

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

"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:
john.davies@leeds.anglican.org, 01524 805928** who will be glad to help.