



A TRIO OF SUSSEX  
CHURCHES  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
-meeting at 10.30am

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August we have the unique opportunity to be the guests of Mr Michael and Mrs Georgina Drakeford, long time members of ACMS who now live in Sussex and to visit the three churches in their parish of Findon.

These churches, nestled in the South Downs to the north of Worthing, are mediaeval in origin. Each has very distinctive Arts & Craft features.

In the morning, we will visit The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Clapham restored by Sir George Gilbert Scott in 1873/74 who also designed the font and screen. But perhaps most importantly the church's reredos consists of patterned tiles supplied by Morris & Co, with figures of the four archangels above the altar. It is one of only two surviving tiled reredoses by the company and probably owes its existence to local admiration of the other one, which is at nearby [Findon](#). This church is well known for its unique three bell ring, being the oldest in the country and a myriad of brasses and monuments dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

We then move on to the nearby village of Patching and the church of St John the Divine – restored by Henry Woodyer in 1888/89 when he gave the church its present appearance, heightening the top stage of the tower, on which he placed a tall broach spire and adding a vestry and south porch and designing a new pulpit and screen.

A light lunch follows, provided by Michael and Georgina at their lovely home, the lunch element of the ticket price being donated towards the Clapham church's current stonework restoration project.

After lunch we will visit the third of their three parish churches – St John the Baptist at Findon - again restored by Sir George G Scott - in 1866/67. The reredos also incorporates tiles by [Morris and Co](#), depicting six angels playing musical instruments.

Following this visit we shall have the opportunity for a walk to the nearby hill named Cissbury Ring with its ancient history and views to Lancing in the South and the Isle of Wight to the west. Hopefully, weather permitting, a lovely way to end the day.

It is proposed that we meet at the Drakeford house around 10.30am for coffee, and car-share as much as possible for the morning visits as parking is at a premium.

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**Tickets: £30.00 Ticket price includes tea/coffee and a light lunch.**

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Directions and meeting arrangements will be sent by email.

Numbers are limited and a waiting list will be made.

**Apply for tickets to: John Surrey, 8 Horseshoe Lane West, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2SX.**

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