



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, 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

Hi Friends,

How's your week been? Hectic, quiet, stressful, restful, demanding, lonely? Perhaps a mixture? Have you ever had one of those days when you just feel 'out of sorts'? You can't put your finger on how you feel or why you feel a certain way, but you know you're feeling unsettled about something; a conversation with someone, whether a friend, relative, neighbour, pastoral visitor or minister or even a stranger can often help. It is often said that solace can be found in an encounter with a listening ear. Offering someone a listening ear is to gift them your time, something that is precious for us all and cannot be replaced or given back.

Read through the Gospels and you'll find many instances of Jesus communicating with people. Pay careful attention and you'll notice that He not only spoke to people but Jesus actively listened to them as well. This week I haven't got a rant, but I have got an acrostic of the word LISTEN for you.

L – Love Jesus listened without prejudice. We can especially see this in His interaction with the woman at the well (John 4: 4-42). Despite culture, gender, racial and moral strikes against her, Jesus lovingly interacted with her – both listening and talking.

I – Inquire Jesus often asked people questions, a sign of someone truly listening. Jesus obviously knew their answers but what was important was that He listened to them share it.

S - Stop Jesus didn't let busyness keep Him from listening. He took the time to stop and listen even when He was travelling, like on His way to heal Jairus' daughter when He stopped to listen to the story of the woman who touched his garment (Mark 5: 22-34).

T – Test Jesus patiently drew out what was inside people. Think of how the woman at the well felt safe as she shared her thoughts with Jesus (John 4: 4-42) because He didn't rush her but patiently gave her what she needed.

E – Engage Jesus stayed in the moment as He ministered to people. Nowhere do we read of His mind wandering on to all He had to do or Him interrupting people while they spoke to Him. He looked at people. He touched their hearts. He let them know that they mattered.

N – Nudge Jesus knew the value of listening. Not only did He actively listen to people but He also demonstrated a life of listening to His heavenly Father (Mark 1:35). So, when He nudged people to also listen (Matthew 15:10; Luke 8:18), He knew what He was asking of them.

Whatever your week has been, whatever this next week has in store, hold on to these words of Jeremiah (29:12) *"...call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."*

I'm just a phone call away. Stay safe. Love and Blessings, Katharine x

Post Church Virtual Coffee

If you would like to join in for a virtual post-church Zoom coffee, the link for 15th Nov at 11.30pm, just for half an hour is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83972496349?pwd=VVILYksZREFqdjFCUkpiYnVVUksvQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 7249 6349 Passcode: 269300

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.

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 + 3 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.