

Welcome

Newchurch and Christ Church Croft Second Sunday of Epiphany Weekly Bulletin: 15th January 2012

Contact: Cliff on 762455 or e-mail cliffrobinson@btinternet.com to place an item on this sheet – ideally by Thursday evening. This should be a brief note as space is limited – your church magazine would be a good medium for a full description – just remember 4 weeks earlier!

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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	Christ Church Croft
<p>Today there are services at: 10.30am Communion 6.30pm Evensong</p> <p><i>Next Sunday 22nd January:</i> 8am Communion 10.30am Morning Worship (with the band) 6.30pm United Service at Christ Church (for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)</p> <p><i>Sunday 29th January:</i> 10.30am Communion</p> <p><i>Forthcoming services</i> Churches Together Service – there is a united service at Christ Church on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm.</p> <p><u>Fair Trade stall</u> The Fair Trade stall is available after the 10.30am service today.</p> <p><u>Church Magazine</u> Entries for the February issue are needed by next Sunday at the latest (22nd Jan)</p> <p><u>NoHow Cabaret evening – Saturday 4th February '12</u> Have you saved this date? NoHow Cabaret evening at the Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets now available from Rupert and Crid - £10 pp includes cheese and wine. Black tie event!! (but not compulsory). Hope you'll be joining us.</p> <p><u>Drop Inn</u> Please note that there is no Friday Drop Inn until further notice. Many thanks to Jan and Crid, and to those who support it.</p> <p><u>MLT meeting</u> The next MLT meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm in the Family Room.</p>	<p>Today there are services at: 9am BCP Communion 10.30am Morning Worship</p> <p><i>Next Sunday 22nd January:</i> 10.30am Communion 12noon Baptism 6.30pm United Service at Christ Church (for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)</p> <p><i>Sunday 29th January:</i> 9am BCP Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 12noon Baptism</p> <p><i>Forthcoming services :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Messy Church: the next Messy Church is on Monday 16th January in Croft Memorial Hall, from 3pm.➤ Churches Together Service – there is a united service at Christ Church on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm.➤ Family Service: we have changed the date of the next Family Service to Sun 12th February at 10.30am (our Christingle in support of The Children's Society). <p><u>Christ Church PCC</u> Meets in the church on Wednesday 18th January. Agendas have been emailed out or are available today.</p> <p><u>Coffee Morning</u> This Thursday (19th Jan) in church from 10.30am. All welcome.</p> <p><u>MLT meeting</u> The next MLT meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm at Newchurch.</p>

Gospel Reading John 1 v 43 - 51

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."
46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."
47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"
48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."
49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."
51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Post Communion Prayer.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3 v 1 - 10

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;
3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.
4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"
5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.
6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."
7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.
8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.
9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening

Response for the Prayers: Draw us closer: **closer to the heart of God.**

Recently departed: Gladys Balshaw, Andrew Stokes, Joseph Lewis, Alan Malen, Mary Sankey.

Anniversaries: Beatrice Bentley, John Lowe, Samuel Green, Ernest Tiffany

The Sick: Beryl Smart, Joyce Robinson, Elizabeth Adshead, Alice O'Neill, Dawn Jackson, James Shillito, Sem Cope, Valerie Stock, Samantha Davies, Margaret Crooke, Amy Mitchell, Doreen Willis-Mairs, Roy Bushell, Margaret O'Rourke, Liz Reeves, Ann Mills, Joan Ellison, Ethel Parkinson, Alan Turner, Roy Knowles, Bobby Clarke, Jean Hodgkinson

Churches Together Construction, domestic & leisure services

Residents of Eddisford Drive, Newland Mews, Stoneyhurst Crescent, Radcliffe Meadows, Langden Close, Doeford Close, Deacons Close