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Sunday 16 November 2025: Second Sunday before Advent

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion (Revd Ian Greenhalgh)

11.00 Clapham Easy Church (Revd Steve Rathbone)

6.30 Eldroth Taizé (Judith Johnson)

Malachi 4.1–2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord

of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Yorkshire Dales sunrise



Luke 21.5–19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

7 They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ 8 And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

9 ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ 10 Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be

brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. Amen

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory we may be made like him in
his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Music in today's morning service: Sunday 16th November

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

Opening Hymn 476 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

Gradual Hymn 492 O God of earth and altar

Hymn before Communion 437 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Closing Hymn 431 O Thou who camest from above

Sunday 23 November 2025: Christ the King
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion (Rev'd Heinz Toller)

Colossians 1.11–20

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were

created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33–43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his

chosen one!' 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do

you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43 He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'



CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS FOR SALE

PREMIUM QUALITY NORDMANN (NON-DROP) TREES:

100-125cm **£28.00**; 125-150cm **£35.00**; 150-175cm **£40.00**

175-200cm **£46.00**; 200-225cm **£63.00**

Larger trees available on request. Trees can be fixed into a log base at **£7** extra.

Trees will be available from early December. Sold in aid of Austwick Church: cheques to Austwick PCC.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: Medium £22.50; Large £25.00

CHRISTMAS GRAVE POTS: SMALL £7.50; LARGE £8.50

Please place your order with Cate Muckersie by 24th November



Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
3 Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.
6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;
**he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.**
10 'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Amen

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the
throne of heaven that he might rule
over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Music in today's morning service:
Sunday 23rd November*

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion
Opening hymn 440 Praise to the Lord,
the almighty, the King of creation
Gradual hymn 443 Rejoice, the Lord is
King
Hymn before Communion 457 The King
of Love My Shepherd Is
Closing hymn 352 Crown him with many
crowns

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Saturday 29th November

10.30 - 12.30 Clapham Village Hall
Christmas Coffee Morning

Sunday 30 November: Advent Sunday

9.30 Austwick Benefice Holy Communion
4.00 Keasden Advent Starts Here: Travelling
Crib Launch Service
7.00 New Inn Church in the Pub (tbc)