



Culcheth **Methodist** Church

Transforming the World by meeting the needs of our community as God's people

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We are planning to re-open for Worship on Sunday 20th September at 10.30.
Please read the separate guidelines letter so you know what to expect.

Our getting together groups (max 6) also continue in gardens.

We are sharing connection via phone calls, an email group, a facebook group
(Culcheth Methodist Church), and the weekly notice sheet.

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.

If you would like to listen in, for 10.30am on Sunday:

Dial **020 3478 5289** on your telephone,

When it asks for the access code, enter **145 404 825#**.

When it asks for your ID, press #

The call will be charged at the standard UK phone rate.

Any questions, call 01925 766550.



Matthew 18 21-35 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

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,

I don't know if you have a morning routine, my preference is for a cup of tea and to read the news. During my daily scan of news updates this week I read this: "Sales of luxury chocolate and subscription wine rose during lockdown as Brits turned to comfort buying." What have you missed during lockdown? In various conversations people have said that they could get but without certain things but what they missed most was human contact.

During our isolation we have been unable to meet our loved ones, thankfully this is now easing - but with caution. Due to the wonders of technology we have seen and spoken with each other, however, the general response is 'but it's not the same.' We cannot kiss or hug our loved ones and many of us are struggling with that - understandably. I appreciate that not all of us are fully paid up members of the 'huggy' brigade, for some of us a handshake is sufficient and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but the need for human contact is very much in our DNA we might say.

This has caused me to reflect on the tactile nature of Jesus. He used His hands to heal, to comfort and to bless. He also touched lepers and made them clean, and He also used his hands to wash his disciples' dirty feet too!

As we prepare to return to church we need to heed carefully to the guidelines, especially those regarding what and who we touch or come into contact with. This is not a time to be carefree, but a time to be cautious and considerate of others. In this way our hands will also be hands that care and show God's love.

Love and Blessings, Katharine

Returning to Church

We will re-open for Worship on Sunday 20th September. This will be to see/listen to the telephone service, but with video, initially. Information about the new ways of working is attached in a separate document. 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 are working to get the Church clean and ready to go this and last weekend (in a socially distanced way, of course)

ABC preschool opened on Monday 7th, and all went well for them. We have created 2 "zones" in the building – one with the hall, ladies toilets and kitchen that the external users will use and one with the Welcome Space, Sanctuary, Vestry and Gents/disabled toilets that the church will use. This allows us to manage the risk more effectively.

Although the building will be open, it is important that we know who is going in. Please don't come and go as you have in the past – only attend for scheduled events, when someone will take responsibility for following the guidelines and keeping a record of attendees.

Nursery Rhymes in Lockdown

Morag and a small team of artists have produced a booklet 'Nursery Rhymes in Lockdown'. We are selling them for £5 with all proceeds to Culcheth Methodist Church.

Our interpretations don't address the sad implications of the virus and it is mainly an elderly person's perspective on the past months; but hopefully some may enjoy looking at our painting efforts which might bring back memories and maybe even a smile!

If anyone would like a copy please get in touch. Tel. 01925762002 or email

burtens_all@btinternet.com Thankyou, Morag

13th Sep 2020

Culcheth youth work/ back to school:

Hello all,

I hope you're doing well.

Fresh will be on a break for the next two weeks as most of the young people are getting settled back into school life. Please pray for all our local young people and all the changes they must be facing.

'Fresh together' will resume at the beginning of October, with a hope to promote this in our local high schools.

As a team WYFC are planning and preparing for the new term (and a new way of doing things) - please pray for us in this. I am waiting to find out when I can return to Culcheth High. Love Hannah