



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.



John 4:5-18 Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life

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 (her picture is included on the front sheet)

Do you ever have one of those days, or dare I say weeks, when you just cannot remember what day it is? I don't know if it's because of this lockdown we're in, but I even found myself asking Paul the other day, 'What month are we in?' Let's not get into what year we're in!

My confusion was only heightened the other day, when I briefly called in to Asda. There I was in the confectionary aisle (no comments please!), Christmas Tree chocolates and assorted sweets all wrapped in bauble and tinsel festooned packaging! 'How can this be?' I thought, 'we only celebrated Harvest last Sunday!' It got me thinking...

...Everything has its time (Ecclesiastes 3) and we reap what we sow. 'Ah well', I thought, 'if you can't beat them, join them'. So, as I left the supermarket, I picked up a copy of a Christmas cake recipe, it had the words 'bake now and let it mature' written on it.

We plant seeds, leave time for growth and maturity, and we harvest, (wow! I think I may have linked Harvest with Christmas, now I bet that's confused you!) And now here comes the theological bit...

I believe that God tends and cares for each one of us, and that we have the potential to grow and mature in order to fulfil God's will. It may be that we can't see what His will for us might be right now, but be assured, God has a plan, and we are part of it. Worry not what day it is, but rather, take time to reflect, and let God hold you in His love and care as you prayerfully consider how you feel your faith is maturing
With love and blessings to my fellow seedlings,

Katharine

God of Life,

We live in your world with its seasons and cycles. Day by day you nurture the life within us carefully encouraging growth, that we might bloom where we are planted, and produce a rich harvest from our lives. Lord, let your quiet energy flow through our being, working unseen, growing new ideas and new ways. Amen.

Harvest

Last week was our Harvest service, led 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.

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

The Scouts are planning to create some artwork for the windows to commemorate Remembrance Day – watch this space!

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

Church Council

Church Council was held on Tue 6th Oct, and a summary of the discussions is attached. A lot of work has been done by the F&P team, and we are particularly pleased that the work to replace the boilers has been completed, with the only remaining item to connect them to the WiFi! As you will have seen in previous notice sheets, we are extremely grateful for the donation that enabled this work to be done.

Back at CHS!

Last week was my first week back at Culcheth high school. Thank you so much for keeping this in prayer. It was so great to be back and to see the young people again. I felt so encouraged to see some of the fruit of last season and I pray that this will continue. I will continue to work in the high school two days per week, engaging in mentoring, break and lunch duties and a hope to get back into the lessons next week.

This week I attended a YFC training day on youth violence and culture. Please pray for wisdom in this area in terms of our local young people. I pray that we as the church would continue to be challenged and equipped in this area, leading towards more a positive change in our communities.

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.

I hope you are all doing well! Thank you so much for continuing to pray for the youth work!

Love,

Hannah