

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

No. 305. Sundays 26 April and 3 May 2026

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter, 26 April 2026

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion;  
**6.00 Keasden** Spring Saunter

### Acts 2.42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and

goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought

out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very

truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### MUSIC IN TODAY'S MORNING SERVICES: 26 APRIL

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

*Gradual Hymn (Psalm Hymn):* **459** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want

*Hymn Before Communion:* **282** Faithful Shepherd, feed me

*Closing Hymn:* **408** Love divine, all loves excelling

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter, 3 May 2026

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Holy Communion;

6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

### Acts 7.55–60

55 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of

the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

2 Incline your ear to me;

**make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold;

**guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.**

4 Take me out of the net

that they have laid secretly for me,

**for you are my strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,

**for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.**

15 'My times are in your hand;

**deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,

**and save me for your mercy's sake.' Amen**

### John 14.1–14

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place

for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to

him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and

we will be satisfied.' 9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I

say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also

do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

### **Collect**

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **MUSIC IN TODAY'S MORNING SERVICES: 3 MAY**

### **All hymns and songs from Parish Praise**

*Opening Hymn: 22* Name of all majesty

*Gradual Hymn: 28* What a friend we have in Jesus

*Hymn Before Communion: 19* In heavenly love abiding

*Closing Hymn: 6* Christ triumphant, ever reigning



### **Bishop Anna at Deanery Synod: you are invited!**

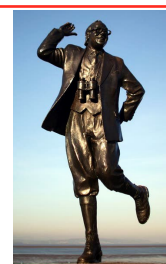
Come and meet Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, the Bishop of Ripon, at our next Deanery Synod meeting, Tuesday 12 May, 7.00pm at Settle Parish Church. All are welcome to attend (as is the case for all Deanery Synod meetings).

### **Afternoon Fellowship: A day at the seaside**

#### **Wednesday May 27th**

A day trip to Morecambe, by train or bus.

for details please contact the Afternoon Fellowship secretary  
Catherine Menday, 01524 251787, catherine\_menday@yahoo.co.uk



## All our Church Services in the coming weeks

### 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

*(NB: there is no service at Keasden today)*

### Thursday 14 May **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

*(Time TBC)* **Keasden** Lambing Service

### 31 May **Trinity Sunday**

**10.30 Eldroth** Benefice Holy Communion *(Revd Steve Rathbone)*

**7.00 New Inn Church** in the Pub *(TBC)*

### 7 June **First Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

### 14 June **Second after Trinity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**Also, each Wednesday,**

**10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer)*

## Cate's Swimming Windermere!

### SPONSOR CATE ON THE GREAT NORTH SWIM

On Saturday 13th June Cate Muckersie will attempt to swim a mile on Windermere in the Great North Swim

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