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CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
"God sent the Son into the world so that the world might be saved through him"

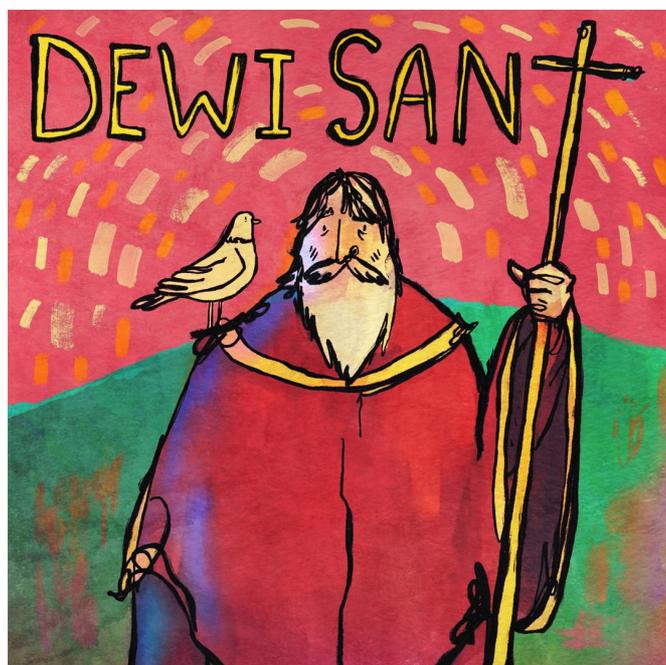
**No.297. 1 March 2026, The Second Sunday of Lent**  
**9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Holy Communion;**  
**6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church**

**Genesis 12.1-4**

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' **4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**John 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' **3** Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' **4** Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' **5** Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." **8** The wind blows



**HAPPY SAINT DAVIDS DAY!**

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worlds in the Church.  
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Is one with the Church triumphant  
in heaven,  
And the saints are in this Church  
which is two in one.  
They come to worship with us,  
our small congregation,  
The saints our oldest ancestors  
Who built Wales on the foundation  
Of the Crib, the Cross  
and the Empty Tomb.  
And they go out as before  
to travel their old ways  
And to evangelise Wales...  
D. Gwenallt Jones, *Dewi Sant*

where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' **9** Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' **10** Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? **11** 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has

ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **17** Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

### **Psalm 121**

**1** I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**3** He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**5** The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.**

**7** The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. Amen**



### **Prayers**

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai, The Most Revd David Eisho Uehara.

*Those who are unwell:* Jack Taylor, Nick Trenholme...

*Remembering:* Roger Moore, Gina Wallbank, Alec Deary, Jesse Jackson...

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the  
light of your truth, that they may return  
to the way of righteousness: grant to all  
those who are admitted into the  
fellowship of Christ's religion, that they  
may reject those things that are  
contrary to their profession, and follow  
all such things as are agreeable to the  
same; through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of  
ourselves to help ourselves: keep us  
both outwardly in our bodies, and  
inwardly in our souls; that we may be  
defended from all adversities which may  
happen to the body, and from all evil  
thoughts which may assault and hurt  
the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## MUSIC IN OUR MORNING SERVICES

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

*Opening hymn: 364* God is Love: let heaven adore him

*Gradual hymn: 148* The God of Abraham praise (verses 1,7,8)

*Hymn before Communion:* Here is love, vast as the ocean (words below)

*Closing hymn: 368* Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Here is love, vast as the ocean,**  
Loving-kindness as the flood;  
When the Prince of Life, my ransom,  
Shed for me his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He shall never be forgotten,  
Through Heaven's everlasting days

**2.** On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide,  
Through the flood-gates of God's  
mercy,  
Flowed the vast and gracious tide;  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above,  
And God's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

**3.** Let me all your love accepting,  
Love you, ever all my days;  
Let me seek your kingdom only  
And my life be to your praise;  
You alone will be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see;  
You have cleansed and sanctified me,  
You have loved and set me free.

**4.** In your truth you will direct me  
By your Spirit, thru' your Word;  
And your grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in you, my Lord.  
All your fulness you are pouring  
From your endless wells above,  
Without measure, full and boundless  
As I yield myself in love.

Author: William Rees; Translator: William Edwards

Tune: DIM OND JESU (Robert Lowry)

## D. Gwenallt Jones, *Dewi Sant* (1951)

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I have seen Dewi going from shire to shire  
like the gypsy of God,  
With the gospel and the altar in his caravan;  
He came to us in the colleges and schools  
To show us the purpose of learning.  
He went down into the pit with the coal  
miners  
And shone his lamp on the coal face.  
He put on the goggles of the steel worker,  
and the short grey overall  
And showed the Christian being purified like  
metal in the furnace.  
He brought the factory people into his  
disreputable Church.

He carried the Church everywhere  
Like a body with life and mind and will,  
And he did small things and great.  
He brought the Church into our homes,  
Put the holy vessels on the kitchen table  
With bread from the pantry and wine from  
the cellar,  
And he stood behind the table like a tramp  
So as not to hide from us the wonder of the  
sacrifice.  
And after the Communion we had a talk  
round the fire  
And he spoke to us of God's natural order,  
The person, the family, the nation and the  
society of nations  
And the cross which prevents us from making  
any of them into a god.

## Our Church Services to Easter

### 8 March *Lent 3*

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

### 15 March *Mothering Sunday*

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church  
**6.30 Eldroth** Taizé service

### 22 March *Lent 5*

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**4.00 Keasden** A Hot Cross Service

### 29 March *Palm Sunday*

**10.30 Clapham** Benefice Communion  
**7.00 New Inn** Church in the Pub

### 2 April *Maundy Thursday*

**6.30 Eldroth** Last Supper

### 3 April *Good Friday*

**2.00 Austwick** Reflections by the Cross

### 5 April *Easter Sunday*

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
(Revd Steve Rathbone)  
**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**4.00 Keasden** Service & Easter Egg Hunt

Bowland and Ewecross Deanery  
Lent Meetings 2026

## Music of our Hearts

Settle Parish Church  
7.00-9.00pm

Wednesdays

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.

### 4 March *Iona Community*

John Davies, Heinz and Margery Toller

### 11 March *Wesleyan*

Revd Stephen Dawson

### 18 March *Taizé Community*

Revd Sue McWhinney

**25 March *Songs of Praise*** followed by an  
organ recital by Benjamin Saunders

All welcome!