



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.

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	15-Dec	9.45am Morning Worship – Own Arrangement 6.30pm Evening Service – Rev Len Pereira (Holy Communion)	22-Dec	9.45am Morning Worship – Own Arrangement 6.30pm Evening Service – Rev Viv Smith
Mon	16-Dec	9.30am-10 Open Prayer time 10am Open Doors in the Welcome Space	23-Dec	9.30am-10 Open Prayer time 10am Open Doors in the Welcome Space
Tue	17-Dec		24-Dec	11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion – Rev Jeff Walker
Wed	18-Dec	7pm Carol Service – Rev Viv Smith (refreshments afterwards)	25-Dec	11am Christmas Morning Worship – Rev Viv Smith
Thu	19-Dec	7-9pm Hearts & Hands in the Welcome Space	26-Dec	
Fri	20-Dec	10am-12noon Coffee & More in the Welcome Space	27-Dec	
Sat	21-Dec	10am-12noon Open Doors	28-Dec	
Sun			29-Dec	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Susan Whitehead (Holy Communion) 6.30pm Evening Service Rev Bob Davies

Thanks to Ann Langridge for the advent ring, the preacher, worship leaders, readers, musicians, stewards, AV support and the refreshment providers.

Advent 3

Jesus Christ, we seek you through our Advent journey. Jesus, Bread of Life, we pray for the hungry. Jesus, Living Water, we pray for the thirsty. Teach us that what we do for others, we do for you.

Jesus Christ, we wait for you. Jesus Christ, we welcome you.

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 Viv Smith 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

Communion Service Retiring Collection

The Church Council agreed that we should re-instate the communion retiring collection, which has lapsed. The December retiring collections will be for this year's Advent Offering for the Mission in Britain Fund, which supports many projects across Britain – This year's theme is 'Homelessness & Hospitality'. It focuses on personal stories from people with experience of homelessness who are making positive changes to their life thanks to the hospitality of the Bristol Methodist Centre. The support they are receiving is varied: from meals, clothes and shower facilities to one-to-one counselling, help with benefits and prayer.

According to the housing charity Shelter, more than 320,000 people in the UK were without a home at the end of 2018 – and the numbers just keep on rising. Join us in lifting the veil of stigma surrounding homeless people to reveal the real human heart beating beneath.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/support-our-work/advent-offering-2019/>

All We Can Harvest Collection

The total raised in the Harvest Collection was £386.99. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Christmas Big Sing

The CD's from the Christmas Big sing recorded in September at Bedford are available. The are £5, but free for anyone housebound. The proceeds will be going to education in Feijia, Sierra Leone.

Church Family Christmas Card

As in previous years, we have a large Christmas Card to enable anyone to share their greetings with the wider Church Family. It is on display during this month and available to sign on Sundays 8th and 15th December, with donations invited to the Christmas Post charities. Thank you! Janette

Sunday Morning Tea

If you enjoy a cuppa after the Sunday Morning Services and would like to help us by being included in the Tea Rota please contact me to enable me to add you to next year's rota. It is a great way to get to know newcomers and catch up with friends. Mary Gregson: 762715

Church Flowers

Thank you to all those who have provided flowers for the church during 2019, and to all those who have helped to care for the flowers and made sure we have had good displays on Sundays. The Flower Rota for 2020 is now on the church notice board in the Welcome Space. I have not been able to fill all the Sundays so if you would like to donate flowers for one of these dates, or if you have any problem with your assigned date, please contact Betty Memmott, 763364.

Tuesday Tots

Could you help out with refreshments at Tuesday Tots? 9.30-11am, some additional help is needed to share the rota. Speak to Trudy MacDonald or Jane Bushby.

New! Men's Group

An invitation for all men to meet at the Packhorse on Tuesday 17th December at 19:00. Food and drink, punctuated by meaningful discussion. Please come and bring a friend. Contact David Slater (07870 498284) or Dave Briney (07783 355006) for more information and to arrange food (sandwiches and chips).

Brenda Berry

Brenda Berry and her son Ian would like to thank the Revd. Paul Martin for all his guidance, help and advice following the death of her husband Gordon on May 1st and her son Philip on September 18th. Many thanks for his thoughtful conduct of both funeral services.

Magazine

Contributions for the Jan/Feb edition of the magazine need to be in by Sun 29th Dec. Many Thanks, Chris & Nina.

Grand Opening – 18th & 19th Jan

To celebrate the completion of The Welcome Space, we will be having an Open Day on Sat 18th Jan, followed by a dedication during the Covenant service on Sun 19th Jan.

The Open Day will include Children and Youth activities, an extended Open Doors including lunch, games and jigsaws, craft and music.

We hope to see you there – put the date in your new diary!