

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

No.321. 18 October 2026, The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: Luke the Evangelist

All our Church Services from now to the New Year

18 October *Luke the Evangelist*
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 Souls Service
6.30 Newby Chapel Easy Church

8 November *Remembrance Sunday*
9.30 Austwick Remembrance / HC
10.45 Clapham Remembrance / HC
2.00 Keasden Remembrance

11 November *Remembrance Day*
10.45 Austwick Cemetery
Act of Remembrance at the war memorial
with the children of Austwick School

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

29 November *Advent Sunday*
10.30 Austwick Benefice HC
4.00 Keasden Advent Crib Service
TBC Clapham Words and Music for
Advent Sunday: with Cantores Salicium

6 December *Second Sunday of Advent*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
(Rev'd Steve Rathbone)
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion
6.30 Newby Chapel Easy Church

13 December *Third Sunday of Advent*
9.30 Austwick Shorter HC
4.00 Austwick Carol Service
7.00 Clapham Joint Clapham-Newby
Carol Service

Monday 14 December
1.30 Clapham Austwick School
Christingle Service

Thursday 17 December
Keasden Carol Singing
Meet at church at 6.00

20 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
6.30 Eldroth Nativity and Carol Service

Monday 21 December
7.00 Keasden Carols by the Crib

24 December *Christmas Eve*
3.00 Austwick Crib Service
5.00 Clapham Crib Service / Shorter HC
11.30pm Austwick Midnight HC

25 December *Christmas Day*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion

27 December *First Sunday of Christmas*
10.30 Clapham Benefice HC

3 January *Second Sunday of Christmas*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 Newby Chapel Easy Church

10 January 2027 *The Epiphany*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion
11.00 Keasden Holy Communion

Also, every Wednesday* at 10.30:
Austwick Holy Communion (BCP)
*except Wednesdays 11th November,
23rd and 30th December

Luke the Evangelist

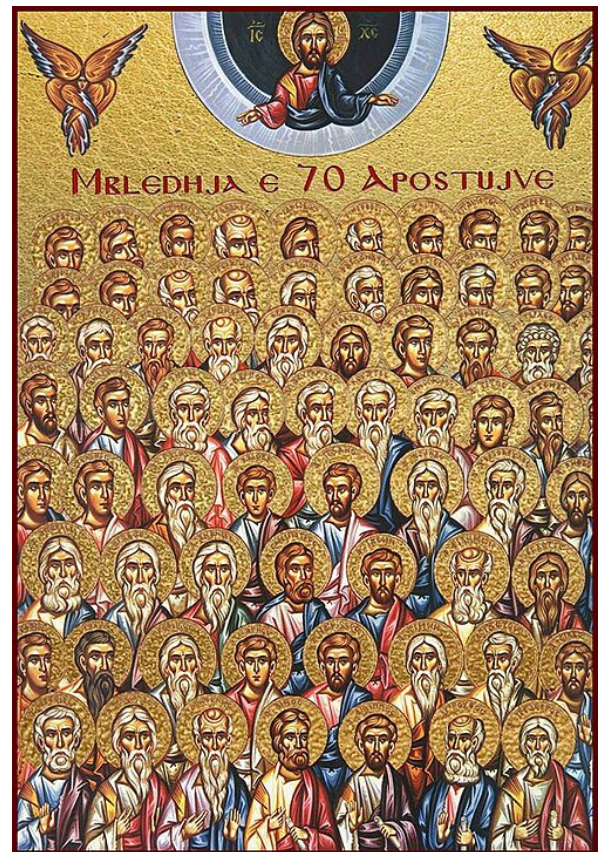
Luke was a dear friend of the apostle Paul, and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' and, in his second Letter to Timothy, as his only companion in prison. He is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament, firstly the gospel which stands in his name and also the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ has a pictorial quality and shows the sequential pattern from the nativity through to the death and resurrection. As a Gentile, Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of gender, social position or nationality. As well as being known as an evangelist, Luke was also a doctor. He is often portrayed in art accompanied by a winged ox or calf, as a man with a book or a pen, or sometimes with a brush or a palette painting an icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the patron saint of artists, notaries, bachelors, physicians, goldsmiths, butchers, brewers, and glass workers, among others.



Luke the Evangelist by Theodorik of Prague, 1360

Isaiah 35.3–6

- 3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless
sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth
in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.



Icon of the Seventy Apostles: was Luke one of them?

Luke 10.1–9

The Lord appointed seventy disciples and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house

you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." '

Psalm 147.1–7

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre. Amen

In our prayers:

The Anglican Church of Canada.

All involved in the medical profession.

In Prisons Week, those who work with prisoners, victims, and staff.

On Poverty Action Sunday: the work of Church Action on Poverty.

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

Those who have died: Frank Carr

Hymns in today's services

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

Opening hymn: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gradual Hymn: 407 Lord, thy word abideth

Hymn before Communion: 137 Come down, O Love divine*

Closing hymn: 420 O Jesus I have promised*

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the
soul: by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine
of the gospel, give your Church the
same love and power to heal; 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, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer and the
breaking of bread, and one in joy and
simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**



Taize Service

A peaceful, prayerful hour.
Eldroth Church
Sunday 15th November
6.30pm.



**A Service of Remembrance
and Thanksgiving**
Austwick Church, 4.00pm
Sunday 1st November

A special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving to remember our loved ones.

It is a simple service of hymns,
prayers and readings which includes
the reading-out of the names of
those you want to remember, and
the lighting of candles in their
memory.

All are welcome.

October and November Events

Wednesday 28th October, 2.00-3.30pm Austwick Parish Hall
Afternoon Fellowship: John Dawson, My family farm

Saturday 7 November, 2.00-4.00pm Austwick Parish Hall
Austwick Autumn Fair

Saturday 7 November, 7.00pm Eldroth Village Hall
Keasden's Domino Drive

Saturday 21 November, 6.00pm Clapham Village Hall
Beetle Drive

Wednesday 25th November, 2.00-3.30pm Austwick Parish Hall
Afternoon Fellowship: Andy Linney, A vet's journey into farming

Saturday 28 November, 10.00am-12.00pm Clapham Village Hall
Coffee Morning