

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

No.319. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 20 September 2026

All our Autumn Church Services

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

11.30 Keasden *The Marriage of Leah Duncan and Samuel Antony Mitton*

27 September *Seventeenth of Trinity*

10.30 Clapham A Harvest of Creativity:

Benefice service with Bishop Anna

7.00 Keasden Harvest Festival

Tuesday 6 October

2.30 Austwick School 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 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 and Sparklers

1 November *All Saints' Sunday*

9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

4.00 Austwick All Saints Service

6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

8 November *Remembrance Sunday*

9.30 Austwick Remembrance / HC

10.45 Clapham Remembrance / HC

2.00 Keasden Remembrance

Also, Wednesdays at 10.30:
Austwick Holy Communion (BCP)

Thought for the Week

“Today perhaps more than in the past, people are realising that they are linked together by a common destiny, which is to be constructed together, if catastrophe for all is to be avoided.

“From the depth of anguish, fear and [escapism], the idea is slowly emerging that the good to which we are all called and the happiness to which we aspire cannot be obtained without an effort and commitment on the part of all, nobody excluded, and the consequent renouncing of personal selfishness.”

Pope John Paul II, Encyclical

‘Sollicitudo Rei Socialis’, 30 Dec 1987

Afternoon Teas in Austwick Church - this week in aid of Dementia UK



Sunday
20th September
2.00-4.30

**Please pop in for tea,
cake and conversation.**

Philippians 1.21–30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel

of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Psalm 105.1–6, 37–45

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.

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold;
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing,
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails;
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

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

Matthew 20.1–16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; 4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to

them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" 7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." 8 'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled

against the landowner, 12 saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." 13 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

In our prayers:

The Anglican Church of Australia; those being confirmed at Hellifield this weekend. Our baptismal brothers Stanley and Finley Harrison; Leah Duncan and Sam Mitton, marrying at Keasden this week. Mark Foulds and Jack Taylor. Carol Capstick.

Hymns in Today's Services: Sunday 20 September

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **6.30 Eldroth** Evening Prayer (*)

Opening Hymn 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Gradual Hymn 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hymn before Communion 272 All for Jesus! all for Jesus!

Closing Hymn 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus*



**Sunday 27th September
St James' Church, Clapham**

**Clapham celebrates autumn
and the Harvest season**

See the fruit of our community's creative talents in displays of art and craft and the work of local groups and businesses in St James Church. The work is on show for you to enjoy, along with refreshments, in church on Sunday 27th September from 1.00pm.

**Benefice Celebration Service with
Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon**

Sunday 27th September, St James' Church, Clapham, 10.30am

A service for all our churches together, designed for everybody, celebrating harvest-time and our community's life and creativity. Please come and join us.

**Everybody's welcome to the
Afternoon Fellowship**

Wednesday 23rd September

Visit to Church of St Alkelda,

Giggleswick, 2.00-3.30pm

With a tour by Revd Julie

Clarkson, vicar of Giggleswick

Wednesday 28th October

Austwick Parish Hall,

2.00-3.30pm

John Dawson: My family farm

Each afternoon will include
refreshments: Come along; bring a
friend; meet new friends!

Keep these Dates!

More details will follow...

Tuesday 6 October, 7.00pm

**Eldroth's Harvest Dominoes
and Light Supper**

Eldroth Church

Sunday 11 October, 6.00pm

Austwick Harvest Supper

Austwick Parish Hall

Saturday 7 November, 2.00-4.00pm

Austwick Autumn Fair

Austwick Parish Hall

Saturday 7 November, 7.00pm

Keasden's Domino Drive

Eldroth Village Hall

Saturday 21 November, 6.00pm

Beetle Drive

Clapham Village Hall

Saturday 28 November, 10.00-12.00

Coffee Morning

Clapham Village Hall