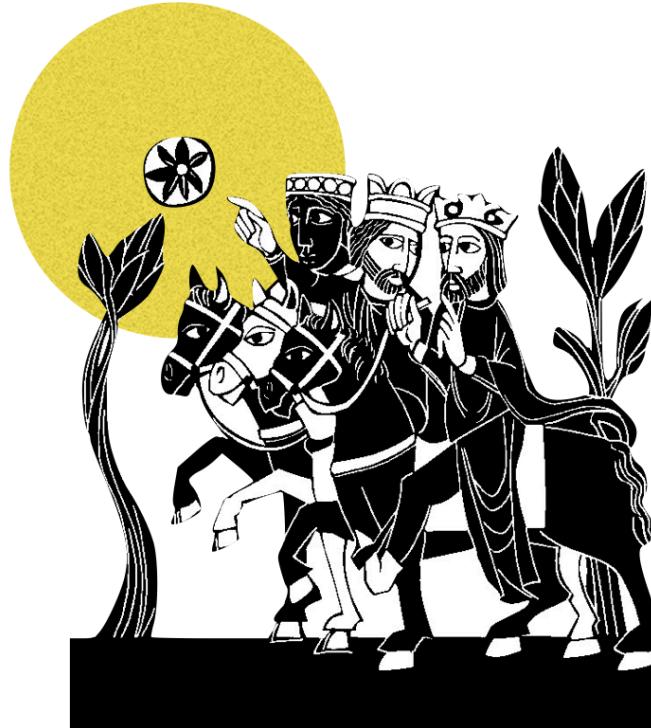


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C H U R C H E S W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

"Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn"

No.290. The Epiphany, 11 January 2026

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; 11.00 Keasden Holy Communion



Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72.1-4, 10-15

1 Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

2 Then shall he judge your people righteously
and your poor with justice.

3 May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
**may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long. Amen**

Matthew 2.1 - 12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the

exact time when the star had appeared.

8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayers

*Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, Most Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.
Roger Moore, Mark Foulds.
Those who have died: Dorothy Booth, Thomas Close.*

Collect

○ God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion;
11.00 **Keasden** Holy Communion

Opening hymn:

36 The first Nowell

Gradual hymn:

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymn before Communion:

52 O worship the Lord

Closing hymn:

47 As with gladness men of old

Saint James' Church, Clapham



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: New Year to Lent

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

11 January *The Epiphany*

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion

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)