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All our Summer and Autumn Church Services

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
12.30 Austwick *The Baptism of Edith Margaret Huck*

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 after Trinity*
10.30 Keasden Benefice Holy Communion
7.00 Keasden Harvest-time Beer and Hymns - 'Pub in the Church'

6 September *Fourteenth after Trinity*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

13 September *Fifteenth after Trinity*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion

20 September *Sixteenth after Trinity*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Easy Church
1.00 Eldroth *The Baptisms of Stanley Robert and Finley Edward John Harrison*
6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

Thursday 24 September
Keasden *The Marriage of Leah Duncan and Samuel Antony Mitton*

27 September *Seventeenth of Trinity*
10.30 Clapham Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Anna:
a Harvest of Creativity
7.00 Keasden Harvest Festival

4 October *Eighteenth after Trinity*
9.30 Eldroth Harvest Festival
6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

11 October *Nineteenth after Trinity*
9.30 Austwick Harvest Festival
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion
Newby Chapel Harvest Festival

18 October *Twentieth after Trinity*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Easy Church
6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

25 October *Last Sunday after Trinity*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 Keasden Saints, Sausages and Sparklers

PLEASE NOTE that between 22 July and 19 August (inclusive)
there will be no Wednesday morning Communion Services.

Wednesdays from 26th August: 10.30 Austwick Holy Communion (BCP)

Romans 8.12–25

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

24 Jesus put before his disciples another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” 28 He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” 29

But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ 37 He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds

are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life, ever giving himself that
the world may live: may we so receive
within ourselves the power of his death
and passion that, in his saving cup, we may
share his glory and be made perfect in his
love; for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 139.1–11, 23, 24

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me
and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and examine my thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen

Music in Today's Services: Sunday 19 July

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion (* also sung at **6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer)

Opening hymn: 397 Let us, with a gladsome mind*

Gradual Hymn: 407 Lord, thy word abideth

Hymn before Communion: 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Closing hymn: 417 O God, our help in ages past*

Romans 8.26–end

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not

with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a

field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and

separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52 And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Psalm 128

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.
- 3 Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine;
**your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.**
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest
who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
**that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.**
- 6 May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel. Amen

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever, we may be preserved
in body and soul; through our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit; may the eyes
which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope; and may the
bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Music in Today's Services: Sunday 26 July

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

Opening hymn: 457 The King of Love my Shepherd is

Gradual hymn: 341 Blest are the pure in heart

Music before Communion: 297 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Closing hymn: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Why we're reflecting on *All Things Bright and Beautiful* this Summer

The naturalist David Attenborough has said about humans that "We moved from being a part of nature to being apart from nature." "The truth is," he said, "the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it." Saving the planet, taught Attenborough, means saving ourselves. "Laid upon us, whether we like it or not, is an awesome responsibility," he said. "In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the earth." Christians take that responsibility to heart by celebrating our love for God's world in all its beautiful complexity. A very good way we love to do this is in song. That's why we're reflecting on some of the well-loved lines in *All Things Bright and Beautiful* in our services this Summer.

Romans 9.1–5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong

the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13–21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted

place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' 16Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' 17They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' 18And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the

grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Psalm 17.1–7, 16

1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.

3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

16 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness;
**when I awake and behold your likeness,
I shall be satisfied. Amen**

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace, gather people of
every race and language to share in the
eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Music in Today's Morning Services: Sunday 2 August

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

Opening hymn: 433 O worship the King all glorious above (verses 1,2,3,6)

Gradual hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth

Hymn before Communion: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Closing hymn: 368 Guide me, O Thou great redeemer

Receiving the wine from the chalice: to dip or to sip?

We have received a reminder that the Diocese recommend that we no longer receive the wine by 'intinction' - that is, by dipping the wafer into the wine in the chalice.

This is a practice which was permitted during the Covid pandemic but there are health concerns about it. It risks contamination of the sacrament with germs or bacteria: fingers may come into contact with the consecrated wine, which can transfer germs and bacteria from the hands, via the bread, into the chalice; and it risks contamination of the sacrament with crumbs: even small particles of the consecrated bread left in the chalice can be dangerous for those with coeliac disease or severe gluten intolerance. Whilst 'dipping' is deemed to be unhealthy, 'sipping' from a chalice which is then wiped clean, has been shown to have negligible health risks.

Before leaving his post as Bishop of Leeds Rt Revd Nick Baines wrote, "I need to be clear that the wine in the Eucharist must be administered from the common cup. Intinction - sometimes permitted during the Covid pandemic - is not allowed. If people in your churches do not want to take wine from the common cup, they can take the bread only and be assured that this constitutes Holy Communion/full sacramental reception." This statement has since been affirmed by our Bishop of Ripon, Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, who is keen that churches change their practices if necessary. In light of this, I am asking if 'intinction' (dipping) has become your practice if you would please consider changing to instead take wine from the common cup, or to take the bread only. We would never deny anyone communion taken in whatever form you prefer, but ask you to please give thought to these health concerns out of consideration for other communicants. I'm happy, of course, to talk through with you any concerns you may have about it. *Revd John*



Romans 10.5–15

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' 6But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 7'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth

and so is saved. 11The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Psalm 105.1–6, 16–22, 45b

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

16 Then he called down famine over the land
and broke every staff of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They shackled his feet with fetters;
his neck was ringed with iron.

