

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion at 10.30am

Services this week

Tuesday 15th April 2025 in the Parish Hall

Holy Communion at 10.00am

Sunday 20th April 2025

EASTER DAY

Holy Communion at 10.30

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Harry Morris, James Shillito, Nora Cooper, Dorothy Morris, Hazel Paige, Karen Hill, Margaret Watson, George Walsh, John Forbes, Elsie Swindell, Denise Orrell, Susan Griffin.

Recently Departed

Gordon Cooper, Gwyneth Gordon, Ronald Astill, Elsie Bayliss, Lawrence Grundy.

Interment of Ashes

Anniversaries

Cyril Guest, Barbara Osborne, Margaret Pinder, Nellie Gerrard, John Entwistle, Elizabeth Oddie, Richard A Furness, Margaret Platt, Philip Houseman, John David Fearn, Malcolm J. V. Chown, Alice Jones, James Keith Blundell, Jan Mosert Kitshoff, Edward Chester Oddie, John Johnson.

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of
a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our
salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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□□ Hymns ##

- 435 Ride on, ride on in majesty (Tune 1)
346 My song is love unknown
329 Make way, make way for Christ the King

Communion

- 32 *And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Glory be to Jesus (Sheet)*
148 *From heaven you came, helpless babe*
276 *Jesus remember me*
11 All glory, laud and honour

The next morning prayers will be:

Wednesday 16th April @ 9.00am Christ Church, Croft
Thursday 17th April @ 9.00am St Oswald, Winwick

Café Praise and Worship.

The doors of the Parish Hall open at 6.15pm. with worship starting at 6.30pm. **Next meeting Sunday 1st June 2025 - No meeting in May**

Saturday 19th April 'EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA.' Fun games and activities for families; in the church from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

Fit for Mission. You are invited to an open meeting in the Family Room on **Tuesday, 29th April** with wine and cheese, starting at 7.00pm, when we will explore questions considering the benefits and losses of becoming part of a Large Single Parish. All welcome.

Katy Berry, Peter Beck and Janice Cooper will be taking part in a 26-mile hike to raise funds for Macmillan in June. Their team is called 'The Faithful Striders.' Sponsor Katy on:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/katyberry>

Easter Services open to all.

Maundy Thursday 17th April: Newchurch Holy Communion with Hand Washing @7pm followed by vigil until 9.30pm, here at Newchurch

Good Friday 18th April:

St Oswald's 9am – At the Foot of the Cross with Holy Communion in one kind.

Christ Church 11am – At the Foot of the Cross

Newchurch Parish Hall 11.30am -1.30pm Frugal Lunch

Offers of soup would be welcome. Please contact
Freda if you can help in any way. 01925 766085

Newchurch – 2pm At the Foot of the Cross

All invited as part of our Good Friday journey together.

Holy Saturday 9pm Newchurch New Fire of Easter.

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; •
his mercy endures for ever.
² Let Israel now proclaim, •
‘His mercy endures for ever.’
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, •
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; •
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me •
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone which the builders rejected •
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord’s doing, •
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; •
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. •
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; •
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
²⁷ The Lord is God; he has given us light; •
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you; •
you are my God and I will exalt you.
²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; •
his mercy endures for ever.

Luke 19.28-40

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ ⁴⁰He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Servant’s Humiliation and Vindication

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 23.1-49

Jesus before Pilate

²³Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' ³Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' ⁵But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

Jesus before Herod

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Jesus Sentenced to Death

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' ²²A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that

never nursed.”³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.”³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’ ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’ Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’ ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.