



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 7:37-39 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within 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

David Memmott

The funeral of David Memmott will take place at Walton Lea crematorium on Wednesday 10th June at 12.20pm. Unfortunately, this will be for family only.

In David's memory we would like donations to be made to Culcheth Methodist Church. This can be done by : Bank transfer to Culcheth Methodist Church, account number 02179857, sort code 01 02 46, payment reference D Memmott or hand to Unsworth funeral service, 489 Warrington Road, Culcheth, WA3 5QU

Sadly, David passed away at Gainsborough House on the 23rd of May. David had been ill for a number of years.

I first met David and Betty in 1996 when Mary and I returned to Culcheth. In the years that followed I had the real pleasure of working with David on a number of successful Church projects.

One, entitled 'Caring and Sharing' focussed on the contribution that each individual could make to the church family and it's mission. David led the project and achieved immense credibility and respect by virtue of his presentation and analytical skills.

Another, was the setting up of the Church Memorial (from scratch). David highlighted the absence of a formal Memorial system. He played a major role and encouraged his team (which included founder members of Culcheth Methodist Church) to pool their knowledge and creativeness.

There were many aspects to be addressed. The successful outcome is demonstrated by the splendid Memorial Cabinet in our church and the well-attended annual memorial service.

In addition to the above David became Church Treasurer very soon after joining CMC and subsequently performed a most valuable role supporting ministers in the circuit.

In all these activities he was supported by his family. Betty has spent many hours with David during his long illness. We have all missed David – his talents and his integrity – for many years.

Our prayers and thoughts remain with David and his family.

John Gregson

News

Have you got anything you'd like to share? What have you been enjoying doing? Has anything particularly cheered you? Do let me know, however ordinary – we're all missing the little bits of news! News from Joyce McComb - *Thanks to Bob and Morag. This is one of the streptocarpus they sold last year in aid of Action for Children. We've managed to keep it alive over the winter and it's flowering again!* Joyce McComb



A bible study, and a challenge for us

Did you manage to hear any of the content from Cliff Fest last weekend? You might like to watch/listen to this bible study <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO8QPyAhHAA>

Are we "doing God's stuff"?

Culcheth Methodist Church Prayer Circle

As Christians, we are encouraged to bring our praise and thanks to God, as well as sharing our worries and concerns for others, through prayer. We can do this in many ways, either individually or as part of a group, and there are various initiatives within our Church and Circuit, including our own Monday Prayer Group and the CMC Prayer Circle.

The Prayer Circle is a small group of people who are personally committed to praying for

others in times of need. We would normally aim to get together on a monthly basis to pray, share and update prayer needs, with other concerns being shared as they arise. Historically, people would pass these requests from one to another by telephone, but it is now more common for requests to be communicated by text or email to members of the group, as well as to Rev Viv and her pastoral supporters, Rev Mary Jones and Eileen Groves.

We are very conscious of the importance of confidentiality and personal privacy so requests are only included with permission from the person or someone very close to them. We just use first names in writing or, where appropriate, may refer to situations anonymously. Maybe you feel you would like to part of this prayer ministry or would like to pass on a request for prayer? If you are interested or would like to know more, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact: Janette Hutchinson 766819/07729 313466 Jane Bushby 509558/07949 390862

SUPPORT

Church Banner

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 & THANKS

Hospital Support, Holcroft Grange and Helping Hands

The amazing donations were collected, by Warrington Hospital, today. Also, we have completed a hearts prayer tree for Holcroft Grange (with 80 hearts for the 40 residents and 40 staff).

I am now being asked if we need more hearts and puppets. The answer is...yes please! The puppets are given to every child who is admitted to Warrington or Halton Hospital. Currently, they are asking for them to be knitted in rainbow colours. I am using the multicoloured wool as it is less fiddly. A certain wool shop is doing prompt deliveries and I intend to order some more wool soon. If anyone would like to add to my order, please let me know. I can also email, or deliver, the pattern (it is knitted in one piece and is easy).

Viv Briney

Foodbank & Essentials Hampers

Now that "Le Brunch" is open on Warrington Rd, they are accepting donations of food for the Warrington foodbank.

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/>

"Helping Hands" are delivering essentials packages to anyone in need during the Coronavirus lockdown, from their hub at the Village Club (formerly the British Legion). A message from them:

We have now gone through our stocks, in detail.

The first thing to say is thank you to everyone who has contributed over the last few weeks. You have helped to feed, supply and support a considerable number of local people.

The needs for the coming week, please, are:

BIG NEED

Desserts - things like tinned rice pudding & tinned fruit , eggs, tinned veg & fresh fruit & veg.

MEDIUM NEED

Soup, rice, tinned meats, tinned spaghetti, pasta, sugar, easy meals (microwaveable rice, pot noodles etc), soap / hand wash, toiletries & washing up liquid.

LOW NEED

Coffee, baked beans, tinned fish, surface cleaning products & toilet rolls.

NOT CURRENTLY NEEDED

Butter / spread, bread, tea, long life milk & breakfast cereal.

It goes without saying, we greatly appreciate everything donated.

Subject to deliveries, there will be someone at the hub Tuesday - Friday, noon to 3pm.

They are including a leaflet from our church (info from our banner) and I am putting a heart with each leaflet (with a tag saying 'hand-made with love...from Culcheth Methodist Church').

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.