

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.



Matthew 10:40-42 Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

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

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!

During the lock-down Marlene and her friend Kath and I have been working on a local history article "The Sephtons of Springfield". They were local doctors and some of the members may find it of interest. It will be in the Jul/Aug magazine.

Rev Viv & Rev Luke were very pleased to have been awarded a Girls Brigade certificate for their podcasts – very well deserved!

Abraham & Amy have had a baby girl. They have called her Rosalind, after our late friend Ros Roberts, who helped Abraham raise money for a church in Feija, Sierra Leone, and travelled there with him.

Youth work update

Fresh has been going so well! It is lovely to have Janette Hutchinson and Viv Briney helping, while the relationships between CMC and local young people continues to blossom. Each week there is such a warm atmosphere and it is such a blessing to see the girls growing and benefitting so much from the support.

Thank you so much for your continued prayer - it is invaluable during this season! I am still engaging with young people on Instagram - both on my Culcheth account (@hannah_youthworker) and on the YFC account (@yfcwarrington) where we daily share videos, vlogs, posts and ultimately The Good News.

Do you like quizzes? - Fri 3rd July 8-10pm

Join us for an online quiz run by our very own team to raise funds for the ongoing work of Warrington Youth for Christ as we continue to support young people online during this time. Register at www.wyfcquiz.eventbrite.com and we will e-mail you the Zoom link. Donate (suggested donation - £5 - per team) at give.net/wyfcquiz to see young people receive much-needed support online! Love Hannah

REQUESTS & THANKS

Church Finances & Gift Day thanks

Elsbeth has completed her analysis of the donations around our Gift Day earlier this year. We had one-off donations of £8000 to the general funds, and standing orders increased by about £550 in the first quarter, compared to 2019. **Thank you so much** to everyone who contributed to try to bring our finances back into a sustainable position. It means we are in a better situation to face the current situation that we would have been.

Clearly the lockdown has had a significant negative effect on our financial position, with no income from lettings this term (about £4000). We have furloughed the cleaners and are topping up the government 80% to 100% of their salary. It is not yet clear what the longer-term situation will be. The circuit finances are also impacted.

If you normally give via the collection on Sundays, or by envelope, please can you consider either changing to a standing order or dropping your donations off with Viv & Dave Briney or Amy Driver? If you would like someone to collect it, please get in touch via one of us, or via your pastoral visitor.

Please don't forget that Elspeth is EXTREMELY KEEN to hand her treasurer role over to someone. She also has considerable responsibility as Circuit treasurer, and treasurer for other churches. If you think you might be able to help, please let Amy or Elspeth know.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

What are we currently doing with the building?

Here are some photos of the work at church to provide a fire exit. The builders are now waiting for delivery of the new window/door to finish the work off.



How are we keeping in touch?

The Church Council meeting on Monday 22nd July was held via Zoom. A summary of the discussions will be sent out separately. This notice sheet is being delivered by hand to anyone who is not on email, and CD copies of the podcasts and Sunday phone in service are available if anyone would like.

When can we go back to Church?

Churches are now allowed to open for private prayer. However, the Methodist church will not be issuing any revised guidance until after Conference on 2nd July, and so no decisions will be made by any local churches until after that. Our churches will remain closed for the time being. For your information, Newchurch Parish Church will open from 21st June on Sunday mornings 10.30-12noon and Wed evenings 7-8pm for private prayer.

The Church Council have agreed an exciting proposal that we will begin our re-opening, when appropriate, with small "bubble" groups, that can share fellowship and worship through the week, while maintaining our Sunday dial in service. It is hoped that everyone will join one of these groups, and a small team of Alex Laing, David Ogilvy, Linda Bloomfield and Phil Harrison are working out the details of how this will work. If you have any thoughts about this, please contact them, or one of the stewards.