

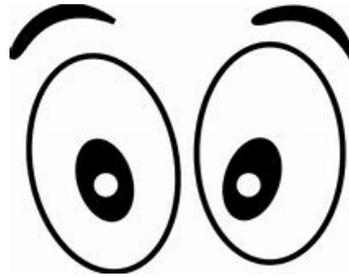


Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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.



Luke 24 13-35 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight

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 passed away in hospital on Friday 17th April.

Her daughter Alexandra and son Neil, intend to arrange a Memorial Service later this year.

They would also like to thank all those that have sent kind wishes to the family.

We were all very sad to hear of Beryl's passing, and shocked by how quickly it happened. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Neil and Alexandra.

Beryl was proud of being a Liverpudlian and a former member of the nursing profession. I'm sure she would have been very proud of the selfless work being done by nurses and carers in the present situation and in her own forthright way would be championing their cause. You could rely on Beryl to say what she thought!

She and her late husband, Ian, were part of CMC since the 70s. I think it's fair to say neither of them had a conventional view of religion and churchgoing but both had a clear faith and strong convictions. Long before a formal local Churches Together group was set up Beryl was part of an ecumenical prayer and study group led by Mary Baxter from St. Lewis's and included Dorothy Sandford. Her interests were not confined by denominations and she maintained strong bonds with Christians from other churches, particularly Culcheth Christian Fellowship and St Lewis's. Their two children came through CMC Sunday School and I have happy memories of Alex taking part in Morag's plays with great enthusiasm (there are photos somewhere).

Later Ian contributed to church life as a Worship Leader and Property Chair and Beryl was instrumental in a much-appreciated bequest of armchair seats in his memory. Through suffering chronic back pain she understood the need for comfortable seating. Beryl also had problems for many years with depression and SAD but she didn't allow this to get in the way of saying and doing what she believed was right. One cause for which she campaigned passionately was the reopening of Glazebury station.

So to sum up. Beryl was a great character, by turns both warm and convivial but also challenging. She had a lively outward-looking faith not bound by denomination or convention. She was an unpredictable free spirit not afraid to speak out on issues close to her heart, which we sometimes learnt to our cost! Above all she was honest, direct and committed to her causes and friendships.

We will all miss you Beryl. May you rest in peace. David Ogilvy

Thank you from Alex Watson

Please let me thank you for all the very kind cards from everyone at the church and also the flowers on behalf of the church after my mother passed away last Friday.

How we can support Warrington Hospital

A central community and volunteer hub has opened at Warrington Hospital to support the community in donating food, toiletries and other comforts to patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are asking local communities for their help in supporting those in need at this difficult time. These are some of the ways in which we could contribute:

Care packages for those being discharged home, patients and staff who may have to remain on the premises (including toiletries: shower gel, shampoo, hand and body cream, toothpaste and antiperspirant).

Boredom busters for patients who are finding the days very long without visitors, including: games, magazines, jigsaws, puzzle books, writing paper, envelopes, pens, adult colouring books and coloured pencils.

Hearts for comfort: Knitted, crocheted or fabric hearts in pairs (bagged and dated). One heart will be given to the patient and the other to their family (I am able to supply patterns for knitting and crochet).

Knitted puppets for the children's ward (patterns available), created using rainbow colours. If we are able to put together a box containing some of the above, then it will be safely collected. If you would like to contribute, in any way, please contact Viv Briney (vivbriney@hotmail.com or 764249 or 07495073942). I can collect on my daily walk, or cycle on my e-bike, whilst observing social distancing and good hygiene. The lady I spoke to, at the hub, was so grateful when I offered the support of our church community.

Hearts and Hands for God Group

Our group continues to be active and even had a 'meeting' via Zoom, where we shared our works in progress. We continue to make prayer shawls and one was gratefully received this week (please contact us if you think of someone who would like to receive a shawl). We will be contributing to the puppets and hearts for Warrington Hospital whilst also making hearts for Holcroft Grange (to show that we still think about them, and pray for them, even though we are unable to visit). We will make a heart for each resident and member of staff and pray blessings over them. They will be hung on a 'tree,' then a photograph will be sent to Holcroft and posted on Facebook. At some time in the future, we hope to present it to them. We are also looking at creating face masks and scrub bags. We would welcome any contributions. Contact Caroline Fillery 07970641818 or Viv Briney (as above)

Thursday Home Fellowship Group

We are studying the materials published by Spring Harvest At Home, on the topic of 'Unleashed...the Acts Church Today.' These seven studies explore the life and witness of the early church. In the book of Acts, we see the church unleashed to make God's kingdom known. Thousands came to faith, signs and wonders inspired awe, and the church was radically united together for God's work. We also see the tensions...struggles over belief, holiness, leadership and unity. Two thousand years later, how can we be the church unleashed? What a theme...'for such a time as this!' The group are studying at home and communicating by a group email.

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.

Hannah's Youth Work Update

This Tuesday we had our FRESH ONLINE! We had another girl join us this week, so thank you all for your continued prayers.

We chatted, played some games, and had a faith talk at the end. The girls are really enjoying coming to Fresh.

I have recently been building good relationships with the parents of the young people coming to Fresh. On Saturday, a parent asked whether I could organise a Fresh birthday party for her daughter. Janette and I we’re able to organise this and it was such a lovely time!

As a team we are still engaging with young people on Instagram - both on our area accounts, and on the YFC account. We are daily sharing videos, vlogs, posts, games and challenges!

Last Friday we had our first ever LIVE Q & A, where young people were able to send in questions, which the team answered live. The interaction was brilliant and we were able to share our faith and stories in relevant ways.

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

Magazine

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