

Welcome

Newchurch and Christ Church Croft

St James

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Information for visitors

Large print hymnbooks and service books available. A loop system is also provided in this church (switch to 'T' position). If you have a difficulty participating in any of the church activities because of your disability, please let the clergy know. Gift aid envelopes are available either from the Family Room by the donations' box, or on your pew. *Please ask sidespeople on duty if you need any help.*

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth

Today there are services at:
8am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Worship (with the band)

Next Sunday Aug 1st:
10.30am: Communion
12noon: Baptisms
6.30pm: Evensong

Mothers Union – Next meeting is on Wednesday 28th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall which will be Deanery prayers with afternoon tea.

Film Club - We next meet on Saturday 31st July. To mark the 70th anniversary of the start of the 'Battle Of Britain' next month we are screening "Reach For The Sky" The story of air ace Douglas Bader. I look forward to seeing you all then - Rupert.

Melinda Brown - Melinda's funeral is at Newchurch at 11am on Tuesday 3rd August, followed by cremation at Howe Bridge. The family have invited everyone to the Daten after the church service for refreshments.

The Rank Foundation - We are pleased to announce that we have just been awarded a grant by The Rank Foundation for £1,000 towards new lighting in the parish hall. More details will appear in the August magazine.

Mid week services - Please note that there will be no mid week services during the month of August. The Tuesday and Thursday Communion will restart in September.

200 Club - The new contact for any queries/payments or if you're interested in joining the club is Sue Kadodwala (tel:765652).

Rose Queens Summer Roller Skating Sessions - Join the Culcheth Rose Queen for a fun packed family session in Newchurch Parish Hall during the holidays! See notice in the foyer for further details.

Junior Church - Junior Church are now taking their summer break and restart in September. However, there will be activities every Sunday in the Family Room at 10.30am if anyone would like to join us.

Christ Church Croft

Today there are services at:
10.30am: Holy Communion

Next Sunday Aug 1st:
9am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Worship

Forthcoming services

- Messy Church – thanks to all involved in the past year. Messy Church is now taking a break and will re start on September 13th.

Harvest of the Talents weekend - There will be a meeting of the steering group on Wednesday 21st July at 7.30 in church. Please let Dith know if you are unable to attend.

Ladies Fellowship - Please note that there are no meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 7th September. More details nearer the date.

Wednesday service - Please note that there will be no Wednesday service during August. We will restart in September.

Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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.

First Reading – Acts 11.27-12.2

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.

²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;

³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.

² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Gospel - Matt. 20.20-28.

²⁰ The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him.

²¹ And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.'

²² But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.'

²³ He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,

²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;

²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Post Communion Prayer.

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Response for the prayers:

*In all things, Father: **let your will be done.***

Please pray for:

Recently Departed: Elaine Gibbons, James France, Melinda Brown.

Anniversaries: Edward Taylor, Pauline Wheeler, William Lees Corbett, Vivienne Allen, Mabel McGuire, Roy Barton, Sydney Vernon Willson, Emily Heywood, Jane Walsh, Norman Bradley, Martin Jackson, John Louis McNeil, Nora Sankey, Dennis Langford.

The Sick: Dawn Jackson, James Shillito, Sem Cope, Valerie Stock, Samantha Davies, Peter Hodgkinson, Margaret Crooke, Amy Mitchell, Doreen Willis-Mairs, Andrew & Heather Hiley, John Clifton, Beryl Smart.

Churches Together: All Saints' CE Primary School, Glazebury.

Residents of: Birchall Avenue, Brogden Avenue, Leyland Avenue, Cawley Avenue, Twiss Green Drive, Ivy Farm Gardens, Smithy Brow.