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"Holy Father, protect them in your name, so that they may be one, as we are one"

No.307 The Sunday after Ascension, 17 May 2026

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Easy Church,

6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

Acts 1.6–14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they

were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called

Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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This year's Christian Aid appeal focusses on the work of Beacon of Hope, a Christian Aid funded project in Dagoretti, Nairobi, Kenya, that is training new urban farmers to cultivate produce in small spaces. Pictured here is Fridah Moraa, tending her small city plot, tucked away at the end of an alley by her home in Dagoretti. Fridah is under constant pressure to earn money each day. A recently widowed grandmother, she is now the sole provider for her family. Rent, school fees, water and food all depend on what she can earn. In her small plot, Fridah is growing kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables, some to feed her family, and some to sell at her market stall. 'I am proud to eat what I've produced. This is my own work,' she says, having gained both practical skills and confidence. Your kind donations to Christian Aid can be given to Clapham Village Store or to Revd John; or online at <https://give.christianaid.org.uk>.



John 17.1–11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your

word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Psalm 68.1–10, 32–35

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,

but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
**you refreshed your inheritance
when it was weary.**

10 Your people came to dwell there;
**in your goodness, O God,
you provide for the poor. Amen**



Pictures from a Christian Aid (Ireland and Kenya) visit with Beacon of Hope, Kenya, last October. "In Dagoretti, farmers showcased innovative food production and value addition, proving that resilience can thrive even in urban spaces."



Collect

God our redeemer,
you have O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven: we beseech you,
leave us not comfortless, but send your
Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt
us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before, 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, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into
all the world to preach the gospel of
his kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

We can stand with Kenyans like Fridah to build hope and a better future by calling for the UK Government to take action for debt justice. Find out more at caid.org.uk/restore.

In our prayers:

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, The Right Revd Nathan Ingen.
Christian Aid: working with the *Beacon of Hope* farming project, Dagoretti, Kenya, and campaigning for debt justice for Kenya and other nations of the global south.
Remembering: Revd Graham Betteridge.

MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES: 17 MAY

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

Opening hymn: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise (verses 1,2,6,7)

Gradual hymn: 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Hymn before Communion: 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Closing Hymn: 332 All hail the power of Jesus' name (verses 1,6,7)

6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

Opening hymn: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise (verses 1,2,6,7)

Closing Hymn: 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Events Coming Up this Month

Monday 25 May. Austwick Cuckoo Fair and Street

Market. Look out for the flower festival in Austwick Church, the Afternoon Fellowship stall in the Parish Hall, activities and refreshments in Austwick School, and our usual Church bookstall... with additional special features this year!

Wednesday 27 May. Afternoon Fellowship:

A day trip to Morecambe. For details please contact Catherine Munday, 01524 251787, catherine_munday@yahoo.co.uk.

Saturday 30 May. 10.00-12.00 *Hope for Tomorrow* Coffee Morning in Newby

On the Green and in the Chapel. Bacon Butties; Bring a Cake, Buy a Cake. Raising money for *Hope for Tomorrow*, a charity providing purpose-built mobile cancer care units for NHS trusts to use in rural and under-served communities across England, bringing cancer care closer to where patients work and live. You may have seen their bus in Booth's car park in Settle. By providing care closer to home, patients benefit from a treatment plan that fits around their lives, giving the gift of time to do the things that matter most with loved ones.



All our Church Services in the coming weeks

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

6.30 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

21 June **Third after Trinity**

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Easy Church

6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

28 June **Fourth after Trinity**

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

6.30 Keasden Beer and Hymns

5 July **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

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

Cate is fundraising in support of essential repair works on Austwick Church. Your sponsorship will help guarantee the future of this important community building.



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