

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

No.320. Harvest Festival Season 27 September - 11 October 2026

All our Autumn Church Services

27 September *Seventeenth of Trinity*

10.30 Clapham A Harvest of Creativity:

Benefice service with Bishop Anna

7.00 Keasden Harvest Festival

4 October *Eighteenth after Trinity*

9.30 Eldroth Harvest Festival

6.30 Newby Chapel Evening Easy Church

Tuesday 6 October

2.30 Austwick School Harvest Festival

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

15 November *2 before Advent*

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Easy Church

6.30 Eldroth Taizé service

22 November *Christ the King*

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

Also, Wednesdays at 10.30:

Austwick Holy Communion (BCP)

Thought for the Harvest Season



*George Vicat Cole,
Harvest Time Near Holmbury Hill, Surrey, 1865*

“We know that when plants put roots into the soil, their roots do not simply suck water and nutrients out. They share. They build community. They put out sugars, proteins and carbohydrates — ‘cakes and cookies’ — that gather and feed a communion of microfauna, whose activities hold and return nutrients that the plants themselves cannot make, at just the rate and amount that they require. The most important thing in good soil is not nutrition, but biology. Or, to say the same thing: the richness known to plants is not an abundance of stuff, but an abundance of relationship.” *Marcus Peter Rempel, writer / farmer of South St. Ouen's, Manitoba.*

An abundance of relationship is a Harvest-time theme. For our thankfulness, our satisfaction with the good gifts given to us, our joyful acceptance of the simple things, our generous giving... these are all aspects of the ‘abundance of relationship’ which connects us to others, to the earth and all of life, and to God, who is the generous, gracious, source of it all. *John Davies*

Our Harvest Festival Services begin on Sunday 27 September:
10.30 Clapham A Harvest of Creativity: Benefice Service with Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, and **7.00 Keasden** Harvest Festival

The readings below are for our Harvest Festival Services at Keasden, Eldroth, and Austwick: all details of the Benefice 'Harvest of Creativity' Service at Clapham are in the service booklet, given out in church: please come along to one or more of these special services!

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered

their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.

Because of your generosity in sharing with others, their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12.16-30

Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up

treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you

worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

In our prayers:

The Anglican Churches of Bangladesh (27 Sept), Brazil (4 Oct) and Burundi (11 Oct).

Leah Duncan and Sam Mitton, married at Keasden on 24 September.

Those unwell / undergoing treatment: Mark Foulds and Jack Taylor.

Those who have died: Carol Capstick.

Collect for the Harvest

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth
in their season: grant that we may use
them to your glory, for the relief of
those in need, and for our own well
being; 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

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation and have
shared in the bread and the wine of the
kingdom: by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns in our Harvest Festival Services

at Keasden, Eldroth and Austwick

259 Come, ye thankful people come

262 We plough the fields and scatter

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer (*words below*)

285 For the beauty of the earth

1 Praise and thanksgiving,

Father, we offer,
for all things living
you made so good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labour
we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with you;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.

3 Father, providing
food for your children,
your wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing
with us, creation
may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
your gracious hand.
When your will guides us,
no one will hunger;
your love provides us
fruit for all lands.

*Albert F. Bayly, 1970 / John Davies, 2026.
Tune: BUNESSAN, "Morning has Broken"*

October and November Events

Tuesday 6 October, 7.00pm

Eldroth's Harvest Dominoes and Light Supper
Eldroth Church

Sunday 11 October, 6.45pm for 7.00pm meal

Austwick Harvest Supper with Harvest Auction

Austwick Parish Hall. £12.50 adults and £7.50 children

Supper proceeds to Austwick Church; Auction proceeds to Skipton Foodbank

Wednesday 28th October, 2.00-3.30pm

Afternoon Fellowship: John Dawson, My family farm
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, 10.00am-12.00pm

Coffee Morning
Clapham Village Hall

**Austwick
School
Harvest
Festival
Service
Tuesday 6
October
2.30pm in
church**

AUSTWICK HARVEST SUPPER

Including a Harvest Auction

**Sunday 11th October
Austwick Parish Hall
6.45pm for 7.00pm meal**

A Pie and Pea Supper with a Sweet

**Proceeds
from Supper
to Austwick
Church**

Vegetarian and gluten-free options.
Bring your own drinks and glasses.

£12.50 adults and £7.50 children

Tickets available from Cross Leigh Stores and
Cate Muckersie, 07791956304, muckersiec@gmail.com

**Austwick
Church
Harvest
Festival
Service
Sunday 11
October
9.30am**

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