

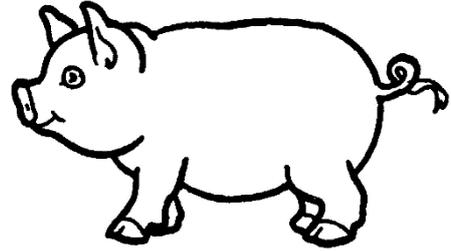


# Culcheth Methodist Church

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

Ellesmere Rd, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 4BJ  
Reg Charity No. 1129901

Minister: Rev Andrew Bradley is on Sabbatical until 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Rev'd Vivienne Smith 01942 665654  
vivgsmith@aol.com



Church Contact: Elizabeth Marr 01925 762187

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	31-Mar	9.45am Morning Worship – Own Arrangement/Parade 6.30pm Evening Service – Rev Luke Smith 7.30pm Explore
Mon	1-Apr	9.30am-10 Open Prayer time 10am-12.30 Open Doors in the Foyer
Tue	2-Apr	Tuesday Tots
Wed	3-Apr	10.15am Spiritual Practices Lent Course – see over, all welcome. 8-9.30pm Choir
Thu	4-Apr	7-9pm Hearts & Hands 2 pm Meeting Point - 'Book Now', Speaker Revd Bob Davies.
Fri	5-Apr	
Sat	6-Apr	10am-12noon Open Doors 10.15am Spiritual Practices Lent Course – see over, all welcome
Sun	7-Apr	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Brian Jones 6.30pm Evening Service – Rev Robert Davies Flowers – Mary Bardsley

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

**Luke 15:11-32**

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

**Communication:**

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Amy by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 766550, culchethmethodist@gmail.com  
Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk Facebook: LeighAndHindleyMethodist contact Rev'd Bradley with content  
Room Bookings: Linda Bloomfield, lindajbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk 01925 765875  
Magazine entries to cmcnews57@gmail.com.  
Prayer Circle requests contact Janette Hutchinson:766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby:509558/07949 390862

## Upcoming Events & Notices

### Jeff Hill

Sadly, Jeff passed away this week. Les thanks everyone for the help and support which he is receiving at this difficult time.

### Lent Series of Sunday Evening Worship

Led by Rev Robert Davies

The Wilderness Experience - See mirrored in the testing out of Jesus in the wilderness, at the beginning of his ministry, some of our wilderness experiences today.

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Grief, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Failure

**Lent Course** - A 7 week "Spiritual Practices" course. Wednesday or Saturday mornings, both at 10.15am led by David O (Wed) and Alex Laing (Sat). Material by Inspire & The Methodist Church, open to anyone. Do join us!

### Frugal Lunches - Newchurch Parish Hall

Frugal lunches, each Friday during Lent, up to and including Good Friday 19th April, 12 noon to 1.30. Soup and roll £3, includes tea/coffee.

Supporting The Church Urban Fund, The Leprosy Mission and The Mission to Seafarers.

### Drama for Easter – "The Vigil" Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April

Churches Together are planning a production of "The Vigil" in Newchurch Parish hall. The parts will be read so you don't need to learn lines. See David O if you are interested in taking part.

### Easter Services

There will be a service led by the choir on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April, A Maundy Thursday Agape service at Glazebury on 18<sup>th</sup> and a Churches Together Good Friday service on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by walk of witness to CPS.

### Open Gardens Plant Stall

An appeal for donations of plants for us to sell. As we go into spring you may be digging up plants, splitting them or growing new. Please pot up any spare ones you have. We would be very pleased to receive them. Open Gardens is July 13/14th. Thank you. Heather

**Magazine** – the latest copy of the magazine is available in the foyer.

### Church Council – Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.15pm

Papers are available for the council meeting, in the foyer and electronically. Please let Amy know if you need extra.

All are welcome to the meeting, we will be discussing the community garden plans and the tenders received for the foyer building work. Rev Viv Smith will chair in Andrew's absence.

### Foyer Survey – furnishing decisions

To inform decisions about the furnishing etc of the new foyer area, we would like to hear your views. There are paper copies of a survey in the foyer, or you can complete it online at <https://ljmu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/church-entrance-market-research-survey-marchvs3> Please share widely, it should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

### Church Weekend with Glazebury

The 2 Churches are going to Abbots Hall, Grange over sands on the weekend of Fri 14th to Sun 16th June. It is lovely to be with our friends from Glazebury and a very relaxing weekend with plenty of fantastic food and excellent company. Please think about coming. If you are interested, please contact Delia on 01942 671938 or Daphne 01925 765561 or David O

### Christian Aid Week – 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you to all those who helped last year to raise over £1500 – a few said that that would be your last year. Before I order materials, I would like to know how many roads we will be able to cover. I have put a sheet on the notice board for anyone who is interested in collecting to add their name and any preferred road/area, whether or not you have collected before. Alternatively, contact me direct.

This year's appeal is for Sierra Leone, a country close to our hearts. Christian Aid wish to build new health centres and provide health training with a view to reducing the infant mortality rate. Joyce McComb 767308  
[joyce.mccomb@talktalk.net](mailto:joyce.mccomb@talktalk.net)

### Three Towns Operatic Society

If you would like a ticket for THE MIKADO on Tue 14th May and/or a seat on the minibus, please read and sign the list on the noticeboard or speak to Joyce Davies before 7th April.