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CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

No 363. Sunday 29 November 2026 *The First Sunday of Advent*
10.30 Austwick Benefice Holy Communion;
4.00 Keasden Advent Starts Here: Travelling Crib Launch Service

ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES TO NEW YEAR

6 December *Second Sunday of Advent*
9.30 Eldroth Holy Communion
(NB No service at Clapham this morning)
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 23 and 30 December.*



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Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and
come down, so that the mountains would
quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries, so that the nations might tremble
at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did
not expect, you came down,
the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us
into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

19 And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Amen**

Mark 13.24-37

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake —for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Prayers

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Those unwell / undergoing treatment: Mark Foulds; Jack Taylor; Celia Coulterd, Doris Smith. *Those who have died:* Pam Summers, Charles Thomas, Margaret Bullock.

Collect

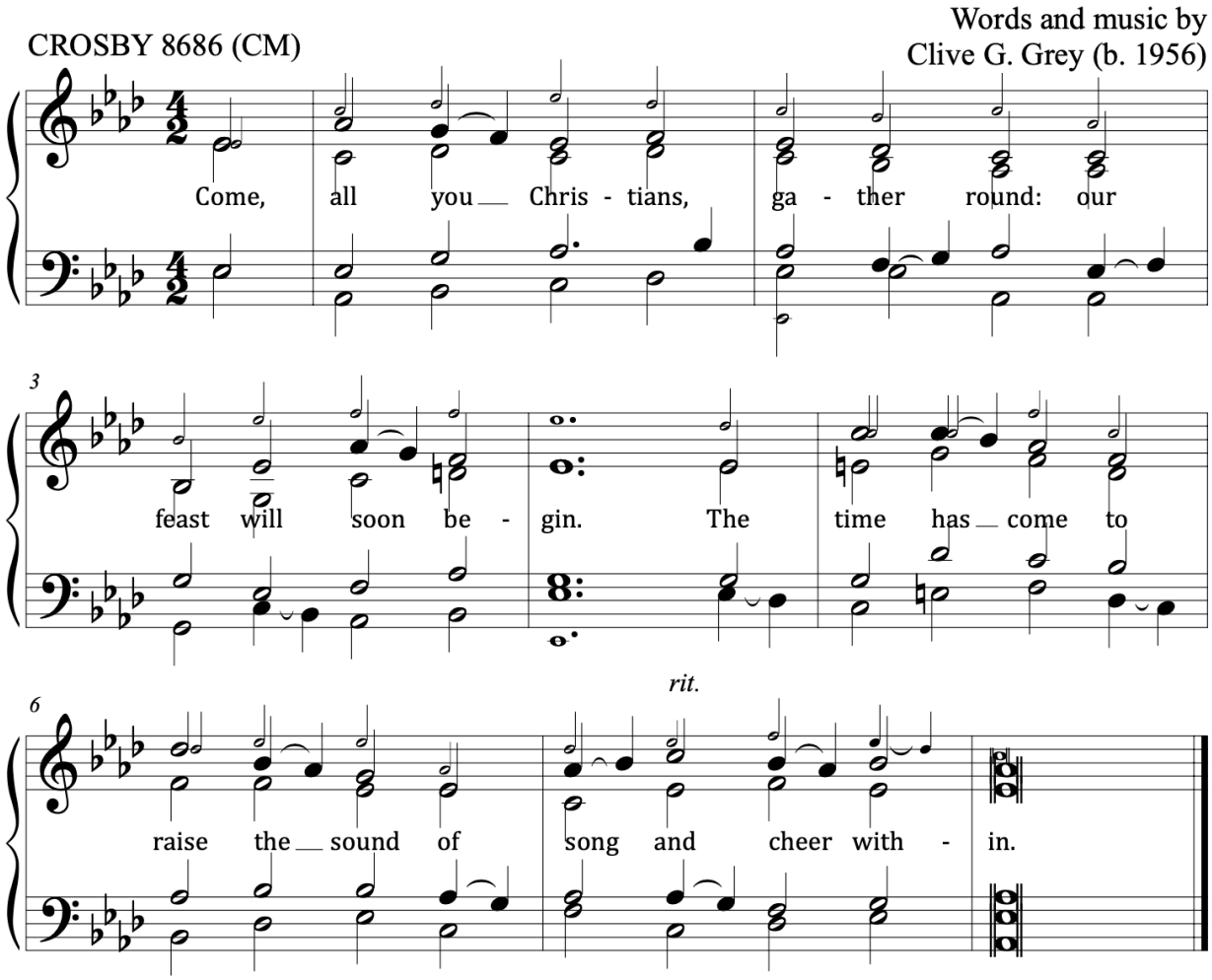
Almighty God, give us grace to cast
away the works of darkness and to put
on the armour of light, now in the time
of this mortal life, in which your Son
Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility; that on the last day, when he
shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord; that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Music in today's Benefice Service: Sunday 29th November

Opening hymn: Come all you Christians, gather round (words Page 4)
Gradual Hymn: **6** Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
Music before Communion: **10** Long ago, prophets knew
Closing hymn: **7** Hills of the North, Rejoice



Come all you Christians, gather round:
our feast will soon begin.
The time has come to raise the sound
of song and cheer within.

2. The darkest days are with us now
but lights begin to shine,
the days grow cold, but candles glow,
through which God gives a sign.

3. For Mary heard old Gabriel say
That soon she'd have a boy,
"Three months will pass, then,
on that day,
you'll have the utmost joy."

4. ”I live alone and have no man
To give me my own child.
How does it work in God's great plan
unless I am beguiled?"

5. ”You are the one who's greatly blessed,
for God has chosen you,
a virgin mother, from the rest,
a maiden pure and true".

6. God’s son will answer hopeful prayers
For many years to come,
and banish sin, and all the cares
of those felt overcome.

7. O Father, make our hearts as one,
in joy and love and peace,
that, in these days, when lights have shone,
our hopes shall never cease.

8. Now let us all, with one accord,
give thanks to Christ the King:
we live today to praise the Lord
and, with the angels, sing.