



# Culcheth Methodist Church

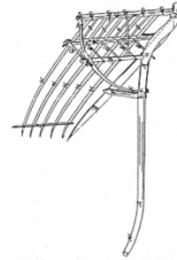
Transforming the World by meeting the needs of our community as God's people

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Welcome to our Church, it is lovely to have you with us.

If you are new to the church, please say hello, either to the welcome team in the foyer, or to anyone you see. If you would rather sit quietly, that's fine too.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, Junior Church goes to Glazebury for Breakfast Worship at 9am.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us after the morning service, for refreshments, conversation & fellowship in the hall, or in the foyer after the evening service, follow the crowd.

Sun	13-Jan	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Caroline Ainger 6.30pm Evening Praise & Worship Service
Mon	14-Jan	9.30am-10 Open Prayer time 10am-12.30 Open Doors in the Foyer
Tue	15-Jan	Tuesday Tots
Wed	16-Jan	8-9.30pm Choir
Thu	17-Jan	9.30-12noon Informal Pastoral Visitors meeting 11am Holcroft Grange Service 2pm Home Group 7-9pm Hearts & Hands
Fri	18-Jan	
Sat	19-Jan	10am-12noon Open Doors
Sun	20-Jan	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Bradley 6.30pm Evening Service – Churches Together @ Glazebury Flowers – Celia Crow

**Thanks to** Jane Bushby for the flowers, the preacher, worship leaders, readers, musicians, stewards, AV support and the refreshment providers.

**Luke 3.15-17,21-22** I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Amy by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 766550, [culchethmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:culchethmethodist@gmail.com)

Website: [www.leighandhindley.org.uk](http://www.leighandhindley.org.uk) Facebook: LeighAndHindleyMethodist contact Rev'd Bradley with content

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Magazine entries to [cmcnews57@gmail.com](mailto:cmcnews57@gmail.com).

Prayer Circle requests contact Janette Hutchinson:766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby:509558/07949 390862

## Upcoming Events & Notices

### Pastoral Visitor's Meeting

An informal meeting of the pastoral visitors will take place on Thursday 17th January 9.30 - 12 noon at the church

### Well Project NEWS

I am pleased to let you know that WREN have awarded us a grant of approx. £21,500 towards the building element of the Well Project. This means that the project has sufficient funds to complete the building work. More detail will be provided when we have it.

We have also begun the process of recruiting a new youth worker.

Don't forget to ask your questions for our "FAQ" to any of the church council members or by email to the notices address, thank you to those who have already done so. We will be compiling the answers soon.

### Foodbank

Thanks for your continued support. It is especially good to receive the Christmas Extras to help relieve some of the suffering and shortages for families in need. Thank you all.  
Ray & Irene

### Church Council - Treasurer

I am pleased, and relieved, to confirm that the crucial role of Treasurer has now been filled by Jacob Harrison, who will be carrying out the role remotely. We are very grateful to him for offering his skills in this way. Amy

### Three Towns Concert and 2018 Social Events

On 1st December 2018, our church hosted the annual Three Towns concert. A capacity audience of church members and the village community enjoyed a selection of songs from the Shows, Broadway, Popular and Classical. Many thanks to those who donated cakes for refreshments, we raised £561 for Church Funds. The events organised throughout 2018 altogether raised £1,940 for Church Funds. As well as fellowship for church members and outreach to our community. Chris Bridge

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of the Hearts and Hands group (and associated 'crafters' who join in from home and Holcroft Grange) have completed many projects including: hand puppets for Warrington Hospital children's ward, blankets for the palliative care unit at Manchester Hospital, hats for Mission to Seafarers, items for the Christmas shoeboxes, plus the knitted Bible stories and poppies displays. We have just embarked on a new project which will involve creating prayer shawls, wraps, blankets, scarves or other appropriate items to be given to those who need comfort or to commemorate special occasions. We would welcome your contributions to this project in many ways: creating the items, providing wool, praying blessings over the project and items created, packaging the items or making cards to accompany them (we expect other avenues to develop too). For info, please contact Caroline Fillery, Janette Hutchinson or Viv Briney. "Shawls...made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditional loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed. Janet Bristow: [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)

### Explore

We are looking for people who would be able to help out with Explore.

This could be to get involved in the leading of sessions or particular activities or just to come along and help with setting-up and the preparation of refreshments. We meet once a fortnight on a Sunday evening, so if we are able to get a team of people together on a rota you may only need to help out once a month or less. If you might be interested and would like a chat E-Mail [thomasjmartin@live.co.uk](mailto:thomasjmartin@live.co.uk) or phone 01942 321008.

### Housekeeping

Thank you to the team who came in last week to do some cleaning and maintenance tasks. (Daphne, Peter & Elizabeth). Amy