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CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
No.122. Readings and prayers for Services covering Sundays 24 July to 14 August 2022

Sunday 24 July 2022 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

Colossians 2:6-19

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. **8** See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. **9** For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, **10** and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. **11** In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; **12** when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. **13** And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, **14** erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. **16** Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. **17** These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. **18** Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, **19** and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.**
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; ...

your right hand will save me.

**8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands. Amen**

Luke 11:1-13

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' **2** He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." **7** And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Church in Wales, The Most Reverend Andy John, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Bangor.*

In our deanery: *Giggleswick St Alkelda, Revd Julie Clarkson.*

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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**

Sunday 31 July 2022 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. **7** These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. **8** But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices **10** and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Psalm 49:1-12

1 Hear this, all you peoples;

listen, all you that dwell in the world,

**2 You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together.**

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**4 I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.**

5 Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,

**6 Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their riches?**

7 For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance.

**8 To ransom a soul is too costly;
there is no price one could pay for it,**

9 So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave.

**10 For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they perish
and leave their riches to others.**

11 Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their own names.

**12 Those who have honour, but lack understanding,
are like the beasts that perish. Amen**

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' **14** But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' **15** And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' **16** Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" **18** Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." **20** But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Reverend Jonathan Hart, Archbishop.*

In our deanery: *Rathmell Holy Trinity, Revd Julie Clarkson.*

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

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**

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**

Sunday 7 August 2022 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. **8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ **13** All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, **14** for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own.

**13 The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth.**

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

**15 He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.**

16 No king is saved by the might of his host;
no warrior delivered by his great strength.

**17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.**

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

**19 To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine.**

20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have set our hope on you. **Amen**

Luke 12:32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; **36** be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. **37** Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. **38** If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. **40** You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Church in the Province of the West Indies, Most Revd Howard Gregory, Primate. In our deanery: Hellifield St Aidan, Revd James Rodley.*

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **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**

SOME ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER AND AUTUMN

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.

Saturday 10 September Benefice Morning: Putting the Fun into Fundraising.
Sharing our ideas on stewardship. Open to all; at St James Church Clapham, 10.00-12.30.

Harvest Suppers: Sat 17 Sept **Clapham**, Sat 24 Sept **Keasden**, Mon 3 Oct **Eldroth**,
Sun 9 Oct **Austwick**. See Page 8 for Harvest Festival Service dates.

Sunday 14 August 2022 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. **30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. **31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. **32** And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, **34** quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— **38** of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40** since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalm 82

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

**2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?**

3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;

**4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,**

7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

**8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. Amen**

Luke 12:49-56

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! **50** I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! **51** Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! **52** From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; **53** they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' **54** He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. **55** And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. **56** You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Extra-Provincial Churches: the Anglican Church of Bermuda, the Church of Ceylon, Sri Lanka, the Parish of the Falkland Islands, the Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church, the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.*

In our deanery: *Long Preston St Mary the Virgin, Revd James Rodley.*

Collect

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUMMER

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**.