

# **NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Holy Communion at 10.30am**

**Services this week**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall**

**Holy Communion at 10.00am**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Said Holy Communion at 9.00am**

**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, Stephen Chisnall, Lynne Baxter, Victoria McGuire, Sandra Smith, Kenneth Hodges.

**Recently Departed**

Betty Ingham, Theresa Clementson, John Paice, Victor Howarth, Eddie M<sup>c</sup>Canna, Margaret Pizzey

**Anniversaries**

Geoff Greenhalgh, James Alexander Stevenson, Marion Phoebe Richardson, Guy Readman, Violet Helen Southern, Harry Blinkhornm, Ellen Hill, Ann Greenhalgh, William (Bill) Smart, Glenys Maloney.

**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 Prayer**

**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.**

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# Hymns #

49 Awake, awake, fling off the night  
227 I come with joy  
354 Now thank we all our God

Communion

551 *When morning gilds the skies*  
448 *Sing we of the blessed mother*  
137 *For the beauty of the earth-Tune 1*  
467 Tell out my soul

**The next morning prayers will be**

**Wednesday** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 9.00am Christ Church, Croft.

**Thursday** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 9.00am St Oswald, Winwick

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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm:**

Rev Trev will be leading his

**Deep Divers Group** in the Parish Hall at Christ Church Croft.

The subject this week is: Luke's masterpiece: Acts of the Apostles (chapter 5)

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**On Fridays** Rev Trev will be leading his

**CULCHETH Explorers' Group** in the Family Room at Newchurch, Culcheth.

The next meeting is: **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm.**

The subject this week is: Code Breaking Ancient Documents

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**Café Praise and Worship.**

A monthly gathering in a casual style, with a live band, prayers and praise.

The doors of the Parish Hall open at 6.15pm. with worship starting at 6.30pm.

Next service: **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY!**

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**Mothers' Union**

**TODAY - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

On Mothering Sunday Mothers' Union are celebrating **150 years.** and we invite you all to join us for cake and wine after the service.

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Thank you to the choir, the bell-ringers and all who shared in a moving service at Newchurch for the people of Nigeria on the World day of Prayer last week. £117 was forwarded from our retiring collection to the World Day of Prayer Fund. Thank you to everyone.

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A reminder about the **Lord's Prayer 'Prayer Board'** in our Family Room, where you can place prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of intercession for the world, for our community, for those in need and for ourselves.

3D printed versions of the Lord's Prayer are available in the Family Room. Donation please of £5 for church funds.

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**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.



As we focus on the Lord's Prayer during Lent, our readings today reflect the petition **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord<sup>[a]</sup> has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ<sup>[b]</sup> dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Luke 15:11-32**

#### **The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with<sup>[b]</sup> the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup> Then the father<sup>[d]</sup> said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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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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