

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

*"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race set before us"*

**No. 272. The Ninth Sunday after Trinity, 17 August 2025**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Easy Church,

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

## 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.

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.

## 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 baptised, 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?

## **Psalm 80.1,9–20**

I Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
**you that led Joseph like a flock;**

9 You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**you drove out the nations and planted it.**

10 You made room around it,  
**and when it had taken root, it filled the land.**

11 The hills were covered with its shadow  
**and the cedars of God by its boughs.**

12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea  
**and its tendrils to the River.**

13 Why then have you broken down its wall,  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,  
**and all the insects of the field devour it.**

15 Turn again, O God of hosts,  
**look down from heaven and behold;**

16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,  
**and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,  
**perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,  
**the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

19 And so will we not go back from you;  
**give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Amen**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your  
grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of  
the Spirit in love and joy and peace;  
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**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of  
your Son to share this meal with the whole  
household of God: in that new world  
where you reveal the fullness of your  
peace, gather people of every race and  
language to share in the eternal banquet of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**In our prayers:** The Scottish Episcopal Church; Jess Strickland and Jack Harrison;  
Sam Goodwyn, Olwyn Price, George Gooch.

*Music in today's services: 17 August*

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion; **6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer (*first and last hymns*)

**Opening hymn: 440** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty... (*verses 1,2,3,6*)

**Gradual Hymn: 364** God is Love, let heaven adore him

**Hymn before Communion: 388** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

**Closing hymn: 333** All my hope on God is founded

## ALL YOUR CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL ADVENT

### **17 August Trinity 9**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **24 August Trinity 10**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**3.30 Keasden** Summer Walk (see p.4)

### **31 August Trinity 11**

**10.30 Keasden** Benefice Holy Communion (*Revd Steve Rathbone*)

**7.00 Clapham New Inn** Church in the Pub (*tbc*)

### **7 September Trinity 12**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church: Ephesians

### **14 September Trinity 13**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

### **21 September Trinity 14**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **28 September Trinity 15**

(*Services led by Revd Steve Rathbone*)

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**7.00 Keasden** Harvest Festival

### **5 October Trinity 16**

**9.30 Eldroth** Harvest Festival

**11.00 Clapham** Harvest Festival

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

### **12 October Trinity 17**

**9.30 Austwick** Harvest Festival

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

### **19 October Trinity 18**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **26 October Last after Trinity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Keasden** Saints Sausages and Sparklers

### **2 November All Saints' Sunday**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**4.00 Austwick** All Saints Service

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

### **9 November Remembrance**

**9.30 Austwick** Remembrance

**10.45 Clapham** Remembrance

**2.00 Keasden** Remembrance

### **16 November 2 before Advent**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**6.30 Eldroth** Taizé

### **23 November Christ the King**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **Also each Wednesday**

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

(Book of Common Prayer)



# TEA & CAKES in the Church



**Austwick Parish Church**

**Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**2.00 until 4.30**

**Home-Made Cakes**

**Cakes to Go**

**Music**

**All Welcome**



## Branwell's Flute and Hardy's Hornpipe

**Saturday 20th September**

**St James' Church, Clapham, 2.30pm**

**Peter Harrison, playing an historic flute, and presenter Julia Elliott join in this exploration in words and music of the fascinating musical worlds of Branwell Brontë and Thomas Hardy.**



**Peter Harrison** is a director of the early music ensemble Concert Royal and has performed all over the world. Presenter **Julia Elliott** is a former headteacher who now volunteers at her local primary school. Both **Branwell Brontë** (1817-1848) and **Thomas Hardy** (1840-1928) were keenly interested in, and influenced by, music. Branwell's sisters Emily and Anne played the piano and Branwell the flute. He kept a notebook of his favourite tunes arranged for the instrument including popular songs of the time, 'Home, Sweet Home' and 'All Through the Night'. Thomas Hardy was born into a musical family and he inherited his father's and grandfather's handwritten collections of traditional tunes. In boyhood he learned to play the violin and joined his father in the local village band.

**Tickets £10, including refreshments**

from Clapham Village Shop (*cash only*) or on the door (*cash or card*)

## Keasden Summer Walk

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Meet at St. Matthew's Church, Keasden at 3.30pm**

If you are wanting to stretch your legs – then you are invited to join us for a circular walk of about 4 miles. The walk will roughly follow the route shown in the illustration below. Walking shoes/boots are required but as Graham Taylor (walk leader) says 'the walking conditions are not too rough'.

Ending back at Keasden Church where we will be serving teas/coffees and cakes. Donations in support of St. Matthew's Church would be appreciated.

All are very welcome to join us. If you'd like any further information - do get in touch.

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