



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	12-Jan	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Brian Jones 6.30pm Evening Service- Rev Viv Smith (with holy communion)
Mon	13-Jan	9.30am-10 Open Prayer time 10am Open Doors in the Welcome Space
Tue	14-Jan	10am Tuesday Tots
Wed	15-Jan	2.30pm- David Scattergood's funeral (see over) 8pm Choir
Thu	16-Jan	2pm Meeting point- Bedford Bunyan and me- Dave Bushby 7-9pm-Hearts and Hands
Fri	17-Jan	10-12 am Coffee & more
Sat	18-Jan	10-12am Open Doors 10am-4pm Open day (see over)
Sun	19-Jan	9.45am Morning Worship – Rev Viv Smith -Covenant and Communion 5.30 pm Tea, 6.30pm Evening Service – Churches together for Christian unity at Glazebury Methodist (see over) Flowers Celia Crow

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

Matthew 3:13-17

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on 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 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

David Scattergood's Funeral

Wed 15th Jan, at 2.30pm at Culcheth Methodist Church, led by Rev. Paul Martin, followed by 4pm at the crematorium for family and close friends. You are all invited to refreshments, which will be held in the church sanctuary and Welcome Space at approximately 5 pm. Whilst the family are at the crematorium, we will rearrange the church sanctuary. There is no dress code. Some people have asked about sending cards: if you bring these to the service, or hand to a steward, then we will ensure they are passed on.

Organ

You will be pleased to hear that the digital section of the organ has been repaired. The specialist needed to repair the circuit that had been damaged. Thanks to David O for organising this.

Youth Vision Night 11th Jan 7pm

Hannah (CMC youth worker) will be holding a Vision Night for a new youth project. The night will involve hearing of some exciting plans for the new year, discussion, planning and light refreshments. If you'd like to be involved in the youth work, serve as a volunteer or simply support the youth work – please come along. There will be Pizza!

Churches Together Service for Christian Unity

This will be held at Glazebury Methodist on Sun 12th Jan at 6.30pm, a tea will be served at 5.30pm. Music provided by the band

Communion Service Retiring Collection

Woops! Forgot to do this collection on 29th Dec – a basket will be available on 12th Jan.

The Church Council agreed that we should reinstate 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/>

Christmas Big Sing

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

Consultation on Marriage & Relationships

As you may know, the Methodist Church are consulting about marriage & relationships. A circuit consultation event will be held on Mon 17th Feb at 7pm at Bedford. All welcome.

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!

"Start" Course Glazebury

On Tuesday, 14 January at 7.30-8.30pm we will be commencing a 6 week Christian basics course entitled "Start". The course will run for one evening a week for 6 weeks, at Glazebury Methodist Church. "Start" is designed for: those who are searching for God and are interested in starting a new spiritual life; those who perhaps had a faith some years ago, lost it and are now coming back to it; those who have discovered God and want to go deeper in their faith.

Lent Groups

Rev Viv Smith will be leading a lent group this year. It will meet on Monday evenings in Culcheth and/or Kingsleigh/Bedford on Wednesday mornings. More details to follow.