

Newchurch, Croft and Winwick
Group Ministry

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday ❤️

15 March 2026
Holy Communion at
At St Oswald's Winwick
at 10.30am

Join with us on this Lord's Day to honour and love those sacrificial women who brought us up

Theme: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and 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.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colossians 3.12-17



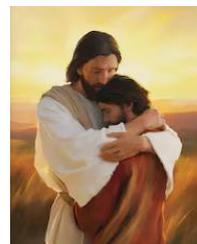
12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other

and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 15.11-32

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. **13** "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. **14** After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.



17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **18** I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' **20** So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. **25** “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27** ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ **28** “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **29** But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ **31** “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Times of teaching & fellowship this week

Monday 16 March at 1.30pm

Croft – Deep Divers: Luke’s masterpiece: Acts of the Apostles (chapter 5) in the Parish Hall at Christ Church, Croft

Tuesday 17 March at 10am

Midweek Holy Communion in the Parish Hall at Newchurch, Culcheth

Wednesday 18 March at 9am

Morning Prayer in the Parish Hall at Christ Church, Croft

Thursday 19 March at 9am

Morning Prayer in the Parish Hall at St Oswald, Winwick followed by Coffee Time

Friday 20 March at 1.30pm

CULCHETH Explorers: Code Breaking-Ancient Documents - the Family Room at Newchurch

Sunday, Lent 5 – Passion Sunday 22 March at 10.30 Holy Communion at St Oswald, Winwick led by Rev Trevor

A Canticle for Today:

A Song of Anselm

Here, Anselm shows how the Lord God is neither man nor woman, yet has both in Him, and bears the loveliness of an archetypal mother

- 1 Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
- 2 Often you weep over our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
- 3 You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
- 4 Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; by your anguish and labour, we come forth in joy.
- 5 Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
- 6 Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous.
- 7 Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.
- 8 In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.