

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

*"Choose Life" - "Let Your Light Shine"*

**No. 275. The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, 7 September 2025**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion,

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

## **Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

**15** See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. **16** If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. **17** But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other



gods and serve them, **18** I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. **19** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, **20** loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## **Luke 14.25–33**

**25** Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, **26** 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. **27** Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. **28** For which of you, intending

to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, **30** saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." **31** Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will

not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. **33** So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

## Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,  
**whatever they do, it shall prosper.**
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
**nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.**
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked shall perish. Amen**

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we  
to pray and to give more than either we  
desire or deserve: pour down upon us the  
abundance of your mercy, forgiving us  
those things of which our conscience is  
afraid, and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask;  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole  
in Christ may bring that healing to this  
broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**

*“Let Your Light Shine” (Matthew 5.16) is the vision of Austwick Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School: “We are a small, rural school but believe that everybody must be given the opportunity to grow and develop, ready to go out into the world as shining lights. We recognise that we are all special and have unique talents which we nurture to give us the greatest opportunities. We are inspired by the nature around us, and the rich experiences which build our wider aspirations.”*



### In our prayers:

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Afghan earthquake affected.  
Hannah Renwick and Hamish Munro, Kate Cartmell Done and George Mackay,  
Emily Robinson and Zachary Kelly. Our schoolchildren / students, and staff.  
Sam Goodwyn, Olwyn Price, George Gooch, Denise Wilson, Ralph Court.

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**Opening hymn: 466** Thou whose almighty word

**Gradual Hymn:** Oh the life of the world (*words below*)

**Hymn before Communion:** Praise and thanksgiving (*words below*)

**Closing hymn: 427** O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

**Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,**  
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,  
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley  
the stars and the bright restless sea.

**2** Oh the life of the world is a fountain of goodness  
overflowing in labour and passion and pain,  
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,  
in the birth of a child once again.

**3** Oh the life of the world is the source of our healing.  
It rises in laughter and wells up in song;  
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken  
and refreshes where justice is strong.

**4** So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker  
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son.  
And walk in the peace and power of the Spirit  
till the days of our living are done.

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Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
thou madest good:  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

**3** Father, providing  
food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother  
may know thy care.

**2** God thou the labour  
we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling  
for daily bread.

**4** Then will thy blessing  
reach every people;  
freely confessing  
thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth  
no one will hunger;  
thy love sustaineth;  
fruitful the land.

Author: Albert F. Bayly, 1970  
Tune: BUNESSAN

## ALL YOUR CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL ADVENT

**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

**Friday 10 October**  
**1.30 Austwick** School Harvest Festival  
*- all welcome!*

**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)*

### 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.*

**Tickets £10, including refreshments**



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

### EVENTS THIS HARVEST-TIME...

*Please note, more corrections from last week!*

**Keasden Harvest Supper and Domino Drive:** Eldroth Village Hall,  
 Saturday 27th September, 7.00pm  
**Eldroth Harvest Dominoes and light supper:** Eldroth Church, Tuesday 7th  
 October, 7.00pm  
**Austwick Harvest Supper and Auction:** Austwick Parish Hall, Sunday 12th  
 October, 6.45 for 7.00.  
 (NB: the next **Clapham Coffee Morning** will be at Clapham Village Hall on  
 Saturday 29th November, 10.00-12.00pm,  
 not in October)