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*"To welcome everyone with the Love of God; To be a guiding light in the community;
To provide a safe space where all can feel they belong"*

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"Sharing God's love with our community by reaching out with open hearts"

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Psalm 98: 7-9

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 5th May - Reverend Bob Davies - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Joyce McComb

Sunday 12th May - Amy Driver - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Janet Crozier (*See below*)

Sunday 19th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT CULCHETH - Steward Elizabeth Soehren (*see below*)

Sunday 26th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT GENERAL CHURCH MEETING WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Stewards John Martin and Christine Taylor (*see below*)

Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning, especially to Joyce Davies for the flowers. Next week's flowers (at Glazebury) will be provided by Ruth Wareing.



5th May, 2024

Men's Breakfast at Glazebury Methodist Church

The next Men's Breakfast at Glazebury Methodist Church will be this **Saturday 4th May**. Free bacon butties and hot drinks will be served from 9.30am. The speaker for this meeting will be our new local PCSO for Glazebury and Culcheth who will be telling us about her role in the area.

Coffee Shop at Culcheth Methodist Church

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 4th May** from 10.00 till 12.00. It will then open weekly in May and we hope to continue weekly in June and July. Please do come along and enjoy fellowship over a brew and toasted tea cake. All are welcome.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Café Praise and Worship – formerly called “18.30 Praise”

The next Café Praise and Worship (formerly called “18.30 Praise”) will be this **Sunday 5th May** at **Newchurch Parish Hall**, Common Lane, Culcheth.

Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm.

These praise and worship services with a slightly different format from “18.30 Praise” (café style with a band and contemporary worship) are planned to be **monthly** on the first Sunday in the month. For further information please see me. Roddy Marr

Joint Breakfast Service at Glazebury on 12th May

The joint breakfast service at Glazebury on 12th May will be an Easter Offering Service led by Amy. Envelopes will be available on the day.

Pentecost Celebrations Service 19th May

This service was originally intended to take place on the Village Green. However, after a lot of discussion at our recent Leadership Meeting, taking into account the unpredictable weather, state of the green, moving chairs etc, we've decided the best place is the church garden (weather permitting) using both the Ellesmere Road frontage and the Burton Close grass. Chairs can be brought out as needed and anyone who doesn't want to be outside can sit in the foyer with the doors open. If the weather is poor we will be in the church. Everybody is welcome so please spread the word and we would love you to wear something red! The theme is “What comes down must go up!”

The service will include expressions of the fire and wind of Pentecost and speaking in different languages. There will be singing and service sheets will be available. Do please come along, take part and encourage others to do the same.

Joint General Church Meeting

The service on **Sunday 26th May** at Glazebury, will now include the joint General Church Meeting as well as Holy Communion.

Meeting Point at Culcheth

Programme for next term

9 th May	Meeting Point Music Group - well known tuneful classics.
14 th May	Pirates of Penzance (<i>see below</i>)
30 th May	Poetry Readings
13 th June	S. Walsh, Three Victorian Ladies
27 th June	Cream Tea

The minibus will leave the church for the Pirates of Penzance at 6.45pm on Tuesday 14th May.

Glass Doors at Culcheth

The sliding doors have been repaired. We hope and pray that this will last and we shall be grateful for your help by opening and closing them **extremely carefully**. The glass panels can still come out of the plastic guides at the bottom but can be put back with a little care.

Church Cleaning/Maintenance at Culcheth

The Finance & Property Group have decided that, for the present, Saturday work mornings will not continue, partly because access is difficult with the kitchen and Welcome Space and now the hall in use every Saturday. A very big thank you to everyone who has come and helped on Saturday mornings. We are thinking about how best way to do jobs in futures so please watch this space for an update. Thank you, David Ogilvy

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

Hello Friends,

Thank you very much for your continued donations to the foodbank. Your gifts are always welcome and are taken to the distribution centre at Kingsleigh Methodist Church every Monday morning, even when there is no service at Culcheth. This week we are asked to include custard, rice pudding and some cleaning products e.g. kitchen wipes and washing up liquid. Thank you for your continued support, Ray and Irene

Fellowship and Holy Communion

There will be a service of fellowship and Holy Communion at Hindley Green Methodist Church (WN2 4XW) on **Wednesday 8th May** at 10.30am led by Reverend Sue Whitehead.

