



Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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

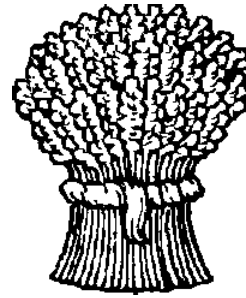
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Our Church building remains closed for the time being, due to the rise in Covid cases in our area.

Regrettably, our getting together groups (max 6) are also "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.



2 Corinthians 9: 6-9, 12-13

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously

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 Katharine Bland

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

Dear Friends,

I'm so glad the circuit is celebrating Harvest this Sunday - the 'All We Can' appeal invites us all to reflect on the strapline that 'Change begins with us!' We are encouraged to donate to their campaign for this year which is 'Change Begins With A Bicycle'. In addition, Atherton Central, currently the only church in the circuit who are open for worship, have been receiving harvest gifts which will be donated to a foodbank. All ways that we can help bring about a change for good to the lives of people who are struggling to get through these trying times.

Another change is upon us too.....the Autumn season is now well and truly with us. The leaves are falling, the earth is ploughed up and the branches are thinning out - there are spaces. In many ways the trees are taking on a look of 'social distancing' too! It's important to remember that nature isn't dying, nature is resting, creating space, slowing down and preparing herself. As I observe the changing scenes of nature all around us, I am reminded that we are all a part of God's creation too, and we are definitely going through a time of 'making space' as we learn to live with social distancing in order to keep safe. A number of people have shared with me that they are not looking forward to the familiar isolation that winter brings, with its changing of the clocks and early dark evenings. And I understand that, for many it already feels that isolation has been endured for the last six months. Perhaps it might help us to consider that, just as nature is preparing herself for winter-time, in which the seeds of spring will already be preparing themselves - we too can take time in God's presence and allow him to join us in our safe space bubble, and prepare us for when safer times will be with us and we will be able to emerge from the ground like spring-time buds. So, let us be thankful people, and, so long as we're not in company, let us raise the song of harvest home!

Happy Harvest, Love Katharine x

Harvest

Sunday 4th October will be our dial in Harvest service, lead by Rev Viv, Rev Luke, Rev Katharine and Rev Len – a full complement of Presbyters! Our harvest appeal is for All We Can and their “Change begins with a Bicycle” appeal. If you would like to donate, you can do so here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harvest-landh>, or Viv Briney has used her bicycle to deliver donation envelopes, if you prefer to give that way.

Church Garden

Continuing on a “Harvest” theme, please see the separate sheet from Janette on the progress of the Community Garden.

Returning to Church

As you know, we took the decision not to reopen for Church. We have approved the risk assessment, and can legally open, but we felt it was not appropriate for us to do so given the current situation. The processes are all set out, so when the time is right, we can open once more. At the moment, the most important thing is that everyone stays safe. Keep Well everyone!

Annual Memorial Service

Sadly due to the Corona Virus situation we have decided that the Annual Memorial Service will not take place this November.

For more information please contact John Gregson 01925 762715

4th Oct 2020

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 Thankyou, Morag

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is on Tuesday 6th October and will be held via Zoom. If you would like the papers, or to attend, please speak to Linda Bloomfield or any of the Stewards.