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Sunday 15 November *Second Sunday Before Advent*
9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; **11.00 Clapham** Easy Church;
6.30 Eldroth Taizé Service

ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES TO NEW YEAR

Minister: Revd John Davies unless otherwise stated

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

6 December *Second Sunday of Advent*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
(Revd 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 Church Austwick School Christingle Service: *all welcome*

Thursday 17 December
Keasden Carol Singing
Meet at church at 6.00

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

Monday 21 December
7.00 Keasden Carols by the Crib

Tuesday 22 December
6.30 Community Carol Singing on Newby Green

24 December *Christmas Eve*
3.00 Austwick Crib Service
5.00 Clapham Crib Service / 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

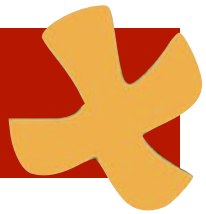
3 January 2027
Second Sunday of Christmas
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00 Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 Newby Chapel Easy Church

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 11 November, 23 and 30 December.*

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1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Psalm 90.1-12

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.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score;
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath
and your indignation like those who fear you?
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Amen

Matthew 25.14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



Prayers

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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

Those who have died: Pam Summers

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Music in Today's Morning Service: 15th November

9.30 Austwick Holy Communion

***First Hymn:* 394** Let all the world in every corner sing

***Gradual Hymn:* 341** Blest are the pure in heart

***Hymn Before Communion:* 339** Be thou my vision

***Closing Hymn:* 413** Now thank we all our God

CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS FOR SALE

Premium Quality Nordmann (non-drop) Trees

PLACE YOUR ORDERS BY 23RD NOVEMBER!

100-125cm	***£ 30.00***
125-150cm	***£ 38.00***
150-175cm	***£ 42.00***
175-200cm	***£ 47.00***
200-225cm	***£ 63.00***
Christmas Wreaths	***£ 25.00***
Christmas Grave Pots: Small	***£ 7.50***
Large	***£ 8.50***

Larger trees available on request.
Trees will be available from early December.
Sold in aid of Austwick Church.

Please place your order with Cate Muckersie by Monday 23rd November

015242 51461; 07791956304; muckersiec@gmail.com

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM ONLINE: bit.ly/TreeOrder-2026



Coming Soon

Saturday 21 November, 6.00
Clapham Village Hall.
Beetle Drive



A ridiculous game for the whole family, all welcome, absolutely no experience necessary!
Tickets available from Clapham Village Store:
£10 per family; £5 individual adults. Wine, beer and soft drinks from the bar. Please bring cash.

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

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