

Newchurch, Croft and Winwick
Group Ministry

Second Sunday of Easter



Team Service: Christ Church, Croft 10.30am

On this day, the door was left open for one who had not yet come into the joy of the resurrection. This day may you know not only the truth of His rising again but feel and experience the power of His crucifixion and resurrection working inside you!

The Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from Acts 2

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 22“You that are Israelites, listen to

what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. 27For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’



29“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ 32This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have

seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Times of worship, teaching & fellowship in this coming week

Monday 13 April at 1.30pm

DEEP DIVERS at Christ Church Croft. A close look at the meeting on the road to Emmaus

Tuesday 14 April at 10am

Midweek Communion in Culcheth Parish Hall led by Rev Trevor

Wednesday 15 April at 9am

Morning Prayer at Christ Church Croft.

Thursday 16 April at 9am

Morning Prayer at St Oswald's Winwick

Friday 17 April at 1.30pm

CULCHETH EXPLORERS in the Family Room at Newchurch – A talk on the history, archaeology, and Hebrew of Abraham

Third Sunday of Easter 19 April at 9.00am

Holy Communion at St Oswald.. Rect Martin

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TRANSFORMATION OF THE
DISCIPLES OF JESUS IS THE
GREATEST EVIDENCE OF ALL
FOR THE RESURRECTION.

- JOHN STOTT -