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: Joyce McComb by Wednesday 6pm for inclusion that week - email to culchethmethodist@gmail.com or phone 01925 767308

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk

Facebook: CulchethMethodistChurch; Glazebury Methodist church and LeighandHindleyMethodist
Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

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Rosemary Keery

Many of you will have heard that Rosemary Keery, sadly, passed away recently at High Peak Nursing Home. Rosemary's funeral will be Thursday 23rd May at 11.00am then 12.00 at Howe Bridge.



Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May Seven days, so many ways to make a difference

Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal runs from 12–18 May and is focussing on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

Christian Aid has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, making small businesses possible, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes.



Thirty-five-year-old Aline Nibogora is the chairperson of a VSLA which supports some 25 families in a remote village, in Makamba Province. Aline escaped an abusive marriage only to find herself on the streets begging for a place to stay.

Her life changed when she went to a three-day, Christian Aid-funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her

family. In the next five years she hopes to expand, so one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income without the need to transport heavy goods over long distances.

"I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine, remembering it makes me weep. I could never have dreamed I would one day have a brick house and be a successful businesswoman, able to feed and clothe my children. This is a plan and I will do it; I am a woman who is an achiever."

Christian Aid supporters helped make this transformation for Aline and her neighbours – as well as millions of other people in the most vulnerable communities around the world. Last year, the organisation reached 3.3 million people through 275 programmes, from savings and loans associations to farming co-operatives, and climate disaster risk training to healthcare schemes.

This Christian Aid Week – from May 12-18 – supporters are once more stepping up, knowing every prayer, every gift, every action helps transform lives.



Many of the projects Christian Aid funds are long-term and designed to combat poverty and help communities tackle issues like the climate crisis.

Philip Galgalo, Country Director of Christian Aid Burundi, said: "In the areas where we work, people without their own small business or income will typically head out on an empty stomach each morning to look for casual work to buy food for the evening. Most only eat once a day. It's not uncommon to live in a one-bedroom house built of unbaked mud brick walls with an iron sheet roof. Unstable buildings like this are exceptionally vulnerable to collapse during the landslides and fierce storms which the climate crisis is making more frequent.

"Most families don't have a water supply, so they'll collect water from rivers or communal water points; the threat of water-borne cholera is ever present. In most instances, neighbouring families share toilets, but it's not uncommon for there to be no communal toilet, forcing people to nearby bushes. Similarly, there are no bathrooms or showers. It's a fragile existence that pushes many to the brink of survival.



"Together, we can support families to secure a better future for themselves and future generations. With your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions."

Aline Nibogora showing Christian Aid and its partners the VSLA account book. Credit: Christian Aid/ Armstrong Too.

What could your donations buy?

£5 could buy a savings book for a member of a VSLA, setting them up to start their own small business and become financially independent.

£30 would help a family buy two Jerrycans to collect water from the river to carry back to their farm. Jerrycans provide irrigation to crops, especially during the dry season, maintaining food production for the family.

£50 would mean a vulnerable family can purchase a water storage tank. Water can then be stored for a few days rather than travelling to the communal water point, allowing instant access to water for washing, cleaning and cooking.

£100 could help a woman set up her own small business with a starter kit; including money to purchase her first few items to sell. This means she could supply local grocery shops or restaurants with vegetables, set up a roadside shop, or buy maize to sell in bigger markets like Bujumbura.

£100 could also help buy a family a bicycle meaning easier transport to school, quicker access to medical treatment in emergencies or support carrying produce from farm to market.

Join us this Christian Aid Week. Please give to help more people push back against the inhumanity of poverty. Collection envelopes will be available at the service on 5th May or you can donate at www.christianaid.org.uk

The **Methodist** Church

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**We look forward to seeing you all again to
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