

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 27th September 2026

17th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 10.30am

Services this week

Tuesday 29th September 2026 in the Parish Hall

Holy Communion at 10.00am

Sunday 4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

Deanery Choral Evensong

St Oswald Winwick at 4.00pm

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, Sabrina Sheldon, Derek Howarth, Stuart Best, Jim Maguire, Eileen Nolan.

Recently Departed

Herbert Speakman.

Interment of Ashes

Anniversaries

Roger Hunt, Edward Mairs, James Peter Lawler, John Graham Preston (Rector).

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and
follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Wardens

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Hymns

309 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour (Tune 1)
13a All hail the power of Jesus name Tune 2
480 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Communion

334 *May the mind of Christ my saviour*
27 *Amazing grace*
484 *The king of love my shepherd is*
522 To God be the glory

Deep Divers Parish Hall, Christ Church, Croft at 1.30pm
Monday 28th September: **Titus**

CULCHETH Explorers' Group in the Family Room
NO MEETING ON FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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
Next service: Sunday 4th October 2026

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

Harvest Hotpot Supper Friday 2nd October

This will be in the Parish Hall eating at 7.00pm.

Tickets are £10 and are available from Freda from next Sunday Anyone who would be interested in providing a 'turn' for the entertainment would be most welcome. Please see Ken Quick to offer your services.

The **Harvest Extravaganza** will take place on
Saturday **3rd October from 2.00 to 4.00pm.**

Please come along for an afternoon of fun and creativity. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Our **Harvest Service**, supporting Warrington Foodbank
will take place on **Sunday 4th October at 10.30am.**

All donations are very welcome, but these are the items that they are currently short of: Tinned spaghetti, Rice Pudding, Long Life Juice / Cordial, Long Life Milk, Shampoo, Deodorant.

Rev Alan Litton's book: 'LETTING GO - A Christian Journey from certainty to freedom' will be
available on Amazon from September 30th and to order from Forget-me not bookshop, Lodge Drive, Culcheth.

The Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd

See notice inside for meeting this week.

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.

Cultivate

You are invited to attend a 6 week Cultivate course on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm starting on 6th October in Newchurch Parish Hall, or on Thursdays at St Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows from 7pm-9pm starting on 8th October. A team from the diocese will lead us in sharing ideas about how we can use churches to fulfil God's work in the community. If you plan to attend please sign up on the sheet in the Family Room.

Evening of Conversation and Prayer

**An opportunity to get together across
The Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd
to discuss the future of the larger single
parish as well as to spend time together
in prayer.**

Joining together 7:30 to 9pm

**Monday 28 September @ All Saints,
Glazebury**

**Monday 19 October @ St Luke's,
Lowton**

**Monday 30 November @ St Michael's,
Burtonwood**

The Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd



Please send notices for the weekly sheet to me, Hilary on
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Church organisations wishing to update their info on church website, please contact Alan Gray on:
alan.gray@bollinclose.uk 01925 763750

The church website can be found by entering the following in your browser:
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15315>

Newchurch Parish Church address:
Church Lane, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 5ET



Philippians 2.1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

²If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second

and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.