

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.



Matthew 22: 15-22 "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

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)

Paul and I have been away for a few days this last week. We stayed at a cottage in Ravensglass called The Blue Door. It didn't have a door number! The address was simply, The Blue Door, Main Street, Ravensglass.

I think you know what's coming by now don't you! Yes, The Blue Door got me thinking and reflecting. Have you ever given any thought to your door? The colour, the design, the position of your doorknob or handle? Where's your letterbox? Does it say something about you? I have been reflecting on some Bible verses, here they are, you might like to do a little reflecting too:

- Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut. Revelation 3:8

- Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. Deuteronomy 28:6

- Jesus said, I am the Door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. John 10:9

- Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with that person. Revelation 3:20

- Knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

- The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged – Deuteronomy 31:8

When God closes one door in our lives, He opens another. Just remember that while you are waiting for that other door to open, that He's right there with you all along.

Stay safe, God Bless, Love Katharine

Welcoming God, bless to us the doors we open, the thresholds we cross and the roads that lie before us. Amen.

Megan's Skydive

I am crazy, I know. I am jumping from a plane at 11,000 feet, and I don't like heights! I am doing this to raise money for the Macular Society inspired by lovely Grandma.

Nearly 1.5m people in the UK have macular disease. It affects people of all ages. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common condition, generally affecting people over 50. A group of rare inherited conditions called juvenile macular dystrophies can affect much younger people, including children. Age related Macular Degeneration is the biggest cause of sight loss in the UK .

Imagine not being able to see properly and all the wonderful things you would miss out on. My Grandma has wet Macular in both eyes and over the years I have seen her deteriorate more and more, she is now registered blind. Even simple things that we take for granted like reading a menu at a restaurant she can't do, paying by card because she can't see the numbers, and now she can't go walking without support because it's too dangerous.

Macular affects "straight ahead vision" which affects reading, driving and recognising faces. It's heartbreaking to see it getting worse and not being able to help, which is why I want to raise money for The Macular Society so someone else may be prevented from struggling with day to day life, like my grandma.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can do so via my just giving page or via my mum, Julie Marriott 07790667396. The just giving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/megan-marriott>

Many thanks, Meg.

Nursery Rhymes in Lockdown

Morag and a small team of artists produced a booklet 'Nursery Rhymes in Lockdown'. They have sold them all and raised £400 for church funds. Thank you team!

One or two nursery rhyme's have been "adjusted" by Celia's cousin:

Incy wince virus, climbing up your snout,
Then one little sneeze blows the virus out.
Out come the droplets and, I suppose,
Incy Wincy virus is in someone else's nose.

Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water
It had been a while since they'd washed their hands
And Jill thought they really oughta

Operation Christmas Child

The church on Hob Hey Lane will be receiving filled shoe boxes again this year, for Operation Christmas child. Perhaps you could do one in readiness. The dates for processing are 9th to 16th November. You could drop them at 8 Langcliffe Close or take them directly to the Church. I will let you know times later on. There will be less people allowed in Church at any one time. Jane Bushby.

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