

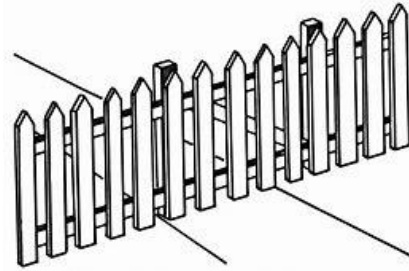


# Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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](mailto: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 10 1-10** I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

Pray Together – members of the church will be at prayer from 6.30-7pm every day, and from 9.30-10am on Mondays, do join in wherever you are.

### Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Amy by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 766550, [culchethmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:culchethmethodist@gmail.com)

Website: [www.leighandhindley.org.uk](http://www.leighandhindley.org.uk) Facebook: LeighAndHindleyMethodist contact Rev Viv Smith with content

Room Bookings: Linda Bloomfield, [lindajbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindajbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk) 01925 765875

Magazine entries to [cmcnews57@gmail.com](mailto:cmcnews57@gmail.com).

Prayer Circle requests contact Janette Hutchinson: 766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby: 509558/07949 390862

### **A grandson for Wayne Bagnall!**

I want to share with you and the lovely news that my youngest son Richard and his wife Lorraine who live in Ireland Had a second son this morning and called him Aaron, We're all absolutely delighted and mother and baby are both doing well. Aaron joins his little Brother Ryan Denis who was born on the 1/7/18 and Christine was able to go to his Christening. I hope you are all keeping well, Wayne.

### **Church Banner**

If you have passed the church, during your exercise, you will have seen our 12 foot by 4 foot banner (which has been donated). It has a rainbow at the top, with logos for the Methodist Church and yourneighbour.org, followed by this wording. **Please pass this information to anyone you think might like to make use of it.**

The church building is temporarily closed, but...

WE'RE STILL HERE FOR YOU

➤ For SUPPORT, a CHAT, or any of the below: phone the team at YourNeighbour.org 0300 323 9952

(Open 9-5, 7 days a week. Local charge rate) and ask to be connected to Culcheth Methodist Church

➤ For PRAYER: email janettehutchinson@hotmail.co.uk

➤ For WORSHIP podcasts and phone-in: leighandhindley.org.uk

➤ For INFORMATION: email amyedriver@gmail.com or vivbriney@gmail.com

➤ FOLLOW US on Facebook: Culcheth Methodist Church

Details of our partnership with yourneighbour.org may be found in the May/June edition of CMC Magazine.

### **Beryl Watson**

The following announcement appeared in the Liverpool Echo regarding Beryl's passing: WATSON BERYL (HOWE) 17th April 2020 Peacefully at Warrington General Hospital aged 83 years. Grateful thanks to all nursing staff involved. Beryl slipped away quietly to be with the Lord after her recent illness. "With Christ which is far better." Beloved wife of the late Ian Watson, loving mother of Neil and Alexandra, dear mother in law of Elaine and proud grandmother of Elle and Lydia. Sadly missed by beloved brother Arthur, sister in law Dorothy, nieces Rachel and Ruth and nephews David and Jonathan. Much loved by all her Howe cousins. Remembered affectionately by former friends at Calder High School, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Nurses Christian Fellowship. Current restrictions mean that a private cremation is to be held shortly and then a full thanksgiving service for Beryl at a later date to be confirmed in due course.

### **Foodbank**

As the building is closed, we are not collecting for the foodbank. However, the need for it is stronger than ever. If you would like to donate financially, you might like to send a cheque made out to 'Atherton & Leigh foodbank' to –

Atherton & Leigh Foodbank

Atherton Parish Church St John the Baptist

Market Street

Atherton

Manchester

M46 0DD

You can download a gift aid form on the website <https://athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk/>

### Church website

Andrew has been updating the circuit website to reflect how the body of Christ is still active, even though our church buildings are closed and we can't meet physically during the Coronavirus pandemic. On the opening page there is a link to 'things that are happening across the circuit.' See: [www.leighandhindley.org.uk](http://www.leighandhindley.org.uk)

### Spring Harvest Home

There were some excellent worship celebrations and seminars during the Spring Harvest Home week. Did you miss it? Don't worry, much of the material will be freely available throughout May, via the Spring Harvest YouTube channel. New materials are also being added daily. I found these presentations interesting and challenging: the devotionals by Pete Greig; Justin Brierley speaking on 'why doesn't God just end Coronavirus and mend the world' and the worship celebration 5, where the Archbishop of York John Sentamu, explored 9 characteristics of the early church and how these are relevant to today.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest>

### Photography Challenge

While you're out on your daily walk, jog, cycle, swim, hike, skydive, or whatever you do that qualifies and permits you to leave the sanctity and cabin fever of your home and garden, or indeed while you sit in your garden or peer into your window boxes — I invite you to either: Take a photograph, paint or draw a picture containing flowers (and take a photograph of it). Then send the photograph to me here at the circuit email address

[admin@leighandhindley.org.uk](mailto:admin@leighandhindley.org.uk) or if you're not able to scan or send email, then send the hard copy of your picture to me at the Manse, 1 Burton Close, Culcheth, WA3 4BW

Please let me have your name, age if you're under 18 and contact details (I won't save them they will be deleted from any record related to this little 'challenge.')

I will post the pictures onto our FaceBook page from where you and others can return to 'like' the pictures from which we'll have a straw poll 'winner' will receive a small gift for their efforts.

Pictures to me by 12th May, On line voting will end on 19th May

See our web site for similar details. Be creative as God is creative.

I look forward to seeing your photographs and pictures Blessings, Andrew

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### Hannah's Youth Work Update

FRESH ONLINE!

This Tuesday we had our FRESH ONLINE! We chatted, played some games, and had a faith talk at the end. The girls are really enjoying coming to Fresh!

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!

This Friday we have a LIVE challenge and games on Instagram! This is a great opportunity to interact with young people across Warrington. Please pray for this, that relationships would deepen, and that young people would get plugged into various groups and clubs.

Thank you!