

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

*"Thanks be to God that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness"*

**No.313. The Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 28 June 2026**  
**9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Holy Communion**  
**7.00 Keasden Beer & Hymns**

## **Romans 6.12-23**

12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are

not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of

righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22

But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Statue depicting a slave breaking his chains. Getty Images: Philippe Lissac

### Psalm 13

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever?

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

2 How long shall I have anguish in my soul  
and grief in my heart, day after day?

**How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

3 Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God;  
**lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

4 Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,'  
**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

5 But I put my trust in your steadfast love;  
**my heart will rejoice in your salvation.**

6 I will sing to the Lord,  
**for he has dealt so bountifully with me. Amen**

### Matthew 10.40–42

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the

name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

### Prayers

*The Church of Southern Africa. Those to be ordained Deacon at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday 4 July. Those campaigning to bring an end to modern slavery. Those who have died: Darren North, Andrew Talbot.*

### Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **MUSIC IN TODAY'S MORNING SERVICES: Sunday 28th June**

**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion

**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**Opening hymn: 433** O worship the King, all glorious above

**Gradual hymn: 6** Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes

**Hymn before Communion:** Freedom and life are ours (See words on page 3)

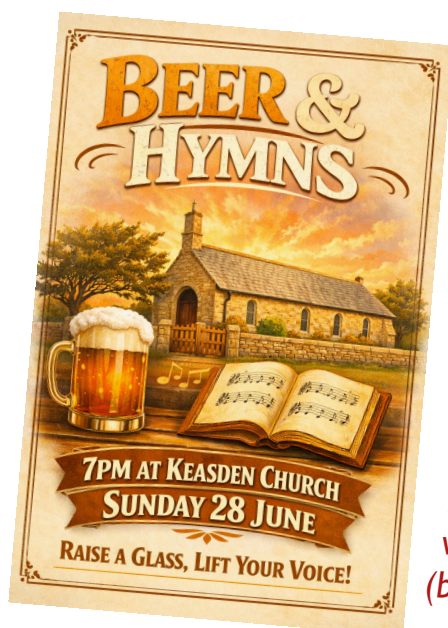
**Closing hymn: 321** Go forth for God

**Freedom and life are ours**  
for Christ has set us free!  
Never again submit to powers  
that lead to slavery:  
Christ is the Lord who breaks  
our chains, our bondage ends;  
Christ is the rescuer who makes  
the helpless slaves his friends.

**2.** Called by the Lord to use  
our freedom and be strong,  
not letting liberty excuse  
a life of blatant wrong:  
freed from the law's stern hand  
God's gift of grace to prove,  
know that the law's entire demand  
is gladly met by love.

**3.** Spirit of God, come, fill,  
emancipate us all!  
speak to us, Word of truth, until  
before his throne we fall:  
glory and liberty  
our Father has decreed,  
and if the Son shall make us free  
we shall be free indeed!

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## **Go Down, Moses**

*Traditional African American spiritual*

When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
Let My people go!  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let My people go!

*Go down, Moses,  
Way down in Egypt's land;  
Tell old Pharaoh  
To let My people go!*

No more shall they in bondage toil,  
Let My people go!  
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,  
Let My people go!

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
Let My people go!  
And let us all in Christ be free,  
Let My people go!

You need not always weep and mourn,  
Let My people go!  
And wear these slav'ry chains forlorn,  
Let My people go!

Your foes shall not before you stand,  
Let My people go!  
And you'll possess fair Canaan's land,  
Let My people go!

**Today's sermon features extracts  
from a performance of *Go Down,  
Moses* by The Fisk Jubilee Singers,  
from *Song of America*, 2007.**

The original Fisk Jubilee Singers, a choir of ex-slaves, raising funds to build Fisk University, America's first black university, toured America from 1871, suffering discrimination and hardship. They came to England, were treated with respect and sang to Queen Victoria and Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone. Spirituals are folk songs which invite us to acknowledge the suffering, and to be inspired by the faith, of those who sang them first.

**Everybody's invited to "Beer & Hymns"  
at Keasden Church, 7.00 TONIGHT.**

*A 'happy hour' for you to have a good sing in good company,  
with plenty of time to talk, a range of refreshments available  
(beers, wines, soft drinks), and some snacks for your enjoyment.*

## All our Church Services this Summer

**28 June *Fourth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**7.00 Keasden** Beer & Hymns

**5 July *Fifth Sunday after Trinity***  
**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

**12 July *Sixth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**19 July *Seventh after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church  
**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**26 July *Eighth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

**2 August *Ninth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Eldroth** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**6.30 Newby Chapel** Evening Easy Church

**9 August *Tenth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

**16 August *Eleventh after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Easy Church  
**6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer

**23 August *Twelfth after Trinity***  
**9.30 Austwick** Holy Communion  
**11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion  
**3.30 Keasden** Summer Walk

**30 August *Thirteenth of Trinity***  
**10.30 Keasden** Benefice Holy Communion  
**(TBC) New Inn** Church in the Pub

**Also, each Wednesday, 10.30 Austwick** Holy Communion (BCP)

## Coming Soon for Your Summer Enjoyment

**Saturday 4 July. Eldroth Cream Teas. 2.00-4.00.**

**Eldroth Church and lawn.** Everybody's welcome to this popular Eldroth occasion.

**Sunday 12 July. Afternoon Teas in Austwick Church.**

**2.00-4.00.** Please pop in for tea, cake and conversation.

**Saturday 25 July. Clapham and Keasden Parish Fete.**

**10.30-2.30. Clapham Church and Churchyard.**

Something for everyone, including **Teddy Zip Wire**, Crafts and other stalls, Face Painting, Tombola, Raffle, Bacon Butties, Cakes and Teas. Admission free.

**Grand Raffle Draw** at 1.15; **Duck Race** at 2.00.

