

**CLAPHAM :: KEASDEN :: AUSTWICK :: ELDROTH**  
**C H U R C H E S W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R**  
*"I will give you as a light to the nations"*

**No.291. The Second Sunday of Epiphany, 18 January 2026**  
**in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Easy Church;  
**3.00 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**Isaiah 49.1–7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far  
away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he  
named me.  
2 He made my mouth like a sharp  
sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow, in his  
quiver he hid me away.  
3 And he said to me, 'You are my  
servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'  
5 And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him, and that  
Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of  
the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
6 he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be  
my servant to raise up the tribes of  
Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end  
of the earth.'

7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of  
Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the  
nations, the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up, princes,  
and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen  
you.'



**GLORIA**  
**in excelsis**  
**DEO**

## Psalm 40.1–12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;  
**he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.**

3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
**many shall see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
**who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
**How great your designs for us!**

**There is none that can be compared with you.**

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
**they would be more than I am able to express.**

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
**but my ears you have opened;**

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;  
**then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;

**I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'**

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.**

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth**  
**from the great congregation.**

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
**let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me. Amen**

## John 1.29–42

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' 32 And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit." 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' 35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look,

here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## Prayers

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Roger Moore, Mark Foulds, Colin Brindle.

Those who have died: Dorothy Booth, Thomas Close, John Norris.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by  
the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

### Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**

## MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion (all hymns)

**3.00 Eldroth** Evening Prayer (**484** and **485**)

Opening hymn: **473** When morning gilds the skies (verses 1,6,7,8)

Gradual hymn: **480** In Christ there is no east or west

Hymn before Communion: **484** The Church's one foundation

Closing hymn: **485** Thy hand, O God, has guided

### Everybody's welcome to the Afternoon Fellowship

**Wednesday 28 January, Austwick Parish Hall, 2.00 - 3.30pm**

**David Johnson: 'Aspects of Austwick's Archaeology'**

The talk will look at various aspects of the village and its parish from a historical and archaeological perspective, some of them perhaps little known.

David's talk will be followed by refreshments. Come along; bring a friend; meet new friends!

No charge: £1 donation invited towards our costs

### Saint James' Church, Clapham



**COFFEE  
MORNING**

Clapham Village Hall  
Saturday January 24th, 10:00 – 12:00  
Coffee, Cake and Bacon Butties

**All Welcome!**

Bowland and Ewecross Deanery

Lent Series 2026

## Music of our Hearts

**Settle Parish Church, 7.00-9.00pm**

**Wednesdays February 25th,  
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**

A series of meetings to hear about, experience, and enjoy, a variety of music and hymnody from our Christian traditions old and new. The closing session on 25th March will be a DIY Songs of Praise when you are invited to request a hymn and share what it means to you. **All welcome.**

## All Our Church Services to Lent

Service on Sundays, led by Revd John Davies,  
except where otherwise stated.

### **18 January Epiphany 2**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**3.00 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **25 January Epiphany 3**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

### **1 February Epiphany 4**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

### **8 February 2 before Lent**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

### **15 February 1 before Lent**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**3.00 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

### **18 February Ash Wednesday**

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

*with the imposition of ashes*

### **22 February Lent 1**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**7.00 Keasden** Pancake Praise

*Plus, each Wednesday:*

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

*(Book of Common Prayer)*

**Marriage or baptism enquiries? Help with funeral service planning?**  
**Churchyard or genealogy queries? Please contact Revd John Davies:**  
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