



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. Most weeks we have over 180 callers from across the Leigh & Hindley and Liverpool North Circuits.

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 14 15-21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

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

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

NEWS

Hospital Support

Thank you for the overwhelming response for items for Warrington Hospital. It is being collected next Monday (18th), so please let me know about any further donations by Saturday. I have been asked if we are short of any items. We have lots of shower gel but could do with flannels or shower puffs. Also, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Fiction books are accepted too. Thank you. Viv Briney 764249 See below for more details.

Foodbank & Essentials Hampers

Now that "Le Brunch" is open on Warrington Rd, they are accepting donations of food for the Warrington foodbank. Helping Hands at The Village Club (formerly the Legion) are also delivering essentials hampers to local people in need due to the lockdown and are accepting donations of items 12-2pm each day on a table outside. They are including a flyer with the information on our banner in the hampers.

If you wish to continue to support the work of the Atherton & Leigh foodbank, 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/>

Hannah's Youth Work Update

Fresh online has been going well! Last week we played some games, chatted, and had a talk about the power of prayer.

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 another Instagram live, where we will be praying for young people who send in prayer requests throughout the week.

We are looking to set up some new clubs, which I will update you on next week!

I hope you are all doing well! Thank you so much for continuing to pray for the youth work!

If you would like to find out more, or just be encouraged by what been happening, I'm holding a zoom meeting on Thursday afternoon @3pm – we'd love to see you!

You can contact me by email: hannah@warrinton.yfc.co.uk Love, Hannah



It is now **Christian Aid Week**. The corona virus has put paid to all the normal fund-raising events – door-to-door collections, cake stalls, coffee mornings and sponsored events. However, corona virus will also make the problems in the developing world even more acute. It is always the poorest who are at greatest risk. Christian Aid are working in refugee camps to

provide hygiene advice and kits with soap and hand sanitiser as well as training to local healthcare staff in treatment of the disease and distributing food to those in need.

This, however, is only a part of Christian Aid's work. In 2018/2019 they had an income of over £120 million spent on 100 humanitarian projects and campaigns in 37 countries over 3 continents and reaching 1,700,000 people.

If you would like to donate to Christian Aid Week donations can be made by credit or debit card online at www.christianaid.org.uk or by telephoning 020 7523 2269. Joyce McComb

Prayer - Thy Kingdom Come (21st – 30th May)

An encouragement to pray for 5 family members, friends, neighbours or colleagues who don't yet know the love God has for them in Jesus. It's for all ages and anyone can join in using a great variety of free resources which can be downloaded.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources>

There is a beautiful prayer journal which has lovely images, a reflection, prayer, reading and actions for each day of Thy Kingdom Come. You can download it at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-journal-2019>

For Families there is a brilliant adventure map which works with an augmented reality app to help families pray for their friends and family as well as play a game.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map>

Cliff College Festival at Home – Next Weekend



Cliff Festival is still on, it's still going global and it's still partnering with the NWM Learning Network, All We Can and others!

- Friday 22 May, Saturday 23 May, Sunday 24 May, Monday 25 May
- Free
- Live streaming and pre-recorded Bible studies, seminars, workshops, preaching, worship
- Speakers include Revd Dr Billy Abraham, Professor Evelyn Parker and Dr Miguel A. De La Torre; Worship leaders include Sam Taylor and Josh Gillam. We'll also have some all-age worship and activities every day.
- This year's Festival theme is 'Global Vision'. This offers us an amazing opportunity to reflect with and learn from some of our global partners, and we hope they will encourage and enable us to understand and learn from their context.

SUPPORT

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

Keeping Safe!

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).

Daily pod casts and Sunday services

If you are unable to access Revs Viv and Luke's excellent daily podcasts, they can be delivered to you on a CD (including the Sunday service). Please let Viv Briney (764249) know if you would appreciate receiving a weekly CD.

REQUESTS

For all crafters, knitters, crocheters and sewers

We are making lots of hearts... hopefully, spreading lots of love. I have had some enquiries and there may be some confusion, so to clarify...we are making hearts for 3 different purposes:

Hearts for Warrington Hospital, one for the patient and one for relatives. These can be knitted, crocheted or sewn and the size is unspecified. They need to be in pairs, placed in a plastic bag and dated. I hope to have a box ready for collection by 15th May.

Hearts for Holcroft Grange. One for each resident and member of staff. Any medium, but not too large as they will be hung on a small tree

New: The charity Helping Hands now have a base at the Village Club and are sending out essential hampers to those in need. We thought it would be good to include a small item of agape and thought the hearts would be suitable. They would also like to have face masks to put in the hampers. They recommend making them from cotton and there is a pattern on the WHO website.

Please phone me if you need me to collect any of your creations. Thank you. Viv Briney 764249

How we can support Warrington Hospital

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.

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 keep the books, Eddie Johnson manages the petty cash, and Julie Worswick manages gift aid, we 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.