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"Because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice"

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2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

14 As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.



Nikola Sarić, Parable of the Unjust Judge. nikolasaric.de

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

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5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen**

Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." 6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Prayers

God, we give thanks for the widow who bravely persisted to get the judge to put things right, even when the judge did not want to do it. We give thanks for all people throughout history who have fought hard to put right things that are wrong in the world, and for those who today also persist to make changes where they are needed, for the good of all people and for the planet. Help us to be people who - when we see a wrong thing being done - will try to get it put right. Give us strength to be courageous.

Amen

With the Anglican Communion: Anglican Church in Central America, The Most Revd Julio Murray Thompson; Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

In our deanery: Chapel le Dale St Leonard, Revd Nick Trenholme.

Our charity: *Saying Goodbye*, who provide information, advice, support and more to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby, during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy.

Our community: All who are fighting injustice and seeking the law's protection.

Those in ill health: Robert Hird, Joan Robson, George Greenbank, Peter Read.

Those who have died: Ralph Parker, Edward Hird.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints
for ever. **Amen**

Music in Today's Services

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

Opening Hymn:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gradual Hymn:

407 Lord, thy word abideth

Third Hymn: The Beggar (Beggar's Mantle) see words below

Closing Hymn:

420 O Jesus I have promised

The Beggar (Beggar's Mantle)

1

I sit outside the rich world's gate
I rake the rich world's dross
And marvel that My poverty
Is what you call My cross

*O who has ears to hear My cry
And who has eyes to see
And who will lift My heavy load
And who will set Me free*

2

My plea is for My starving child
In want and hunger born
Though seed is sown the earth
remains
Too barren to grow corn

3

My work and wisdom are employed
To harvest others' wealth
A stranger on My native soil
I lose both heart and health

4

My image is on every face
My voice in every land
But still I go misunderstood
My words ignored or banned

5

I am the beggar called your Lord
The squatter called your King
I am the Saviour of the world
A torn and tattered thing

6

So love or leave Me as you wish
But if you seek My will
You'll take My hurt into your heart
And cease from standing still

Tune: Kingsfold,

'I heard the voice of Jesus say'
Graham Maule and John L. Bell
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CHURCH SERVICES THIS AUTUMN...

Sunday 23rd October

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 6:30 **Keasden** 'Saints, Sausages and Sparklers'

Sunday 30th October

10:30 **Austwick** Messy Church; 7:00 **Clapham New Inn** Church in the Pub

Sunday 6th November

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

6:30 **Austwick** All Souls Service

Sunday 13th November

9:30 **Austwick** Remembrance Service; 10:45 **Clapham** Remembrance Service;

2:00 **Keasden** Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th November

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

6:30 **Eldroth** Taizé Service

Sunday 27th November

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

7:00 **Keasden** Songs of Praise

Also each Wednesday: 10.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

With the need being greater than ever, please help if you can. Thank you. Donations are welcome at Clapham Village Store (for the Skipton Food Bank) and Cross Leigh Stores, Austwick (supporting the Ingleton Food Bank).

St James' Church and Clapham Village Hall present **THE KILLER QUESTION**

Where The Silence of the Lambs meets...The Last of the Summer Wine!

An interactive murder mystery.

Clapham Village Hall, Friday October 21st, 7.30pm. Tickets £10

from Sue Mann, Wyvern, Newby, LA2 8HR. 015242 51792 / 07456 855749

HOW VILLAGE CHURCHES THRIVE: PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING

St James Church Clapham, Saturday 12 November, 10.30-12.30

Please note this rearranged date for the first of our series on How Village Churches

Thrive: join with others from our benefice to share ideas and experiences on stewardship and fundraising. All welcome.

AUSTWICK AUTUMN FAIR

Austwick Parish Hall, Saturday 19 November, 2.00-4.00

Admission £1 which includes a raffle ticket. Something for everyone. All welcome!

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP: 2022-2023 DATES

Wednesdays, Austwick Parish Hall, 1.30 - 3.00

Everybody is welcome to the Afternoon Fellowship. Please note these dates:

2022: October 26: John Davies, Everyday Japan; November 23: Andy Swinscoe, The Courtyard Dairy story; December 14: Christmas Social with guests.

2023: January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, December 13.