

Newchurch, Croft and Winwick  
Group Ministry

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday



**Holy Communion at St Oswald's 10.30am  
26 April 2026 led by Rev. Trevor**

***We are so pleased to welcome you to this service! May the love and care of Jesus the Good Shepherd touch your heart this day as we are knit together to worship Him!***

### *Collect*

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

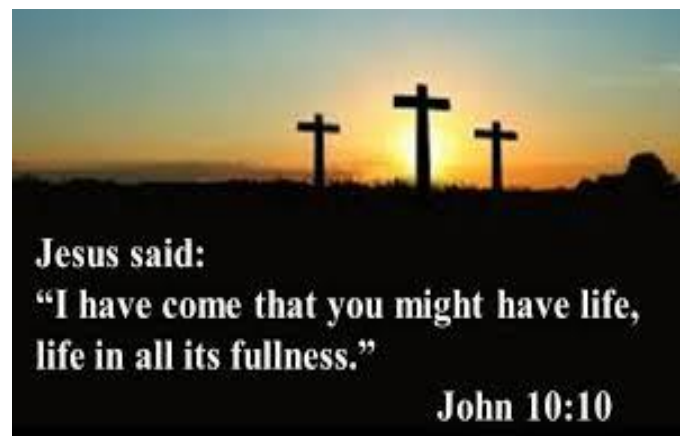
### **Acts 2.38-41**

**38** Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus

Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**  
**39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'  
**40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'  
**41** Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.  
**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.  
**43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.  
**44** All the believers were together and had everything in common.  
**45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.  
**46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,  
**47** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### *Gospel acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia! I came that they might have life and life in all its fullness. **Alleluia!**



## John 10.1-10

**10** 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. **7** So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and life in all its fullness.

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### ***Times of worship, teaching & fellowship in this coming week....***

#### **Monday 27 April at 1.30pm**

DEEP DIVERS at Christ Church Croft.  
Deuteronomy –getting to the heart and soul of the Torah ☆

#### **Tuesday 28 April at 10am**

Midweek Communion in Culcheth Parish Hall led by our Rev. Martin Fuller

#### **Wednesday 29 April at 9am**

Morning Prayer at Christ Church Croft.

#### **Thursday 30 April at 9am**

Morning Prayer at St Oswald's Winwick  
NO Coffee Time this morning

#### **Thursday 30 April AFTERNOON TEA**

from 1pm - £5, includes refreshments and various stalls in the church hall

#### **Friday 1 May at 1.30pm**

CULCHETH EXPLORERS in the Family Room at Newchurch – A talk on the era of Romanticism – Revolution, Beethoven & Gothic novelists etc.

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter 3 May at 10.30am**

**Joint Team Holy Communion at St Oswald.**



