



**Newton Heath  
All Saints' Parish Church  
With St Wilfrid's, St Ann and St Cuthbert's  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Last Sunday before Lent  
10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist**

**As good as it can be. Work needed.**

The Sunday before Advent is the splendour of *Christ the King*; before Lent it is the 'Wow' and mystery of *The Transfiguration*. You have had twelve years of sermons from me on this. It is with very mixed feelings I say that this year there is even more need to bring to earth something which is as good as it can be, which is pretty much what 'transfiguration' means. It also means even more prayer and a very busy Lent in that department.

I hope you can make some time to engage with the themes of Lent ( see p 14) so that we too can be transformed and transfigured in our faith.

Fr A

**PLEASE TAKE THIS AWAY WITH YOU**

## **Welcome to the Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion or The Mass**

This act of worship is a partnership between the priest and the people who:

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins and, if repentant, are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect  
( a special prayer or collection of thoughts for that day)
- proclaim and respond to the word of God in scripture and reflect on it
- pray for the Church, the world and those in need
- exchange the Peace (this should be a simple gesture, not a major interruption to the flow of the service)
- prepare the table (it is only a table, but it becomes an altar)
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer (listen along and pray, and over time these words will become more familiar to you.)
- break the bread (which recalls Christ's body, broken on the Cross)
- receive communion (or a blessing instead)
- depart with God's blessing, to go in peace to love and serve the Lord

If you have arrived very late, relax! Sit still and make your confession knowing God understands and loves you. Then read the Gospel, and join us in full when you are ready.

## Music before the service

*Jesus meine Zuversich (Jesus my confidence) BWV 728*

J.S. Bach

## THE GATHERING

### Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
day-spring from on high, be near;  
day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee:  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune: Ratisbon*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*This prayer may be said*

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy  
name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Invitation to Confession

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned**  
**in thought, word and deed.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all  
goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**  
Amen.

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Readings**

**Exodus 24.12-18**

12 The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## 2 Peter 1.16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*As you are able, please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of the Lord and keep it.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

*The Gospel is announced*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed

them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*Matthew 19.1-9*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus  
Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

#### **Cycle of Prayer**

**Our bishops:** David, Mark and Matthew

**The Anglican Communion**

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Porvoo Communion**

*Church of Ireland:* Diocese of Tuam; Limerick and Killaloe

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:* Diocese of Roskilde

**Schools and Colleges**

All Saints; St Wilfrid's; Briscoe Lane Academy;

Christ the King; Co-op Academy Broadhurst;

Oldham Blue Coat; Trinity High School; Bowdoin College, Maine; Churchill

College, Cambridge; University of Coventry; Edge Hill University; University of  
Leeds; Oldham Sixth Form College.

**Parish**

Court Drive, Crammond Close, Cranmore Street, Cravenhurst Avenue,  
Crawford Street, Crayford Road.

**Book of Remembrance**

Elsie Corless; Denys Pope; Hilda Kirkham; Alice Dawson; Sydney

Jackson; Frank Cartwright; Leslie Wild; Mark Drinkwater; Alice Coates, Alison Cooney; Lily Bateman.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **The Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper,  
and one of these four acclamations may be used*

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly*  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our

Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass**

**against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and shall be healed**

**Giving of Communion**  
**Music after the Distribution of Communion**

*O nata lux de lumine*

*Thomas Tallis 1505-85*

sung by VOCES8

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus,  
redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness  
deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.  
Who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for  
the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.

Music by Thomas Tallis (1507-1585)  
Sung by *Voces8*

## Post Communion Prayers

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of  
life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your  
table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your  
Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
In the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Notices may be shared*

**Hymn**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch*

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

*Translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Paean*

### **Voluntary**

Philip Moor (b1943)

## Safeguarding



### LENT 2026

This begins on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February (see overleaf)

On Wednesdays, beginning on 25<sup>th</sup> February, the Rector will drop a 'podcast' accessible through our YouTube channel which looks forward to the readings for the following Sunday. Podcasts may include reference to art and music, and will end with prayers inspired by the texts.

You could go straight to our YouTube Page, *All Saints Newton Heath*, from Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm or look out for an alert and link via the Congregation WhatsApp group. There will be hard copies of the bulk of what is said, and references for the images if they cannot be included in the booklet.

[All Saints Newton Heath - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsnewtonheath4846>

**7.30 pm Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Ash Wednesday is a **Principal Holy Day**, and it is **expected** that communicant members of the Church of England receive communion. The tradition here is to include the imposition of Ashes. Please come unless you have a compelling reason not to! Of course we understand that dark nights for some are not ideal



#### **INFORMATION AND GIVE A LITTLE**

**WELCOME! Scan and scroll to find out more about us, and to help if you can**



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