

Sunday after Ascension
Said Holy Communion
at St Oswald's 9am 17 May 2026

*Come feel the life His wounds impart!
Come feel the Saviour in your in your heart!*

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your
only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world to preach the gospel of his
kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading - Acts 1.3-14

After his suffering and death, Jesus
presented himself alive to the apostles,
with many infallible proofs, appearing to
them during forty days, and speaking of
the kingdom of God. Jesus said to them,
'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait here for
all that is promised by the Father. John
baptised with water, but you will be
baptised with the Holy Spirit not many
days from now.' The apostles asked Jesus,
'Lord, is this the time when you will
restore the kingdom of Israel?' Jesus
replied, 'You cannot know every time or
season in the purposes of the Father. But
you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'
Then, as they were watching, he was
taken up, and a cloud hid him from their
sight.



While he was going and they were gazing
up toward heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood by them. They said,
"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking
up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has
been taken up from you into heaven, will
come in the same way as you saw him go
into heaven." The eleven returned from
the Mount of Olives to the upper room in
Jerusalem where they were staying. And
with the women, and Mary, the mother of
Jesus, and his brothers, they devoted
themselves to prayer.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

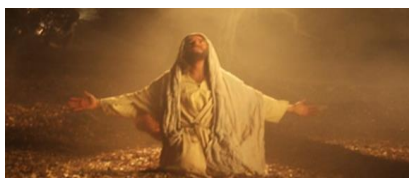
Gospel acclamation

*Alleluia alleluia! May they be one as We
are one! Alleluia!*

Gospel - John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven, and said,
'Father, the hour has come to glorify your
Son, that your Son may glorify you.
You granted your Son authority to give
eternal life to those you have given to
him; to know you, the one true God, and
Jesus Christ, the one you have sent.
Father, I have glorified you on earth by
completing the work that you gave me to
do. Now glorify me, in your own presence
once again, with the glory that I knew
before the world began. I have made your

name known to those you gave me from the world.



They were yours, and you gave them to me; and they have trusted your word. They know that everything I have comes from you. I have passed on to them the words that you gave to me, and they have received and trusted them. And they know that I myself came from you. I pray for them now; praying not for the whole world, but for those you have given to me, because they are yours, and they have honoured me. Now I am departing from the world, to return to you; but they will remain in the world. Father, protect them, for the honour of your name, the name that you entrusted to me. May they be one, as we are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

1. **Monday 18 May at 1.30pm** DEEP DIVERS in the Parish Hall at Christ Church Croft: The Holy Ghost in John's Gospel: Trev
2. **Tuesday 19 May at 10am** Communion in Culcheth Parish Hall: Rector
3. **Wednesday 20 May at 9am Morning** Prayer at Christ Church Croft: Martin F
4. **Thursday 21 May at 9am Morning** Prayer at St Oswald's Winwick: Trev
5. **Friday 22 May at 1.30pm** CULCHETH EXPLORERS in the Family Room at Newchurch: Insight into Islam: Trev

Croft Explorers & Deep Divers

Interest talks with a spiritual dimension

Mondays 1.30-2.30pm
Christ Church Croft Parish Hall

the big picture
Monday June 29, 2026
Amy Carmichel
Monday July 6, 2026
Deep Divers: David & Jonathan
Monday July 13, 2026
God & Science
Monday July 20, 2026
Deep Divers: The Secret Messiah in Mark's Gospel
SUMMER BREAK
Monday September 7 2026
Greek Workshop 2
Monday Sept 14, 2026
Deep Divers: The interference of dark forces
Monday Sept 21, 2026
Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)
Monday Sept 28 2026
Deep Divers: Titus
AUTUMN BREAK
More info: Ring or text Rev Trev 07935198009

Monday May 11, 2026
Tyndale: Smuggler: Film
Monday May 18, 2026
Deep Divers: The Holy Ghost & John's Gospel
Monday May 25, 2026
NONE – BANK HOLIDAY
Monday June 1, 2026
Deep Divers: Themes of the First Letter of John (1 John)
Monday June 8, 2026
Hebrew Workshop 2
Monday June 15, 2026
Deep Divers: Galatians
Monday June 22, 2026
The Bible:

6. **Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday 10.30** Holy Communion at St Oswald: Revs Alan & Pat
7. **4pm Churches Together Pentecostal Praise** in Newchurch Parish Hall: with all our Christian friends!