

Welcome

Newchurch and Christ Church Croft

Candlemas

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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</p> <p><i>Next Sunday 5th February:</i> 10.30am Communion (with Ven David Woodhouse) 6.30pm Evensong</p> <p><i>Sunday 12th February:</i> 8am Communion 10.30am Morning Worship</p> <p><i>Forthcoming services :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ash Wednesday – there is a Communion service in Church at 8pm with ashing. <p>Church Magazine New magazines are in church today</p> <p>MLT meeting The next MLT meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm in the Family Room.</p> <p>NoHow Cabaret evening – Saturday 4th February '12 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>Drop Inn Please note that there is no Friday Drop Inn until further notice. Many thanks to Jan and Crid, and to those who support it. Thanks to their generosity £365.10 has been donated to church funds in the last year.</p> <p>Film Club- We next meet on Saturday 11th February, when the film will be a Disney Film-Wall E- a cosmic comedy adventure about a very determined robot! Starts at 7.30pm- see you all then, Rupert.</p> <p>Your Church needs you! We would like more volunteers for the Brass Cleaning rota which is shortly to be updated.</p> <p>We also need more people for the Tea and Coffee rota for the 10.30am service.</p> <p>It would also be great if we had more sidespeople as the more people we have on the rota the fewer times you have to be on duty.</p> <p>Please contact Alan Wright 765945 or Bill Leatherbarrow 766872.</p>	<p>Today there are services at: 9am BCP Communion 10.30am Morning Worship</p> <p><i>Next Sunday 5th February:</i> 9am BCP Communion (with Rev Steve Pierce) 10.30am Communion (with Rev Steve Pierce)</p> <p><i>Sunday 12th February:</i> 10.30am Family Service (Christingle) 12noon Baptisms</p> <p><i>Forthcoming services :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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).➤ Ash Wednesday – there is a Communion service at Newchurch at 8pm with ashing. <p>MLT meeting The next MLT meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm at Newchurch.</p> <p>Ladies Fellowship The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th February at 10.00am in the church hall Lady Lane. There is tea/coffee and everyone is welcome.</p> <p>200 Club Please hand all membership applications to Ron or Dith by Sunday 29th January for inclusion in the first draw. Application forms can be found in the porch and in the current issue of the church magazine.</p>

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

First Reading - Malachi 3 v 1 - 5

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Gospel Reading Luke 2 v 22 - 40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord you fulfilled the hope
of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we,
who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Response for the Prayers: Who is the King of glory? **It is the Lord our God.**

Recently departed: Richard Sharp, Arthur John Horrocks, Frances Vera Kelly

Anniversaries: Fred Monks Beatrice Daintith, Ernest Leatherbarrow, Ellen Finn, Eunice Loynes, Alice Howarth, Rowland Winn, Walter Parr, John Creamer, Florine Smart, Isabella Hobson, Reginald Speight, Ethel Booth, Florence Ethel Birkett, Edward Richardson, Edith Marshall

The Sick: Raymond Longson, 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

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