

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

*"When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth"*

**No.308. Pentecost, 24 May 2026**

**9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Holy Communion;**

**6.30 Keasden Lambing Service**

## **Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about

God's deeds of power.' 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you

suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit and they shall prophesy. 19 And I

will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."



## **John 20.19-23**

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.'

## **Psalm 104.26-37**

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all:

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
**and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.**

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
**which you have made to play in the deep.**

29 All of these look to you  
**to give them their food in due season.**

30 When you give it them, they gather it  
**you open your hand and they are filled with good.**

31 When you hide your face they are troubled  
when you take away their breath,  
**they die and return again to the dust.**

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
**and you renew the face of the earth.**

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever  
**may the Lord rejoice in his works**

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles  
**he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live  
**I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

36 So shall my song please him  
**while I rejoice in the Lord.**

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
**and the wicked be no more.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia. Amen**

**Prayers:** *please join in the response:*

Lord, come to bless us: **and fill us with your Spirit.**

*The World Council of Churches. The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.*

**In our community:** *Our temporary residents, including Gypsies, Travellers and Roma.*

### **Collect**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire,  
strengthen your children with the gift  
of faith, revive your Church with the  
breath of love, and renew the face of  
the earth, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises  
of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **MUSIC IN OUR MORNING SERVICES: Sunday 24th May, Pentecost**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion | **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

*Opening Hymn: 237* Morning has broken

*Gradual Hymn: 419* O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

*Hymn Before Communion: 137* Come down, O Love divine

*Closing Hymn:* Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (*Words below*)

### **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**2** Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

**3** In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

**4** Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

**5** Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## Our Churches Events in the Coming Weeks



**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.** Details: please contact Catherine Menday, 01524 251787, catherine\_menday@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. Supporting *Hope for Tomorrow*, which provides mobile cancer care units for NHS trusts to use in rural and under-served communities.



**Saturday 13 June. Cate Muckersie's sponsored swim: a mile on Lake**

**Windermere.** Taking part in The Great North Swim, Cate is fundraising in support of essential repair works on Austwick Church. Please sponsor her! You can sign up on sponsor forms in Church or Cross Leigh Stores, via Cate, 07791 956304 / muckersiec@gmail.com, or directly online at [bit.ly/mygift-austwickchurch](http://bit.ly/mygift-austwickchurch). Thank you!



**Saturday 13 June. 7.30. Benjamin Saunders: Music For a Summer's Evening. St James' Church, Clapham.**

Acclaimed local organist and accordionist. Tickets £10 (children free) from Clapham Village Store, Sue Mann 015242 51792, and at the door. Bar / Refreshments.

**Saturday 27 June. 2.00-5.00 Austwick Summer Garden Party. Beck House, Graystonber Lane.** Gwen and Graham Cleverly are kindly hosting this event for all the village: tea and cakes, free admission, donations invited in support of Austwick Church.

## All our Church Services in the Coming Weeks

**31 May Trinity Sunday**

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

**7.00 New Inn** Church in the Pub

**21 June Third after Trinity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church

**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**7 June First Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

**28 June Fourth after Trinity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**6.30 Keasden** Beer and Hymns

**14 June Second after Trinity**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**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 (BCP)