



# 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 in 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

Regular podcasts from Rev Viv and others can be found here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-476066366>



## SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am

We are sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone, or online.

Online, click this link to join via your internet browser.

On a tablet or smartphone, download the Webex App, which it will prompt you to do:

<https://mydanone.webex.com/mydanone/j.php?MTID=mcfe21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cefd8b>

On the Phone: 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.



**John 1:43-51** He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man"

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](http://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

**Rev Katharine Bland**

Unfortunately, Katharine and her husband Paul have both contracted Covid-19, and are suffering with the symptoms. Katharine says “This is truly dreadful, please, please, take care of yourselves and don’t take any risks at all”

She will be taking some time off to rest. If you need her during this time, please contact your pastoral visitor, one of the Stewards, or me (Amy). We send them both our thoughts and prayers, and to their son Christopher, who remains at home to look after them.

**Message from Amy (due to Rev Katharine’s absence)**

Sadly, Rev Katharine is still not well enough to contribute her usual message to the Notices so you will have to put up with my literary efforts this week. We send to her and Paul our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Covid pandemic is never far from our thoughts in these dark and difficult days, particularly as our minister and her husband are victims to it. We’re all aware of the alarming increase in infection rates, hospital admissions and deaths, and the worry of new strains appearing. My heart and my prayers go out to the dedicated but exhausted medical and ambulance staff struggling to keep pace with patient admissions, the frustrated parents, teachers and students trying to deal with closure of schools and colleges, those worried about their livelihoods and trying to make ends meet, the frightened, vulnerable ones shielding from the virus, and, of course, the families and friends grieving for victims of the virus and those suffering with it. Some people may be asking where God is in this awful situation, indeed wondering if this is his punishment to a wicked world. But He is loving and compassionate, always alongside and supporting us in our troubles. We must thank Him for the skill and dedication of those working so hard to overcome the virus, including the research teams developing the tests and vaccines to give us a way forward.

Eric has been waiting expectantly for his Covid jab and we went to the Halliwell Jones stadium for it last Wednesday. (It should have been the previous Friday but unfortunately this coincided with Dot’s funeral). The weather outside was what Scots call “dreich” (i.e. miserable) but inside it was bright and buzzing with activity. We were impressed, not just by the efficient organisation, but also by the cheerful, welcoming reception and the trouble taken by the helpful, caring staff to reassure nervous people. I believe the Holy Spirit was at work in that place, inspiring those volunteers to set aside their own needs to bring comfort and healing to vulnerable people, although they might not acknowledge this.

We’ve heard a lot about selfish people who are disregarding the rules and putting lives at risk and it’s easy to become anxious and depressed at the grim statistics. Yet here is hope for the future in the unselfish dedication of these volunteers and many others, like hospital staff and the local groups distributing food parcels. Jesus, the Servant King, set us an example to follow of unconditional love and care, which is surely the way to overcome the present emergency and, with God’s help, to restore our world to what He wants it to be. I recall the last verse of Graham Kendrick’s lovely song ‘The Servant King’:

“ So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him  
each other’s needs to prefer  
for it is God we’re serving.””

*I pray that God will inspire us to serve Him in whatever way we can and bring us safely through this crisis to the point when we may meet, worship and share His love in our community again.*

With every blessing, David Ogilvy

17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

### **Post Church Virtual Coffee**

If you would like to join in for a virtual post-church Zoom coffee at 11.30pm each Sunday, just for half an hour, the link is below. We have had some lovely chats in our breakout groups in these last few weeks, do join us. Note that this is now a repeating meeting – it will be the same link each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88560759929?pwd=MFFDRittR0hkN0loWTlaTjIBN1V6UT09>

Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778

### **Joining the Sunday Service via the internet**

Would you like to join our Sunday Service on your computer, so you can see the preacher (and each other) as well as hear them? From this Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>), we are offering this option. If you prefer the telephone, you can continue as before - there are no changes.

If you would like to join, click on this link (which will be the same every week) and follow the instructions below:

<https://mydanone.webex.com/mydanone/j.php?MTID=mcf21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cefd8b>

Click on the link to join the "Webex" system and join in that way. Webex is like "Zoom" and other virtual meeting systems.

You will be on "mute" and won't be able to be heard. Only the people taking part in the service will be able to unmute themselves. You can decide whether you wish to be seen - click "Start my video" at the bottom of the screen if you are happy to be on view, or "Stop Video" if not.

On a laptop, once you click the link, you can click "join from your browser", which takes you in through your internet. If you are using a tablet or smartphone, it will prompt you to download the Webex app.

You will need to enter your name and an email address, then click "Join Meeting".

If you use the app, at the top right-hand corner of the screen, there is a control called "layout" - set this to "Stage" or "Focus" so that the person speaking will appear larger on your screen. On the internet browser, this is automatic.

I hope this works for you, improves your experience of our Sunday services and helps you feel more connected. Love, Amy.

### **Glazebury Coffee Morning every Sat & Quiz Fri 22nd**

From Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, Glazebury will be hosting a zoom coffee morning each Saturday from 10.30-11.30am – join for the whole hour or drop in for part of it.

The Zoom meeting is: 8407 5877 165

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> they will be hosting a Zoom Quiz, from 8pm-9pm. All welcome.

Zoom meeting: 8313 5133 156, Passcode 239407

### **Leprosy Mission**

Dear Friends, from January 31<sup>st</sup> I will be standing down as rep for the Leprosy Mission. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me and the Leprosy Mission during the last 20-plus years. A note to the box holders – can I please have your box to empty for the last time no later than 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Thanks, and Best Wishes, Phyllis