Harvest Home'*. Also, some popular tunes played on the organ, all followed by wine and canapés. Parking available behind The Old Forge. It is a no ticket event, but for catering purposes please let Kath know if you will attend – Tel: 871147 or hutchinson997@btinternet.com

Clapham and Patching C of E School – Retirements

Jane Jones, Head Teacher, is retiring after 12 years of service, and Christine Whiteman, classroom assistant and Midday meals supervisor, after 27 years.

There is a special leavers service at Patching Church, 23 July, beginning at 1:30pm where they will be presented with gifts from the school Governors, followed by tea and cake. Anyone wishing to contribute towards these gifts, please contact **Maggie Somerset**, as Chair of Governors at C&P school, on 07483239208.



Youth Club has now started again after over a year's absence!
Every Thursday, in Findon Village Hall, 4.30-6.30pm.

Everyone aged 11 and over welcome!

Calling all jam makers!



Jams, chutneys and preserves needed, please, to sell at the Christmas Tree Festival 4th and 5th December. For more details or collection contact **Gill Gostick - 01903 873955**.