



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 for Worship. We have begun small "Getting Together Groups" meeting in each other's gardens, and are working towards re-opening the building in September

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.



Isaiah 40 25-31 those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

Message from Rev Katharine Bland

Hello Friends,

Well, we made it, we're here, and we just need to finish unpacking the last few boxes.

Paul and I want to say a really big thank you for your warm welcome; to those of you who called round, for the gifts of food and flowers, for all the cards, but most of all for all your best wishes and blessings bestowed upon us. We have been so warmly welcomed we are already starting to feel very much at home.

We didn't have much of a garden at our last manse, so the garden at Burton Close is a real treat. Mind you, it's already costing me an arm and a leg feeding all the birds, they're quite a greedy lot in Culcheth. In the space of a few days they'd munched through four fat balls and a bag full of seed, and that's on top of their morning breakfast of chopped apple or pear. And did you know, every late afternoon/evening the church roof is standing room only with starlings.

They say it's the little things in life that can mean so much, and stop us in our tracks, and calls us to give thanks to God. Today I thank God for the birds in our garden. A reminder if I should ever need of God's great love for all his creation. So while the sparrows munch away let the words of the Psalmist say: 'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us celebrate and rejoice in it'. Psalm 118:24

Love and Blessings, Katharine

Gracious God, teach me to take each moment as it comes and to live it to the full.

Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Gifts

Last Saturday I had the great pleasure of delivering gifts of flowers, an afternoon tea home delivery and cards with messages from you all to Rev Mary Jones, Eileen Groves and Rev Viv Smith in thanks and appreciation for their support over the last year or so. All three were delighted and surprised. Your donations covered the costs of these gifts, and the remainder of £200 will be donated to All We Can. Thank you for your generosity. Love Amy.

Returning to Church

Work continues on the risk assessment and preparations for returning to church, and we are planning to re-open for Sunday 20th September. This will be to see/listen to the telephone service, but with images, initially. Information about the new ways of working will be sent out in the next week or so, so you know what to expect. Our capacity will be limited, and so anyone who wishes to attend will need to book their space. You can, of course, continue to listen to the dial-in service from the comfort of your own home. Thank you to the team who worked to get the Church clean and ready to go this weekend (in a socially distanced way, of course)

ABC preschool open again on Monday 7th, following approval of their risk assessment. We pray for them as they begin a new school year and navigate their new ways of working.

Culcheth youth work/ back to school:

Fresh is going well and will continue virtually over the summer and into September. Thank you to Janette, Viv and Caroline who will be helping with this.

I am still engaging with young people on Instagram - where we daily share videos, vlogs, posts and ultimately, The Good News. I am continuing to lead various youth groups throughout the week, as well as weekly mentoring slots and planning for the next coming months. As a team we are beginning to create video assemblies to offer our schools. We will look at topics such as; resilience, equality, kindness, respect and friendships etc. Please pray for favour as I offer these to CHS. I hope you are all doing well! Thank you so much for continuing to pray for the youth work! Love, Hannah