

# 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, and our Getting Together groups are "on pause" unless they can meet virtually. There is also a Zoom Lent course – see over

On Zoom:

- Virtual coffee on Sundays 11.30am -12.15 Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88560759929?pwd=MFFDRittR0hkN0loWTlaTjIBN1V6UT09>
- Or "at" Glazebury 10:30am on Saturday mornings. Zoom meeting no.: 8407 5877 165

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 the meeting via webex. (more info overleaf)

<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.

### 1 Corinthians 13

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

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

28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

**Message from Rev Katharine Bland** - Dear Friends,

I cannot begin to tell you how much I have missed you. The last two months have felt surreal, and not in a good way! The last things I can remember are Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. By the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> December Paul felt unwell and was offered a Covid test in Irlam. By late afternoon it was my turn, and Chris and I managed to secure tests at Haydock Park racecourse. So far Chris has had three negative tests, so it is highly likely that Chris had already had Covid some time previous and been asymptomatic. Over the following days our results returned - Paul and I tested positive and now Chris was our nurse!

I don't really want to go into detail about our health, save to say that Paul and I have both been really poorly, probably the most poorly we have been in our lives. Never have we needed ambulance call-outs via 111 before, and in fact on the third occasion we received a call from ambulance control to advise us to transport Paul to A&E asap by our own means as there were no ambulances available in the north west. And so at 2am, on what turned out to be the most horrendous weather mix of sleet, snow, ice and flooded roads, we set off in the car to Warrington Hospital. As we arrived nothing could have prepared us for the sight of so many ambulances with patients in them receiving treatment. Chris and I weren't allowed to accompany Paul beyond the doors, so we waited in the car for Paul's text messages. A few hours later he asked for his overnight bag, as they needed to admit him with severe post-Covid symptoms - something for which Paul is still in need of treatment. As for me, Covid has affected my respiratory system. I still get breathless, even when resting, and the stairs leave me gasping. I am sleeping a lot, and pyjama days have taken on a whole new meaning! Anyway, there you go. I'm not back to full-time ministry yet, but my GP is happy for me to have a 'take things easy phased return'.

Now for the really important bit ...

Paul and I would like to thank you all for all your thoughts and prayers, your cards, letters and flowers and answer-machine messages. Thank you for our prayer shawls, when our words have been lacking; thank you for our gifts home-made and bought, your love was woven into them; thank you for meals when we hadn't felt like cooking, and goodies when we hadn't felt like shopping; for your humour when all we wanted to do was cry; for hugs that came in the form of words and pictures when we were feeling anxious; thank you for the pictures and messages of hope which Hannah has displayed in the church windows at Culcheth - I feel blessed to be able to visit them daily; thank you for words of encouragement for all displayed at Glazebury, much appreciated when I pass in the car; thank you for planting those mini daffodils in the raised garden at Culcheth, they taught us that even the most delicate things have an incredible inner strength. Those who have written a piece for the newsletter, it has been a privilege to read their words of wisdom and insight.

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of your love for us. Most of you we haven't even had the opportunity to meet yet. We thank you, all of you, and look forward to that time, which we pray will soon be upon us, when we can meet together safely. For now, here's to keeping safe, receiving the vaccine jabs, and encouraging as many young people as we can - for those returning to primary, secondary schools, colleges and universities. For those who are awaiting exam results, however they will be assessed, it is always a nervous time. For loved ones in care homes and hospitals whom we have not been able to visit. For our families and friends. For each other.

And a little bit of Martin Luther King Jr (and me!) *"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. [If you can't crawl, let someone hold you.] But whatever you do, keep moving forward."*

God Bless, Lots of love, Katharine, Paul and Christopher xXx

### Lent Activities

**Daily prayer journey** - this can be followed via a daily email or on the “YouVersion” Bible app or via email. If you have the app on your phone or tablet, you can follow along with the reflections, and also join in by adding your own comments that we can share together, click this link to join in <https://bible.com/p/39610429/64f40d589c27be92ac7c415d29ad87cf>. Follow this link to sign up for the email...[The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity \(licc.org.uk\)](http://The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (licc.org.uk)). The LICC have provided some useful resources for study, which Wine Women and Wonder have enjoyed in recent years.

