

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

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted"

No. 281. The Last Sunday after Trinity, 26 October 2025

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

6.30 Keasden Saints Sausages and Sparklers

2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defence no one came to

my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9–14

9 Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues,

adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all

who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Psalm 65

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
**when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.**

3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.



James Tissot, The Pharisee and The Tax Collector, 1886-1894

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,

**O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas,
**the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water;
**you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.**

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
**and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. Amen**

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning: help us so to hear
them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever..

Amen

In our prayers:

The Church in Wales, The Rt Revd Cherry Vann, Archbishop-elect.
Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate.
Ralph Court, Peter Ings.

Hymns in today's services: Sunday 26 October

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion
Opening Hymn 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
Gradual Hymn 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Hymn before Communion 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King
Closing Hymn 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

FROM ALL SAINTS TO NEW YEAR: SERVICES AND EVENTS

Minister: Revd John Davies unless otherwise stated*

Sunday 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

Saturday 8th November

2.00-4.00 **Austwick**

Parish Hall Autumn Fair

7.00 **Eldroth Village Hall**

Keasden Domino Drive and Supper

Sunday 9 November:

Remembrance Sunday

9.30 **Austwick**

10.45 **Clapham**

2.45 **Keasden**

Sunday 16 November:

2 before Advent

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

(Revd Ian Greenhalgh)

11.00 **Clapham** Easy Church

(Revd Steve Rathbone)

6.30 **Eldroth** Taizé (Judith Johnson)

Sunday 23 November:

Christ the King

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

(Revd Heinz Toller)

Saturday 29th November

10.30 - 12.30 **Clapham**

Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning

Sunday 30 November:

Advent Sunday

9.30 **Austwick** Benefice Churches Joint Holy Communion

4.00 **Keasden** Travelling Crib Launch Service

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

Sunday 7th December:

Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion

11.00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

11.00 **Keasden** Holy Communion (Revd Steve Rathbone)

Wednesday 10th December

2.00, 6.00 **Austwick**

School Nativity Services

Saturday 13th December

10.30 - 12.00 **Keasden**

Christmas Coffee Morning

Sunday 14 December:

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 **Austwick** Shorter Holy Communion

4.00 **Austwick** Carol Service

7.00 **Newby Chapel** Clapham and Newby Joint Carol Service

Thursday 18th December

1.30 **Austwick** School Christingle Service

6.00 **Keasden** Carol Singing around Keasden: meet at church

Sunday 21 December:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

7.00 **Eldroth** Nativity and Carol Service

Monday 22nd December

7.00 **Keasden** Carols around the Crib

Tuesday 23rd December

6.30 **Newby Green** Community Carol Singing

24th December: Christmas Eve

3.00 **Austwick** Crib Service

5.00 **Clapham** Crib Service followed by short Holy Communion

11.30pm **Austwick** Midnight Holy Communion

25th December: Christmas Day

9.30 **Eldroth** Family Communion

11.00 **Keasden** Family Communion

Sunday 28 December: The Sunday after Christmas

10.30 **Austwick** Benefice Churches Joint Holy Communion

Thursday 1st January 2026

Keasden New Year's Day Parish Walk

10.00 Keasden Head track end or Keasden Head Farm 10.30

Sunday 4th January 2026: The Second Sunday of Christmas

9.30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion

11.00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

Sunday 11th January 2026: The Epiphany

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

11.00 **Keasden** Holy Communion

Also each Wednesday

(except 12, 19, 26 November)

10.30 **Austwick**

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

*Please note that Revd John will be taking annual leave from 10-29 November

Your invitation to

AUSTWICK AUTUMN FAIR

Austwick Parish Hall. Saturday 8 November

2.00-4.00

Admission £1 which includes a raffle ticket.

Something for everyone. All welcome!

**CRAFTS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
EAT NOW OR FREEZE FOR LATER,
WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, BOOKS,
CAKES, CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS, HAMPERS,
JAMS AND PRESERVES,
CHRISTMAS TREE ORDERS... AND MORE!**

Proceeds to Austwick Church and other village groups

Austwick Autumn Fair - Eat or Freeze: your help please!

Gwen Cleverly is running the Eat or Freeze stall again this year and says, "All contributions to the stall we'll be very pleased to accept - cakes, puddings, scones, savouries, jams etc etc. If you will make it, we'll be very happy to sell it!"

The Keasden Domino Drive and Supper

has been re-arranged for

Saturday

8th November

7.00pm

**at ELDROTH
VILLAGE HALL**

Please message or email
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for more details

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Hope to see you there!

*In Loving
Memory*

**A Service of Remembrance
and Thanksgiving**

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**Sunday 2nd November
Austwick Church, 4.00pm**

A special service for all who wish to remember their loved ones.

A simple service of hymns, prayers and readings including the reading-out of the names of those we remember, and the lighting of candles in their memory.

All are welcome to attend, and to have a name, or names, read out.