

# CLAPHAM :: KEASDEN :: AUSTWICK :: ELDROTH CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*'You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.'*

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## **Colossians 1:15-28**

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; **16** for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**21** And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—**23** provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

**24** I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. **25** I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **26** the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. **27** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28** It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.



*Detail from the Martha and Mary window, Austwick Church*

## Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing that is right;**
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;**
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour  
and never goes back on that word;**
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain,  
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things  
shall never fall. Amen**

## Luke 10:38-42

**38** Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. **39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. **40** But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' **41** But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; **42** there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

## Prayers

**With the Anglican Communion:** *The Episcopal Church (United States), Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.*

**In our deanery:** *Gargrave St Andrew, Revd Andrew Steer.*

**Our charity:** *The Society of Mary and Martha, providing support for people in ministry at times of stress or crisis through their retreat at Sheldon in Devon, and education resources.*

**Our community:** *our school leavers.*

**Those in ill health:** *Robert Hird, Joan Robson, George Greenbank, Peter Read, Brenda Pearce. Those who have died.*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen**

## MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES *Sunday 17th July*

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion;  
6:30 **Eldroth** Evening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: 407* Lord, thy word abideth

*Gradual Hymn: 341* Blest are the pure in heart

*Music Before Communion:* Christ Is The World's Light (Fred Pratt Green).

Performed by Christe Sanctorum, GIA Winter 2015 Choral Subscription Service

*Closing Hymn: 339* Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

## Afternoon Fellowship, Wednesday 27 July

**Austwick Parish Hall, 1.30-3.00**

Our Guest Speaker this month: Dr Colin Renwick on *Life as a Country Doctor*.  
Come along, bring a friend; everybody's welcome.

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## CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUMMER

Sunday 17th July

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion;  
6:30 **Eldroth** Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th July

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

Sunday 31st July

10:30 **Keasden** Family Service; 7:00 **New Inn** Church in the Pub

Sunday 7th August

9:30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

Sunday 14th August

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; **Keasden** Holy Communion

Sunday 21st August

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion;

6:30 **Eldroth** Evening Prayer

Sunday 28th August

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 7:00 **Keasden** Evening Service

Also every Wednesday

10:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion (BCP)\*

*\*There will be NO Wednesday communion services at Austwick on August 3, 10 or 17*

Our Harvest Festival Services this year: Sundays

18 September 11.00 **Clapham**

25 September 7.00 **Keasden**

2 October 9.30 **Eldroth**

9 October 9.30 **Austwick**

## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER...

**Saturday 23 July**

**Parish Fete** at Clapham Church from 10.00. Activities for all, including Teddy Zip Wire; Bell ringing; Stalls and music; Bacon butties, tea, coffee and cake. Meet the Cave Rescue team. Duck Race, 2.00. In support of Clapham and Keasden churches.

**Wednesday 27 July**

**Afternoon Fellowship** at Austwick Parish Hall 1.30-3.00.  
*Guest Speaker: Dr Colin Renwick on Life as a Country Doctor*

**Saturday 30 July**

**Cream Teas** at Eldroth Church, 2.00 - 4.00 *and*  
**Summer Walk and Barbecue** at Keasden Head. Walk begins at 6.00; Barbecue 7.00.

**Saturday 13 August Barbecue in the Barn** at Bleak Bank Farm, 6.00.

... **AND ADVANCE NOTICE OF SOME AUTUMN DATES**

**Saturday 10 September Benefice Morning: Putting the Fun into Fundraising.**  
**St James Church Clapham, 10.00-12.30.**

An open meeting to discuss practical ways to help our churches thrive, this session on stewardship and fundraising. Please come and share your thoughts.

**Harvest Suppers:** Sat 17 Sept *Clapham*, Sat 24 Sept *Keasden*, Mon 3 Oct *Eldroth*,  
Sun 9 Oct *Austwick*. See listing above for Harvest Festival Service dates.