**“The Greatest Showman”** – A “Zoom” study group will be held twice a week, on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings jointly with Glazebury, following a study related to this recent film. The previous studies related to The Kings Speech and The Theory of Everything have been very well received – do join in. The Zoom links will be shared nearer the time – David Clifton is leading the Tuesday session, and David Ogilvy the Saturday one, ably assisted by Elizabeth Soehren on Zoom. The links are:

Lent Course sessions – both covering the same material, so you can attend either:

**Saturdays 10am** from 20<sup>th</sup> Feb with David O Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82712878366?pwd=eG5ZcE1BYVlqbktSVzg4YXVDQjZldz09>

Meeting ID: 827 1287 8366 Passcode: 759634

**Tuesdays 7.30pm** from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb with David Clifton zoom Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410748216?pwd=N29wcVJWc00wT21ZQmNPajdpQjRLdz09>

Meeting ID : 874 1074 8216 Pass Code : 493271

### All We Can

I can confirm that we raised £485 for All We Can’s harvest “More than a Bicycle Appeal”, via the Justgiving page and gift envelopes. A thank you letter has been received from the charity.

### Open Gardens

This year the Open Gardens trail will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July. Money raised will be split between St Rocco’s Hospice and Culcheth Methodist Church, as before. Celebrating gardens and bringing our community together is important, so let’s hope we see the event happening, even if we don’t have refreshments or plant sales.



**Church Community Garden update** - Can you safely help from the comfort of your own home?

Birds are singing, flowers are peeping through and hours of daylight are increasing – signs that Spring isn’t far away and gardeners are raring to go. We are no exception!

After months of planning, costing and Daphne’s fundraising, we are hoping to have the seating area in front of the Church in place in April (Covid and weather permitting) and can’t wait to get things growing in beds around it.

We have carefully chosen a selection of seeds for plants to stimulate all senses, including herbs, flowers and vegetables, which will eventually be planted in the garden or gifted to our wider community.

We would love as many people as possible to be part of this outreach, with your ideas, skills and practical help (within Covid rules of course), as well as your moral support and prayers.

To start with: Plant carers needed.

Would you be able to nurture seeds into seedlings, on a windowsill perhaps, so they can be planted out at a later date or shared with others?

If so, we can provide you with a pack containing everything you need.

In the future: Recycling and Creativity to be encouraged

Please would you mind saving plastics tops of all colours and sizes (eg. plastic milk carton lids)?

Or have you any old CDs, blank on at least one side?

Further details to follow at a later date!

For your seed pack, or if you would like to know more, please let us know. Thank you so much for your support.

Heather, Rachel, Julie(764443) and Janette(766819)

### Create Community Hope

Our 'Windows of Hope' have started to take shape. Thank you to those of you who have already supplied beautiful art, craft, photos, poems, and words.....but we would love to have even more.



These questions may give you some inspiration:

- What brings you hope?
- What are you hopeful about?
- Where is hope in our community?
- What people, places or objects represent hope to you?

Please send any contributions to [hannah@warrington.yfc.co.uk](mailto:hannah@warrington.yfc.co.uk) or post at Culcheth Methodist Church, 23 Ellesmere Rd, WA3 4BP on your daily exercise. For any other enquiries please call Janette Hutchinson on 07729313466 or 01925766819. Alongside this, a message of hope will be selected from one young person in Culcheth each week and displayed as a part of the community art - visit [hannah\\_youthworker](#) on Instagram to enter. By sharing your image or creation, you give consent for a photo of it to be displayed in the community art piece and on social media platforms.

Please keep sharing and sending your words, models and images. Let's bring Hope to our community. 🙏🌈

Hannah, Janette and Viv

### 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? We are now 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=mcfe21c4f7df98fe26d8960c752cefd8b>

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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. I would encourage you to have it on if possible, it's lovely for us to be able to see each other.

On a laptop, once you click the link, you can download the app (recommended) or 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.

If you need to put in the meeting number, this is the number from the phone-in - 145 404 825

**Troubleshooting:** If you can't hear, either click on "connect to audio" at the bottom of the screen, or click on the down arrow next to "Unmute" and choose the headphones/speakers that you are using. Also, check the volume on your computer/device is turned up, and not muted. If all else fails, it might be worth leaving by clicking the red "X" and then rejoining from the link.

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