



# Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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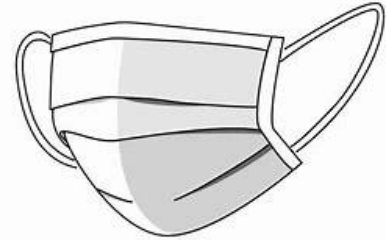
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Our Church will re-open for Worship on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September to start at 10.30.

Please read the separate guidelines letter so you know what to expect.

Regrettably, our getting together groups (max 6) are “on pause” due to the request for people in the Warrington area to not meet in each other’s 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.



## **Ecclesiastes 5 1-7**

No matter how much you dream or how much you talk, remain still and in awe of God.

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](http://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,

Daily Bible reading notes are popular with a lot of people, and you can get them in book form or online. I don't know if that is something that you use, regularly, occasionally or never. I must admit, I do like to use something, particularly for my morning devotions, probably because I'm not a morning person, so a little inspiration is always appreciated until several cups of tea have had chance to wake me up! I like a variety too, never sticking to the same resource for too long. Often, I am unable to resist a sneaky peep, and have been known to read on and do a whole week's worth of daily readings in one go. Anyway, the point to this is, this morning I read ahead to Sunday's reading, aware that, both Glazebury and Culcheth Methodist Churches will be opening their doors for Sunday morning worship. I hasten to add that this information is correct only at the time of typing, and an announcement regarding restrictions within Warrington Borough could change these arrangements at very short notice.

So, assuming that you are reading this on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, and our church building is open for worship...reflect for a moment on all the guidelines and restrictions that are in place to keep us safe. The main restriction is, of course, that we will all be wearing masks, talking with one another, and therefore hearing one another, at a socially safe distance, won't be so easy - and we are not allowed to sing. And this is the reading I have before me today from Ecclesiastes 5: 1-2. "Be careful about going to the House of God. Think before you speak, and don't make any rash promises to God. He is in heaven and you are on earth, so don't say more than you have to."

As I read on to verse 7 I find these words: "No matter how much you dream or how much you talk, remain still and in awe of God." Wherever and whenever you choose to worship God, we are joined together by His Spirit, and we worship as one. May you feel the strength of His peace and love for you. Stay safe.

Love and Blessings, Katharine x

### **Getting Together Groups**

Regrettably, due to the request for people in the Warrington area to avoid meeting in each other's gardens due to the rising infection risk, we will put the Getting Together groups "on pause" for a while. We hope you will be able to find ways to stay connected while we wait for it to be safe to continue.

### **Good News**

A Church Member has offered a donation of £17,482 that enables us to go ahead with the necessary replacement of the central heating boilers and ancillary work.

### **Returning to Church**

We will re-open for Worship on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 when someone will take responsibility for following the guidelines and keeping a record of attendees. If you need to "pop in" for

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something, please let one of the Church Stewards know – Amy Driver, Viv Briney, Dave Briney, David Ogilvy or Elizabeth Soehren.

**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

[burtons\\_all@btinternet.com](mailto:burtons_all@btinternet.com) Thankyou, Morag

**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