

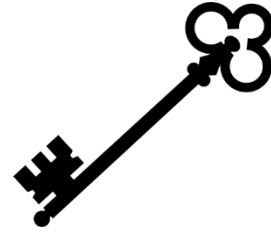


Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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

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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. The notice sheet will be on display on the church door.

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>

SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone.

If you would like to listen in, at 10.30am on Sunday:

Dial **020 3478 5289** on your telephone,

When it asks for the access code, enter **145 404 825#**.

(this number will be the same each week)

When it asks for your ID, press #

We can then join together in worship

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

Any questions, call 01925 766550.



John 20: 19-31 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

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

Beryl Watson

Sadly, Beryl remains in hospital, is now asleep most of the time and only taking liquid food. She is in a geriatric ward in Warrington General and is being treated as end of life. Her children are able to visit one at a time.

Please keep Beryl in your thoughts and prayers this Easter time.

Keeping Safe!

We hope that everyone is keeping safe and following the instruction to stay at home, so we can protect the NHS. Remember, we have a list of volunteers who are not vulnerable, and who are really keen to help – so if you need anything at all, speak to your pastoral visitor who can connect you with someone who can assist.

Perhaps you would like to get in touch with someone in our church family? Or want to pass on some news, or just have a chat? You may also contact Viv Briney, (764249), Jane Bushby (509558) or Janette (766819). It is so important that everyone still feels connected, even though we are not physically meeting together. It has been wonderful to receive updates from different quarters and to know how many people within the Church Family are keeping in touch and caring for each other by telephone or email. Thank you, God bless you and keep up this fantastic work everybody! Janette Hutchinson

Tuesday Art Group

Morag's Tuesday art group are continuing to paint in these difficult times. I send out a nursery rhyme or folk song and we all have to paint all or part of the song – sometimes literally - or since nursery rhymes always have secret meanings, we can try to be creative with our ideas. If you would like to join in this therapeutic activity, I would be delighted to hear from you. See the magazine for some of our work.

Love from Morag

Roles

I wonder if any of you are spending some of this time thinking about the changes you might make once we are “back to normal”? I'd like to make two sincere pleas for you to consider.

- Linda would dearly like to hand on the Lettings Officer role she took on temporarily. Could you do that? There would be a nice quiet start if you took it on now!
- Elspeth very kindly became our interim treasurer a year ago – she is also senior circuit steward, circuit treasurer and the treasurer for some other churches in our circuit. We really need to relieve her of the responsibility for our church as soon as possible. Julie Mainwaring is keeping the books, Eddie Johnson manages the petty cash, and Julie Worswick manages the gift aid, but we do need someone to take on overall responsibility for the accounts.

Elspeth and Linda both **need** to pass these roles on. Could you help out? They will each give you lots of support while you learn the ropes.

Prayer – 6.30-7pm

Matthew 18:20 *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*

Thanks to all who are regularly praying for our church community, local community and the wider world during this Corona Virus pandemic.

As we continue to socially distance ourselves to protect each other and our NHS, we may find ourselves longing to be joined in prayer with others.

As a church, we will pray **every evening between 6.30 and 7.00pm**. If you are able to pray at this time in your own home or place of work, please be assured that others from your church family will be praying too at this time. Let's “meet in his name” in unity to pray. People will also be at prayer

on **Mondays from 9.30-10**, when the Monday prayer group normally meet. Please join us whenever you can, for as much of the time as you feel able. For those who struggle to pray out of the context of a formal time of worship and without guidance, perhaps one of the following suggestions / reminders will help: Prayer can be done anywhere, and in lots of different ways.

- Quietness can be helpful, but is not essential.
- Use The Lords Prayer as your guide - say it aloud and amend it, add to it, use it as your framework for what you say to God.
- Use a favourite hymn to structure your prayer, or simply sing it or say the words aloud, and offer those words to God.
- Reflect on your day, and count your blessings - name them one by one (see we're back to those hymn again)
- Use ACTS as a framework. A - adoration; C - confession; T - Thanks; S - supplication (asking God)
- Read the psalms and find one that speaks what's on your heart.
- Use a piece of scripture / biblical promise when seeking God's will.
- Speak out loud or in your thoughts.
- Speak in your own words - simply and humbly, as though speaking with a close friend.

And remember, if you do nothing but come before God and sit at his feet, saying nothing, he hears you, he can speak to you, he loves that you chose to be there. Come before him honestly and earnestly. Please join us whenever you can. God bless.

Hannah's Youth Work Update

FRESH ONLINE HAS STARTED|!

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers!

Our new 'Online Youth Programme' Is going well!

Many CHS students are now following, watching vids, and engaging with posts on the account!

This Tuesday we had our first ever FRESH ONLINE! It was such an answer to prayer to get this started, so thank you so much to everyone who has been praying!

We chatted, played some games and had a short talk about having faith during these times! It was such a great time to catch up with the girls who attended, to show them that as a church we are still here for them, and to speak God's truth into their lives. Please do continue to pray for this group, that relationships would deepen and that we would see more and more young people come to Fresh Online.

If you are able, please share the online mentoring/youth work service with people you think might be interested. I would like as many Culcheth young people to know about this service as possible – share with your neighbours, friends, parents who may have children in the area (all digitally of course!) Our voices together and more powerful! To share simply text/email – CMC/YFC youth worker is available to support young people online.

To find out more, follow Hannah's online youth service on Instagram @hannah_youthworker.

Thank you and please continue to pray for more engagement with Culcheth young people.

Magazine

The deadline for content for the magazine is Sunday 26th April – please contact Christine Pathmarajah or CMCnews57@gmail.com



Good Friday

Mark 15:39 And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”



Easter Sunday

Mark 16:6 He has risen