

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

*"I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out"*

**No. 280. The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 19 October 2025**

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

## **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.

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



*James B. Janknegt, The Persistent Widow, 2017.  
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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.

## **Luke 18.1-8**

Jesus told the disciples 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?'

## **Psalm 119.97–104**

97 Lord, how I love your law!

**All the day long it is my study.**

98 Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies,  
**for they are ever with me.**

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
**for your testimonies are my meditation.**

100 I am wiser than the aged,  
**because I keep your commandments.**

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,  
**that I may keep your word.**

102 I have not turned aside from your judgements,  
**for you have been my teacher.**

103 How sweet are your words on my tongue!  
**They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.**

104 Through your commandments I get understanding;  
**therefore I hate all lying ways. Amen**

### **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**

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**

### **In our prayers:**

The Episcopal Church in the United States  
of America, The Most Revd Sean Rowe.  
Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of  
Canterbury-designate.  
Church Action on Poverty.  
Ralph Court, Peter Ings.

*Hymns in today's service: Sunday 19 October*

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**394** Let all the world in every corner sing

**55** Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

**137** Come down, O Love divine

**297** Lord Jesus Christ ('Living Lord')

### **A Prayer for Church Action on Poverty Sunday**



**Church Action  
on Poverty**

**[www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk)**

*God, we pray for your mercy upon those who  
hurt, those whose voices are silenced,  
those who faithfully persist  
in speaking truth to power.  
We pray for those silenced  
for speaking out against corruption,  
and for those who continue  
to demand justice;  
for those silenced for speaking out  
against greed;  
and for those who continue to cry out  
for a fairer distribution of wealth.  
God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Ana Gobledale ([worshipwords.co.uk](http://worshipwords.co.uk))*



**Everybody's welcome to the  
Afternoon Fellowship  
Austwick Parish Hall  
Wednesday October 22nd  
2.00 - 3.30pm**

**Hilary Fenten**  
**Snapshot in time:  
How people connect  
to the land and its  
communities**

*A photographic  
presentation*

The afternoon will begin  
with a short AGM.  
Come along; bring a friend;  
meet new friends!

*No charge: £1 donation invited  
towards our costs*

*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!"

## ALL YOUR CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL ADVENT

*Minister: Revd John Davies unless otherwise stated*

### 19 October Trinity 18

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

### 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

(Thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed)

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

### 9 November Remembrance

**9.30 Austwick** Remembrance

**10.45 Clapham** Remembrance

**2.45\* Keasden** Remembrance

(\*please note change of time)

### 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)

### 23 November Christ the King

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

(Revd Heinz Toller)

### 30 November Advent Sunday

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**4.00 Keasden** Travelling Crib Launch service

### Also each Wednesday

(except Wednesdays 12, 19, 26 November)

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

(Book of Common Prayer)

## 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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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.