

Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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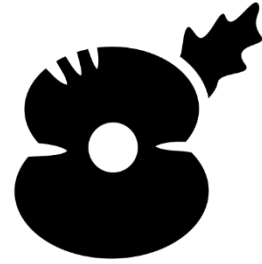
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Our Church building remains closed for the time being, due to the rise in Covid cases in our area, and our Getting Together groups are “on pause” unless they can meet virtually.

If you can access zoom, we are meeting for coffee after the Sunday Service at 11.30am – see link on the next page, we are going into small breakout groups, so we can catch up with each other.

We are also 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

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.



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him

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,

Here we go again! I don't know whether to count sleeps to Christmas or to the end of lockdown! And even though we're just a few days into lockdown, I've already started to forget what day I'm on! Anyway, I knew something was happening today because I wrote it in my dairy: Tesco delivery 9-10am. Glad I had the reminder, 9.05am knock at the door and a very cheery 'Good Morning' from the Tesco delivery man. A lovely start to my day.

Have you experienced the joys of internet shopping? I must admit on a cold wet day I can sit snug and warm and peruse my computer screen at leisure...pushing my virtual trolley up and down the aisles, being careful not to spill my mug of coffee. I am very appreciative of the person who is shopping on my behalf, and have been pleasantly surprised that I have received exactly what I ordered...that is, until this shop arrived...with 3 substitutes - items that have been chosen by your personal shopper to match as closely as possible with what you had ordered, but which is unavailable. "Yes, of course I'll accept them", I told the delivery man, I'm sure all will be quite acceptable". Mmmmmmm A Chicken Korma (a very mild curry for me) was substituted with a Chicken Madras (a very hot curry that will definitely blow my head off!) 6 Pink Lady Apples were substituted with 6kg (13lb) of Pink Lady Apples (blimey, I like an apple a day, but this is a bit much!) And to top it off... a pack of Fruity Teacakes (a lovely breakfast treat) was substituted with a pack of Hot Cross Buns!!!!!! Aaaargh! WARNING - INCOMING RANT!

Hot Cross Buns are for Easter and that's that. No way should Hot Cross Buns be available all year round, it's just not right. I ranted to Paul but he just rolled his eyes. I phoned my mum in Wigan and ranted to her (and she agreed!) I went outside to feed the birds and they got an earful as well! It's just not right.

Rants over, I sat down with my mug of coffee and looked at the buttered Hot Cross Bun on my plate (I don't like my Hot Cross Buns hot!), a Christmas advert came on TV, I nibbled around the cross and I smiled and I thought - A Hot Cross Bun is for life not just for Easter! Of all the items in my shopping, I certainly hadn't been expecting a pack of Hot Cross Buns. I hadn't expected them, they weren't what I wanted, yet, they were what I got! The religious leaders didn't get who they wanted. They were responsible for putting Jesus on the cross, they thought his death would bring an end to their problem - Jesus. But they didn't get what they wanted or what they expected because Jesus rose again. So they didn't get an ending, they got a beginning! I finished my Hot Cross Bun, it was delicious, and I thought to myself, 'you can celebrate Easter in November'...only 21 weeks to go!

God Bless, Love Katharine x

God of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and all Time, as you reign victorious, strengthen us during this time of lockdown, so may hope, faith and love continue to triumph in our lives. 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 1st Nov at 11.30pm, just for half an hour is below. We had 17 of us last week, and really enjoyed going into small "breakout rooms", catching up with each other and meeting with Rev Katharine:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581994331?pwd=OXNwb3B2WENINmFvM1R4T3h0ZTRlQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 8199 4331 Passcode: 690809

Remembrance Sunday

The Scouts, led by Dave Sanderson, have completed a lovely display of poppies in the Church window for Remembrance Sunday. Dave has also planted a wooden cross in the grass in remembrance of his Uncle Fred. Feel free to add to it if you would like.

During our Zoom after church coffee on Sunday 8th Nov, Rev Katharine will say a few words and we will listen to the last post, before we go into our breakout rooms to chat. I hope you can join us.

Memorial Service

Rev Katharine and Jane Bushby held a replacement for our memorial service last Sunday. The tribute was held without a congregation, and was filmed and uploaded onto Youtube. You can find it via the Leigh and Hindley website, or at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BaV33kO2eg>

At the time of writing the recording has been viewed 97 times, and we hear that people have found it very helpful. The recording lasts 18 minutes.

Stewards Meeting

At our Stewards meeting this week, we reviewed our decision to remain closed. With sadness, we agreed that it is still the right thing to do, as the Covid cases in Warrington continue to rise and Warrington Hospital is almost full. We are being encouraged to reduce our physical contact with others, and as such, we will not open. We will keep the decision under monthly review. Glazebury have also renewed their decision to remain closed. We recognise that with the dark evenings and the length of time we have been away from each other, it is not an easy time. Pastoral visitors continue to keep in contact with their groups, and we encourage anyone to pick up the phone to others as we support each other through this time of separation.

At our next Stewards Meeting in November we will work out our plans for Christmas/Advent services and activities. If you have any ideas/preferences, please let us know.

Megan's Skydive

A huge thank you for all your generous donations. My target was to raise £200 for the Macular Society. To date I have raised £597, so a massive thanks from my grandma and me.

Unfortunately, the sky dive was cancelled by the organisers as the weather was too bad, so it has been rescheduled for February. Hopefully, it will be better weather then!

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>

Thanks again, 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.

Christmas Hamper Appeal – Culcheth Methodist Church Family for “Helping Hands”

Helping Hands is the group who are delivering food parcels to anyone in need during the Covid crisis. Earlier in the year they had a base at the Village club and are now working from the Orford Hub. Helping Hands are not a foodbank and deliver to anyone on request. Warrington Foodbank continues to collect items at Brunch on Warrington Rd, and the Atherton and Leigh Foodbank is still operating from Kingsleigh Methodist Church and collects at the Leigh Supermarkets. <https://athertonleigh.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>



How many hampers have we collected so far?

0.5 collected + 2 pledges

What are we short of?

All items still required

Who do I give my donations to?

Please phone Janette Hutchinson to arrange collection (Tel: 01925 766819)

Or drop off at Jane and Dave Bushby's (address: 8 Langcliffe Close WA3 4LR phone first 509558)

Thank you so much for your support. Stay safe and keep in touch.

Feel free to interchange some items for similar products. Please check use by dates before donating.

One Church, One World One Lord.

What's in a typical hamper?

1. Tea bags
2. Coffee
3. Sugar
4. Tinned Peas
5. Tinned Carrots
6. Shortbread
7. Biscuits
8. Cereal
9. UHT Milk
10. Jam/Marmalade
11. Stuffing mix
12. Mini Xmas Crackers
13. Selection box
14. Crisps/snacks
15. Pasta
16. Rice
17. Curry sauce
18. Tinned Meat
19. Jar Pickles
20. Tinned Potatoes
21. Carton of juice
22. Mince pies
23. Cream crackers
24. Nuts
25. Gravy granules
26. Xmas cake
27. Xmas pudding
28. Sweets
29. Chocolate bars
30. Tinned fruit.