

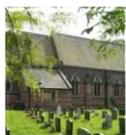
# Your Word of the Week

26<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



Christ Church  
Wheelock

St Michaels  
Crewe Green



St Matthews  
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Family Service	Anne
11.00 am	St Michael & All Angels	Holy Communion	Rev Jane
4.30 pm	Christ Church	Evening Prayer	Rev Jane

## The Gospel Reading John 11:1-45 (this reading is continued over the page)

**11** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. **3** So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, <sup>(a)</sup> 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' **4** But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' **5** Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, **6** after having heard that Lazarus <sup>(b)</sup> was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' **8** The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' **9** Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. **10** But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' **11** After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' **12** The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' **13** Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. **15** For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' **16** Thomas, who was called the Twin, <sup>(c)</sup> said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

**17** When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus <sup>(d)</sup> had already been in the tomb for four days. **18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles <sup>(e)</sup> away, **19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. **20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. **21** Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' **23** Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' **24** Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' **25** Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' **27** She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, <sup>(g)</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' **28** When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' **29** And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. **30** Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. **31** The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. **32** When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also

weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. **This reading is continued over the page, please turn over.....**

## Collect, prayers, Epistle Reading Continued and Old Testament Reading

### Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of  
your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered  
on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his  
victory;  
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  
Amen

### We remember people who are sick in our prayers:

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Winnie Rutter, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, Pauline Fletcher, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Jenny Fradley, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite, Arleine Bloor, Mike Sadler, Sue Taylor, Isobel Barber, Marion Mayo, Kay Wing, Janette Blood and Helen Carlson.

### We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

### The Gospel Reading continued, John

**11:34-44** <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

**The Epistle Romans 8.6-11** <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ<sup>o</sup> from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### DIARY

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

**Wednesday** 9.45 am Hoy Communion, (Common Worship), in St Michael and All Angels church.

10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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