

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

No. 277. The 14th and 15th Sundays after Trinity, 21 & 28 September 2025

Sunday 21 September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

1 Timothy 2.1–7

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. **3** This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, **4** who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there

is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, **6** who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. **7** For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Psalm 79.1–9

- 1** O God, the heathen have come into your heritage;
**your holy temple have they defiled
and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.**
- 2** The dead bodies of your servants they have given
to be food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field.
- 3** Their blood have they shed like water
on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4** We have become the taunt of our neighbours,
the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
- 5** Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever?
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?
- 6** Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you,
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
- 7** For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his dwelling place.
- 8** Remember not against us our former sins;
**let your compassion make haste to meet us,
for we are brought very low.**
- 9** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your name's sake. Amen



HARVEST DOMINOES AND LIGHT SUPPER

Eldroth Church Tuesday 7th October, 7.00pm

AUSTWICK HARVEST SUPPER WITH AUCTION

Austwick Parish Hall Sunday 13th October, 6.45 for 7.00pm

Tickets £12.50 adults / £7.50 children from Cross Leigh Stores

Luke 16.1–13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. **2** So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” **3** Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” **5** So, summoning his master’s

debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” **6** He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” **7** Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” **8** And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. **9** And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone,

they may welcome you into the eternal homes. **10** ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. **11** If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? **12** And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? **13** No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer and the
breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Hymns in today’s services: Sunday 21 September

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

Opening hymn: 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Gradual Hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Hymn before Communion: 137 Come down, O Love divine

Closing hymn: 239 Lord of all hopefulness

Sunday 28 September: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

(All services led by Revd Steve Rathbone)

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion;

7.00 Keasden Harvest Festival

I Timothy 6.6–19

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; **7** for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; **8** but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **9** But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the

good confession, I charge you **14** to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. **16** It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, **19** thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Psalm 91.1–6, 14–16

- 1** Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He shall cover you with his wings, and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation. Amen

Luke 16.19–31

19 ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20** And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. **24** He

called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” **25** But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. **26** Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” **27** He said, “Then,

father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—**28** for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” **29** Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” **30** He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” **31** He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

(**Keasden** Harvest Festival Hymns - to be given out in service)

Opening Hymn: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing

Gradual Hymn: 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Hymn before Communion: 297 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Closing Hymn: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King