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"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'"

No.302. 5 April 2026, Easter Day

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion;
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion; **4.00 Keasden** Easter Service / Egg Hunt

All the details for today's services are in the Easter Sunday Service Booklets

The Gospel of the Resurrection: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; **12** and she saw two
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Albert Edelfelt - Christ and Mary Magdalene, 1890

angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13** They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ **14** When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me

where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ **16** Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Acts 10.34–43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. **37** That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: **38** how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; **40** but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who

were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Hymns in our Easter Day Services

9.30 Austwick, 9.30 Eldroth, 11.00 Clapham:

Opening hymn: 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

Gradual hymn: 117 The day of Resurrection!

Hymn before Communion: 86 My song is love unknown (4 verses - v.1, 2, 3, 7)

Closing hymn: 120 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

4.00 at Keasden:

Opening hymn: 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

Closing hymn: 120 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

Mary thought he was the gardener

Mary thought he was the gardener - and so, we could say, he *was*. The gardener, the farmer, the worker of the land. We could say that from the beginning of creation Jesus had been preparing the earth, and tending its fruits, all in preparation for the day of resurrection. All to provide us with the means for *our* celebration of that glorious day.

The earth is ploughed, the ground prepared:
The prophets spoke his word.



The seed is sown:
A star shines bright across the earth.

The shoots of new life appear:
Jesus, our Lord, is born.

The stem grows strong and tall:
The Son proclaims the Father's love.



The grain swells and ripens:
As miracles of love he performs.



The wheat is cut down:
Jesus, Christ, is crucified.

The grain is stored:
In the tomb he lies dead and buried.

The grain is made bread, the grapes made wine:
His body and blood to us are offered.



"Eat, drink, in remembrance of me" -
Jesus Christ lives today!

**Our Church Services
from Easter
to Pentecost**

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

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

**THE VALUES CRISIS:
A YORKSHIRE CONFERENCE**

Saturday 11 April, 11.00 - 4.00

St John's Methodist Church, Settle

Can we create a just, sustainable world, starting locally? Can 'better values' spread from the grassroots up? A day for visioning community.

Do you feel cynical and powerless in the face of the inaction among our national and global political, spiritual and business leaders on the big issues - climate breakdown, inequalities, injustices, the refugee crisis, and all the other linked crises we face? Are you asking what has happened to ethical values?

Reaching out to the Yorkshire region, the day will start by seeking consensus views on values, then ask whether we can influence the civic values of our local communities. Can we put things right - here?

The conference has drawn inspiration from the "signpost to hope" of photographer Nudrat Afza's 'Kehillah' exhibition (open daily in Settle's Quaker Meeting House until 12th April). Afza's images record an ideal of co-operation and friendship between Muslims and Jews in a deprived community in Bradford. *What do we want our community to look like, two decades from now? Will it be eco-friendly? Will it be tolerant and equal? How can we achieve sustainability, and build relationships across difference?*

The day will be led by professional facilitators provided by Settle's Quaker Meeting who are hosting this event in co-operation with Action on Climate Emergency and other community groups.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL (We need to know numbers thanks!) at bit.ly/thevaluescrisis.

**Come to our Annual Parochial
Church Meetings (APCMs)**

Monday 20 April, 5.45 Clapham Church

Tuesday 21 April, 7.00 Austwick Church

**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