



Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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

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Best

Wishes on

Mothering

Sunday

During the Coronavirus situation, we are not meeting together physically, either for Worship or for any other church groups.

We are sharing connection via phone calls, an email group, a facebook group (Culcheth Methodist Church), and the weekly notice sheet, which will be delivered to those who are not on the internet. If you would like to join the email group, please email amyedriver@gmail.com

Regular podcasts from Rev Viv can be found here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-476066366>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Lets try something new!

Over the coming weeks, we will be experimenting with various ideas. There will be a Sunday Morning Worship Podcast this weekend. I propose we try to listen to it all together, as if we were in Church.

If you would like to listen in, with others, at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd March: Dial 020 3478 5289 on your telephone, then when it asks you for your access code, enter 953 061 259#. You can press # again when it asks for your id.

We (should) be able to join together in worship – I will play the podcast via my work Webex system & hope it works!



The call will be charged at the standard UK phone rate.

Any questions, call 01925 766550.

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

Keeping in touch

Pastoral Visitors are making sure everyone on their lists has regular contact. We have a list of people who are not high risk, who are available should you need any practical support – please ask your pastoral visitor if you need anything. Keep safe.

What can I do?

The coming weeks are going to bring a sense of isolation to many. If you have some time (perhaps at a time you would have been at Church), please do ring anyone you have a number for – a chat and sharing of news is going to be a vital support for us all. If you have any news you could share or anything you need or can suggest anything else – please let me know via email or phone (no's below).

Hannah's After School Group - Fresh

The first meeting of this group on was really encouraging, with 5 girls turning up and responding enthusiastically to all the activities. So, it was with a heavy heart that the decision had to be made to discontinue the group this Tuesday. We waited outside the Church in case anyone turned up and Hannah could explain (at a distance). 4 girls arrived and, despite their disappointment, enjoyed their conversations with Hannah, who was very keen for them to understand that the decision was for their safety, that it was a temporary measure and for them to know that she still cared about them. She encouraged them to keep in touch through Instagram, where possible, particularly as Youth For Christ are hoping to set up some on line support and activities for young people over the coming weeks.

We give thanks for Hannah's work in the High School and for the many young people she has built relationships with, especially through her mentoring and her thriving Debate Club. Please pray that God will continue to work through her, that YFC plans may come to fruition and that they will have a positive impact on the young people in these uncertain and worrying

times. Thank you for your support and prayers. Janette

Church Walk 28th March

The planned walk has been cancelled.

Advance Notice – Quiz 25th April

The quiz to raise money to support Hannah has been postponed, date TBA

Scouts Magic Evening Mon 23rd Mar 7.30

This event has been cancelled

Joyce Blair's Funeral

Sadly, and perhaps inevitably in the current situation, Joyce's funeral service tomorrow is being postponed. There will be a cremation, but wider family and friends will be invited to a celebration of Joyce's life at Walton Hall at a later date. Jane has been very appreciative of kind thoughts and cards she has received from Church friends of Joyce.

Alex Laing - Candidating

Now that I have the support from the District as well as the Circuit, I am going before Connexion – which has been rearranged as an online remote event. Your prayers & kind words are holding me up and keeping me going. Thank you so much for your support.

Foodbank

As we will not be supporting our foodbank through our normal route, please consider making a financial donation to keep them going – they are going to be very important, I fear. Cheques can be sent to:

Atherton & Leigh Foodbank
c/o Atherton Parish Church St John the Baptist
Market Street
Atherton
Manchester
M46 0DD
or see athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk

MWIB Easter Offering

This offering has been postponed until the autumn.