

Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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

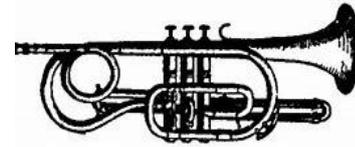
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Our Church building remains closed for the time being, due to the rise in Covid cases in our area.

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 – Don’t forget to change the clocks this week!

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.



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. And so we will be with the LORD forever.

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,

Did you remember? Did you enjoy an extra hour in bed? Or did you forget?

I never look forward to the twice yearly changing of the clocks; in the Spring it means an hour less in bed, in the Autumn it means it is going to get darker earlier. I much prefer the seasons to change naturally, without any assistance on our part. I was taught in school that maximizing daylight hours was important for farmers, and I have never questioned the need to change this. But the truth is, like it or not, our world is changing, and we have no choice but to adjust and change with it. Equally, I am reminded of the importance of continuity and constancy in our lives – especially helpful as we face an uncertain winter and the challenges of the weeks and months ahead.

Living day to day, in the moment, taking each day as it comes, is, for many of us, much easier said than done – I don't know about you, but I like to plan, not being able to do so isn't easy.

Who knows how the guidance might change, in the weeks to come – we will adapt I'm sure.

In the meantime, we can take our troubles, our thoughts and our prayers to God every day relying on His constancy and changelessness in a changing world. Our church community remains as strong and as caring as ever; indeed, maybe the events of 2020 have shown us with even greater clarity how much we have to be thankful for.

And if the price to pay for that is a life less planned and a little less proscribed then, perhaps, for now at least, so be it.

Stay safe. Love and Blessings, Katharine

Ever Present God, keep us safe, as with your help we seek to manoeuvre through the obstacles in life that hinder us. As the days shorten and daylight lessens, may your light shine within us that we may feel its warmth and radiate your love in us to others. Amen..

Post Church Virtual Coffee

If you have a computer and would like to join in for a virtual post-church coffee, the link for 25th Oct at 11.30pm is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89122186575?pwd=UGdzZFBwYVBkMEZUVnJOCgtOSXp4UT09>

Meeting ID: 891 2218 6575

Passcode: 606268

Memorial Service

Due to our decision not to re-open church in the current Covid situation, the usual memorial service will not be happening. However, Rev Katharine will be holding a very small service with the pastoral visitors (very carefully), which will be filmed and then shared on the website for anyone to watch at any time. We hope that this will bring comfort to anyone who wishes to remember loved ones they have lost.

Magazine

For the next magazine I would like to feature some local news and events under the heading "Good News Collection".

So, if anyone has news of an event, or some important family occurrence that you would normally have shared with the wider church family but could not, please pass it on to me.

Pictures are welcome and encouraged!

So – new babies, unusual birthday celebrations, a local beauty spot re-discovered, or just a thank you to or from a neighbour, is just what we need to hear about just now.

Don't forget, this will be the Christmas issue!

25th Oct 2020

The deadline for the next edition would normally be next Sunday 25th but I will be working on it until next Wed 28th so just over a week to get your contributions to me at cmcnews57@gmail.com
Thanks Chris Pathmarajah

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.

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.