

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 14th December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion at 10.30am

Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service

Christmas readings and favourite carols

TONIGHT at 6.30pm

Services this week

Tuesday 16th December in the Parish Hall

Holy Communion at 10.00am

Sunday 21st December 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship & Junior Church Nativity Play 10.30am

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Harry Morris, James Shillito, Nora Cooper, Dorothy Morris, Hazel Paige, Karen Hill, Margaret Watson, George Walsh, Denise Orrell, Susan Griffin, Emily Low, Algy Low, Chris Low, Janet Richardson, Gwyneth Parry, Stephen Chisnall, Lynne Baxter.

Recently Departed

John Forbes.

Interment of Ashes

Anniversaries

Mike Myall, Marjorie Leatherbarrow, Brian Bedson, William Jones, Eileen Eccles, Fred Ashton. Henry Birkett, Andrew Mills, June Boardman.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Wardens

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Hymns

193 Hail to the Lord's anointed
196 Hark a herald voice is calling
517 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
(Tune 1)

Communion

528 *Wait for the Lord*
401 *On Jordan's bank*
552 *When our God came to earth*

467 Tell out my soul

The next morning prayers will be:

Wednesday 17th December @ 9.00am Christ Church, Croft.

Thursday 18th December @ 9.00am St Oswald, Winwick

Grand Draw

We shall be drawing the winners of the Grand Christmas Draw at 3pm on Sunday 14th. December in church. Please sell as many tickets as you can. Wonderful prizes!

Coffee Mornings

NB There will be **NO MORE COFFEE MORNINGS** in the Parish Hall on Wednesday mornings until the first week of February. Many thanks to all who helped to provide these very enjoyable sessions and to those who came to share a cuppa. See you in February.

Courses with Rev Trev

Rev Trev will hold his **Deep Dive Group** on Monday 15th December at Christ Church, Croft, at 1.30pm.

Café Praise and Worship.

The doors of the Parish Hall open at 6.15pm. with worship starting at 6.30pm.
Next service Sunday 4th January 2026

Bereavement Group

A Bereavement Group every first Thursday at Culcheth Library 2p.m -4p.m
Tea, coffee and biscuits and chat for all who are bereaved or lonely. For further information contact:

culchethbereavedchatgroup@gmail.com

Please also see the poster in the porch.



Isaiah 35.1-10

The Return of the Redeemed to Zion

³⁵The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus
²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matthew 11.2-11

Messengers from John the Baptist

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."
¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Please send notices for the weekly sheet to me, Hilary Morgan, using the following contact details, by Thursday lunchtime. Later than that might mean it cannot be included until the following week.

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If any church organisations would like to add or update their information on the church website, please contact Alan Gray using the following contact details:

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The church website can be found by entering the following in your browser:
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15315>

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