

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 16th August 2026

11th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Services this week

Tuesday 18th August 2026 in the Parish Hall

Holy Communion at 10.00am

Sunday 23rd August 2026

12th Sunday after Trinity

Said Holy Communion at 9.00am

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Harry Morris, Nora Cooper, Dorothy Morris, Hazel Paige, Karen Hill, Margaret Watson, George Walsh, Denise Orrell, Susan Griffin, Emily Low, Algy Low, Chris Low, Janet Richardson, Lynne Baxter, Sandra Smith, Peter Bowles, Sabrina Sheldon, Derek Howarth, Stuart Best.

Recently Departed

Diane Simm, Phyllis Longson, James Shillito, Patricia Taylor.

Interment of Ashes

Marjorie Acton

Anniversaries

Dawn Michelle Kenyon, Madeleine Anne Webb, Douglas Leatherbarrow, Liam Blinkhorn.

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon
and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of
the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Wardens

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Hymns

426 Praise to the holiest in the height (Tune 1)
244 In Christ there is no east or west (Tune 283)
457 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Communion

139a For the healing of the nations (Tune 2 Picardy)
83 Christ's is the world in which we live
20 All the nations of the earth
30 And can it be

The next Morning Prayers will be:

NB There will be NO Morning Prayers throughout AUGUST

There will be **NO Explorers' or Deep Divers'** groups in the Parish Hall at Christ Church, Croft on Mondays at 1.30pm until **Monday 7th September**, when the subject will be: **'Greek Workshop 2.'**

There will be **NO CULCHETH Explorers' Group** in the Family Room at Newchurch, until Friday 4th September at 1.30pm. The subject will be: **'Am I really brainy?'**

Café Praise and Worship.

A monthly gathering in a casual style, with a live band. The doors of the Parish Hall open at 6.15pm. with worship starting at 6.30pm.

The next service will be on **Sunday 6th September**

Future services will be on: **Sunday 4th October**

Sunday 1st November

Christmas Fayre.

This year the Fayre will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 28th November. Alan Wright desperately needs help in the planning and management of the event especially before the date of the Fayre. If you can help please contact Alan. 01925 765945 or 07773 796731 or alanwright16@googlemail.com

The first planning meeting will be held in September.

Phyllis Longson RIP

Many of you will know Phyllis Longson. Although she attended Culcheth Methodist Church, she was often to be found at services and events in the Parish Hall, especially with her husband Raymond before his death a few years ago. He, as a stricter Methodist, would not participate in gambling at these events, even though the gambling only took the form of raffle tickets. Phyllis on the other hand always bought at least a couple of strips, regularly netting at least one of the prizes!

I have been asked by the members of Culcheth Methodist Church to invite any of you who knew her to her Memorial Service on Tuesday 18th August, at 11.30 am at Culcheth Methodist Church. This will be followed by burial in our churchyard. After that you are invited to the Village Club (The Legion). The request is for as many people as possible to attend, to share your recollections of Phyllis. They are catering for a large number, as she had such a wide group of friends in the village. Thank you.

A **Bereavement Group** meets 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.



Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

¹¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:10-28

Things That Defile

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.']

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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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