

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

*"Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'"*

**No.295. 15 February 2026, The Sunday Next Before Lent**

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

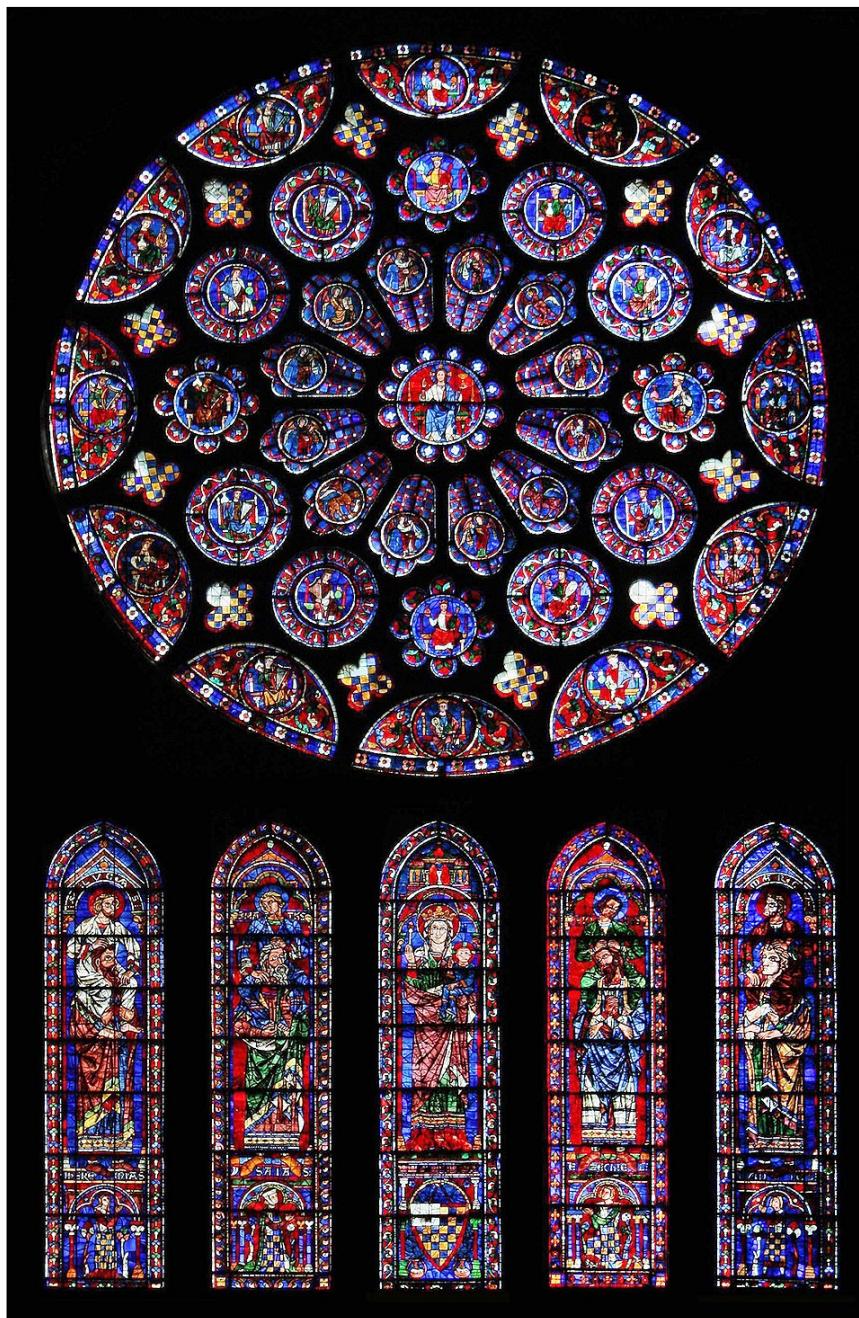
## **Exodus 24.12–18**

12 The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give

you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their

instruction.' 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.



*Chartres Cathedral south transept rose window and five lancets: the evangelists on the shoulders of the prophets, looking up at the Messiah. Wikipedia: Ludwig Schneider.*

## **Matthew 17.1–9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and

from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

## **Psalm 99**

1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;  
**he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.**

2 The Lord is great in Zion  
**and high above all peoples.**

3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;  
**the Lord our God is holy.**

4 Mighty king, who loves justice,  
you have established equity;  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

5 Exalt the Lord our God;  
**bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;  
**they called upon the Lord and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
**they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.**

8 You answered them, O Lord our God;  
**you were a God who forgave them  
and pardoned them for their offences.**

9 Exalt the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill,  
**for the Lord our God is holy. Amen**

## **In our Prayers**

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Austwick School with newly appointed headteacher Beth McHardy; Remembering Roger Moore, Gina Wallbank.

## The Collect

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the  
cross: give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer  
with him and be changed into his  
likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Post Communion

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus  
Christ: may we who are partakers at his  
table reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power  
to change and save. This we ask through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Music for Sunday 15th February

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**Opening hymn: 427** O praise ye the Lord!

**Gradual hymn: 341** Blest are the pure in heart

**Communion Hymn: 391** King of glory, King of peace

**Closing hymn: 387** Jesus, good above all other

**3.00 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**Opening hymn: 427** O praise ye the Lord!

**Closing hymn: 387** Jesus, good above all other

**Right:** Chartres Cathedral, south transept lancet windows, detail:

Mark on the shoulders of the prophet Daniel, looking up at the Messiah.

**Below:** Chartres Cathedral, west windows, detail:

Transfiguration of the Lord. [Lawrence OP, Flickr](#)



# Everybody's welcome to the Afternoon Fellowship

Austwick Parish Hall

Wednesday February 25th, 2.00 - 3.30pm

**Rob Gale**

## Twixt Alps and Dales: A life spent seeking hills, gentle thrills and good coffee

Rob has spent his life working in the outdoors, using his experience in mountaineering, caving, rock-climbing and fell-running to support young people with multiple disadvantages with a range of outdoor education providers and charities.

He has also worked with corporate teams and leaders, and as an International Mountain Leader in the European Alps.



**Rob's talk will be followed by refreshments**

**Come along; bring a friend; meet new friends!**

**No charge: £1 donation invited towards our costs**

### Our Next Church Services

for the full list of services to Easter please see church noticeboards or go to:  
<https://bit.ly/benefice-services>

**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  
**4.00 Keasden** Pancake Praise

**1 March Lent 2**  
**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

**8 March Lent 3**  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**You are invited to a LENT LUNCH in Austwick Parish Hall on Saturday 21st February at 12.00 noon**

A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. Proceeds to Austwick Church  
**Tickets £5.00 from Cross Leigh Stores or Pip Rigby, 07974 647506**

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 final session on 25th March will include a Songs of Praise and will conclude with an organ recital by Benjamin Saunders.

**All welcome.**