

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

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice'. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners"

No.310. The First Sunday after Trinity, 7 June 2026

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Holy Communion;

6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

Romans 4.13–25

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, **17** as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **18** Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' **19** He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or

when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **20** No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. **22** Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' **23** Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, **25** who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



The infographic features a central illustration of Saint Matthew, a bearded man in a green and white robe, holding a book. A red banner below him reads "SAINT MATTHEW". Four dashed arrows point from this central figure to four surrounding icons, each with a descriptive text box:

- Tax Collector**: *in Capernaum, known as Levi. He gathered taxes on goods, as well as toll from those who arrived in that city.* (Icon: a stack of gold coins)
- Patron Saint**: *of civil servants, accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, and tax collectors.* (Icon: a man in a suit at a desk)
- Winged Man**: *came to represent St. Matthew, because his gospel stresses Jesus' human (man) and divine (wings) nature.* (Icon: an angel with wings and a scroll labeled "ST. MATTHEW")
- Salerno Cathedral**: *is a church in southern Italy dedicated to St. Matthew and where his remains are believed to be kept.* (Icon: a church building)
- Evangelist**: *who wrote, one of the synoptic gospels. His gospel, written in Greek, aimed to help people understand that Jesus is the Messiah.* (Icon: an open scroll)

Image: Opus Dei

Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'

12 But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the r i g h t e o u s but sinners.'

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' **19** And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, **21** for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' **22** Jesus turned, and

seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. **23** When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, **24** he said, 'Go away; for

the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. **25** But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. **26** And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Psalm 33.1-12

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
for it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the lyre;
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

3 Sing for him a new song;
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

4 For the word of the Lord is true
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice;
**the earth is full of the loving-kindness
of the Lord.**

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made
**and all their host by the breath
of his mouth.**

7 He gathers up the waters of the sea
as in a water-skin
and lays up the deep in his treasury.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
**stand in awe of him,
all who dwell in the world.**

9 For he spoke, and it was done;
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the counsel
of the nations to naught;
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.

11 But the counsel of the Lord
shall endure for ever
**and the designs of his heart
from generation to generation.**

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own.

Amen

Prayers

The Scottish Episcopal Church. Those who have died: Cath Nowell

MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES: Sunday 7th June

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

Opening hymn: 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Gradual hymn: (On sheet) Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymn before Communion: (On sheet) Do not be afraid

Closing hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

A Lovely Lambing Service.. and Austwick Cuckoo Fair

The weather couldn't have been better for this year's Lambing Service at Keasden Church at the end of May. As promised we welcomed members of 1st Clapham & Austwick Brownies & Guides (pictured) who joined in by reading a poem and presented a crook and a sheep's fleece to be blessed. They also introduced their "Protect the Peaks" campaign, encouraging everyone who enjoys the Yorkshire Dales to pledge to: Take your litter home; Help protect wildlife and farm animals; Reuse and recycle where possible; and Encourage others to do the same. (You can sign their pledge online here: www.tinyurl.com/protectthepeaks). Local vet Andy Linney and his daughter Rosie also gave an interesting talk about life on their farm:



thanks to everyone who came, contributed, and supported the evening. Keasden Church's next special event is **Beer and Hymns, 7.00 on Sunday 27 June:** all are welcome for a sing, a chat, and refreshments (varieties of drinks are available!)

The same weekend as the Lambing Service, Austwick Church hosted a successful flower festival on a Wizard of Oz theme. Thanks to all involved, particularly Carol Wilkinson for organising it and hosting refreshments

throughout the weekend - especially on a very busy Bank Holiday Monday when the church was popular with people coming in to cool down from the heat outside! Thanks also to those who ran so well the Church book and jams stall and the Afternoon Fellowship stall.

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our Churches Events in the Coming Weeks

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. 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.

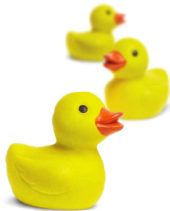
Saturday 27 June. 2.00-5.00. Austwick Summer Garden Party. Beck House,

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.

Saturday 4 July. 2.00-4.00. Eldroth Cream Teas. Eldroth Church and lawn.

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.



All our Church Services in the Coming Weeks

7 June *First Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

5 July *Fifth 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

12 July *Sixth 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

19 July *Seventh 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
7.00 Keasden Beer and Hymns

26 July *Eighth after Trinity*

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

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