19 Until all he foretold came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of peoples set him free.

21 He appointed him lord of his household
and ruler of all he possessed,

22 To instruct his princes as he willed
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

45 That they might keep his statutes
and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia. Amen

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, 16 August 2026
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Easy Church,
6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

Matthew 14.22–33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29 He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants; and that they may obtain their
petitions make them to ask such things as
shall please you; 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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in
you: look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Music in Today's Services: Sunday 9 August

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion, **11.00 Keasden** Holy Communion

Opening hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth

Gradual hymn: 374 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Hymn before Communion: 397 Let us, with a gladsome mind

Closing hymn: 361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

*Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.*

*Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and
pray*

*For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!*

Rudyard Kipling. Picture: Caroline Tatham



Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to

God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
3 Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore. Amen

Matthew 15.10–28

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without

understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'

²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power

most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, 23 August 2026
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion, **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion
3.30 Keasden Summer Walk

mercifully grant to us such a measure of
your grace, that we, running the way of
your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly
treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away
our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the
foundation of the gospel and preserve us
from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Music in Today's Services: Sunday 16 August

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

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

Gradual hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Music before Communion: 469 To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love

Closing hymn: 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

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

“A tree grows, bears fruit—then, after a certain time, it no longer grows, it loses its leaves, its branches wither. What happens? Why is the energy checked? Because it did not sink deep enough roots into the earth on which it stands. Anyone who has to do with trees knows what I mean. The same thing - I thought to myself - has happened with us humans. Humanity has not had deep enough roots. It has not found sustenance and fresh impetus, because the ethical code on which it was based was too narrow and did not have a deep foundation. It has concerned itself only with human beings. It has given only a passing nod to our relationship with other living creatures, looking upon it as a nice bit of sentimentality, quite innocuous but of no great significance. But it did have significance. For only if we have an ethical attitude in our thinking about all living creatures does our humanity have deep roots and a rich flowering that cannot wither.” Albert Schweitzer, 1875-1965



Closing hymn: 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Psalm 124

1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us alive
when their anger burned against us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul;
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

5 But blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6 Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

7 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth. Amen

Matthew 16.13–20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter

answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not

prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray and to give more than either
we desire or deserve: pour down upon us
the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid and giving us those
good things which we are not worthy to
ask but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our
sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ may bring that healing to this
broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Music in Today's Services: Sunday 23 August

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

Opening hymn: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Gradual hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Music before Communion: 431 O Thou who camest from above

Closing hymn: Lord, for the years (*words below*)

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926-2024

Tune: Michael Baughen, b.1930

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, 30 August 2026

10.30 Keasden Benefice Holy Communion,

7.00 Clapham New Inn Church in the Pub

Romans 12.9–end

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you

are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' 20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Psalm 105.1–6, 23–26, 45b

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

23 Then Israel came into Egypt;
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them too many for their adversaries,

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people
and dealt craftily with his servants.

26 Then sent he Moses his servant
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 That they might keep his statutes
and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia. Amen

Matthew 16.21–end

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me,

Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will

it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself: help us to proclaim the
good news of your love, that all who hear
it may be drawn to you; through him who
was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage until we come to that
place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Music in Today's Service: Sunday 30 August

10.30 Keasden Benefice Holy Communion

Opening hymn: 237 Morning Has Broken

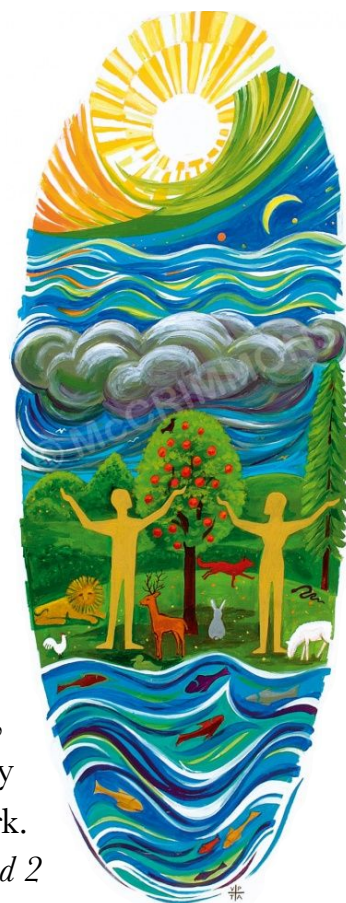
Gradual hymn: 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Music before Communion: 294 Just as I am

Closing hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded

God saw all that he had made
And it was very good.
On the sixth day God completed all his work,
Heaven and earth with all their mighty throng,
And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy
Because on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

Genesis Chapters 1 and 2



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Brian Christian:
**Getting to know the grey ghosts
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Austwick Church, 2.00 - 3.30pm

**Matthew Walsh (Baritone),
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