

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

No.322. 25 October 2026, The Last Sunday after Trinity

All our Church Services from now to the New Year

25 October *Last Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

11.00 Clapham Holy Communion

6.30 Keasden Saints and Sparklers



A special service to
remember our loved ones.
Austwick Church, 4.00pm,
Sunday 1st November

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



Taizé Service:

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

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

I Thessalonians 2.1–8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Psalm 90.1–6, 13–17

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say:
‘Turn back, O children of earth.’
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?
Have compassion on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works,
and let your glory be over their children.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
**prosper our handiwork;
O prosper the work of our hands. Amen**

Coming Soon

**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

Matthew 22.34–46

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ 37 He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 This is the greatest and

first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ 43 He said to

them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?’

45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

In our prayers:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Those unwell / undergoing treatment: Mark Foulds; Jack Taylor; Celia Coulterd.

Those who have died: Frank Carr

Hymns in today's services

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Holy Communion

Opening hymn: 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Gradual Hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Hymn before Communion: The one who longs to make us whole
(Words on Page 4)

Closing hymn: For the healing of the nations (Words on Page 4)

**The one who longs
to make us whole**

is waiting to embrace
our broken lives, so we can know
the power of healing grace.

2. God's love surrounds our
suffering,
and keeps us through the night;
God helps us bear our deep
despair
till we see morning light.

3. The one who saves us
from ourselves
is waiting to release
our hearts from chains
of self-reproach,
our failure to find peace.

4. When harmful habits
leave us bruised,
distracted by inner pain,
God comes to us through
trusted friends,
and helps us hope again.

5. The one who understands our
need
accepts us as we are;
and, like a loved one, welcomes
us
when we have wandered far.

6. God never says we come
too late
to be forgiven, free,
but promises we can become
the self we're meant to be.

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Tune: St Magnus (Nottingham - 'The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns')
With thanks to our organist Clive Grey*

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and
goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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