

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

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**No.303. 12 April 2026, The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; 11.00 Keasden Holy Communion**

## Acts 2.14a, 22–32

**14** Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: **22** 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — **23** this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. **24** But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. **25** For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

**28** You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."  
**29** 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had

sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."  
**32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'



## Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,  
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

**2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
and by night also, but I find no rest.**

3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**4 Our forebears trusted in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'**

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb  
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

**10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;  
you are my God even from my mother's womb.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, and there is none to help.

**19 Be not far from me, O Lord;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

**21 Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen.  
You have answered me!**

22 I will tell of your name to my people;  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

**23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.**

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

**25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.**

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

**27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

**29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?**

30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

**31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. Amen**

## Hymns in our services today

9.30 Austwick, 11.00 Keasden

**Opening hymn: 263** All Creatures of our God and King (v.1, 2, 3, 7)

**Gradual hymn: 115** Now the green blade riseth

**Hymn before Communion: 103** Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven

**Closing hymn: 339** Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

### John 20.19–31

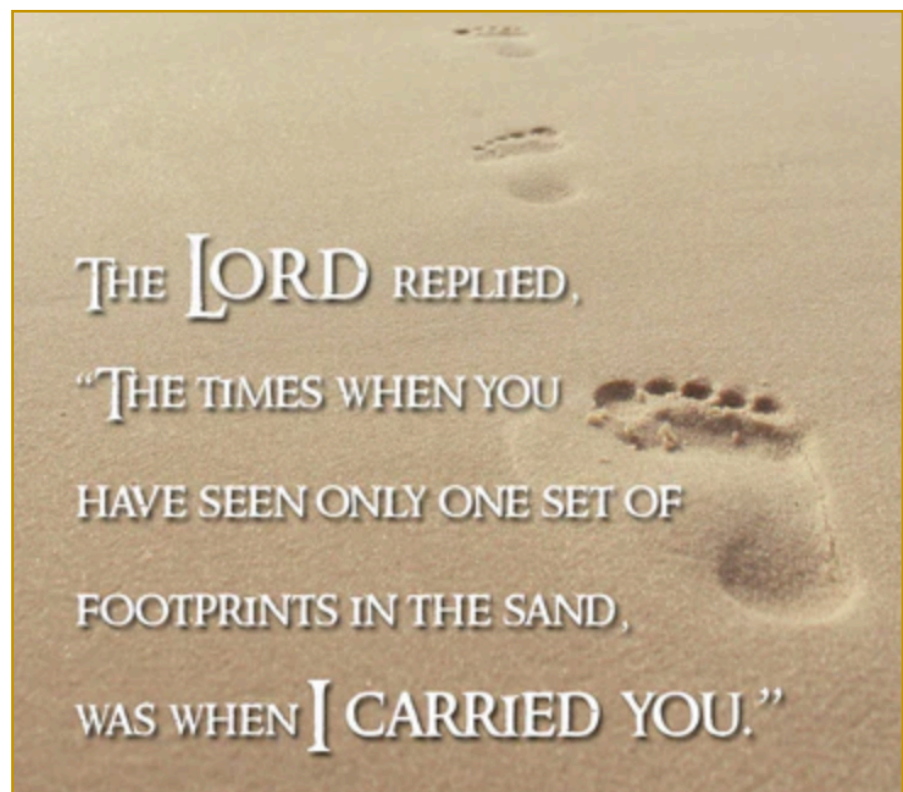
**19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

**24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

**26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' **27** Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' **28** Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' **29** Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



**Our Church Services  
from Easter  
to Trinity Sunday**

**12 April *Second Sunday of Easter***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**Wednesday 15 April**

**10.30 Austwick** School Easter Service

**19 April *Third Sunday of Easter***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**26 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.00 Keasden** Spring Saunter

**3 May *Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy  
Church

**10 May *Sixth Sunday of Easter***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**14 May (Thursday) *Ascension Day***

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

*(replaces Wednesday service)*

**17 May *Sunday after Ascension***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**24 May *Pentecost***

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**7.00 Keasden** Lambing Service

**31 May *Trinity Sunday***

**10.30 Eldroth** Benefice Holy  
Communion *(Revd Steve Rathbone)*  
**7.00 Clapham New Inn** Church in the  
Pub *(TBC)*

**Thanks to all our churches'  
volunteers**

Our churches are blessed with volunteers who give of their time and skills to enrich our services, maintain and decorate our buildings, and run social events and fundraising activities.

*For every task done with care and devotion, however big or small, thank you.* It's a common misconception that our parish churches are financed by the government or the Church of England. This is not so - in fact we are entirely dependent on local people supporting us with generous regular giving and support of fundraising events. Our PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) are dedicated to keeping our church buildings in shape and our church community life in good heart.

**To find out more about this side of our church life, all are welcome to come to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) Monday 20 April, 5.45 Clapham Church, Tuesday 21 April, 7.00 Austwick Church.**

If you're signed up on the parish's Electoral Roll then you can vote at our APCMs: if you'd like to join the Electoral Roll please contact me.

*Revd John*

**Everybody's welcome to the  
AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday April 22nd  
Austwick Parish Hall, 2.00-3.30**

**Jo Rhodes: Public living rooms  
and why they are different**

*All about Settle Community and Business Hub*