



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.

Luke 19 29-41

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

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,

For Palm Sunday, a reflection by Nick Fawcett,

It was only a children's story but it made the point well. 'Who will help me sow my seed?' asks the chicken. 'Not I', comes the answer. 'Who will help me reap the harvest?' 'Not I', comes the answer again. 'Who will help me grind the flour? knead the dough? bake the loaf?' 'Not I ... not I ...not I'. Then, finally, the all-important question: 'Who will help me eat the bread?' and, immediately, a change of tone: 'Me! Me! Me!' It is an illustration, of course, of the fickleness of human nature, our friendship and loyalty so often depending on what's in it for us.

So it was on that first Palm Sunday as Jesus entered Jerusalem to the acclaim of the crowds. 'Who will welcome me as king?' his actions seemed to be saying, and the answer was 'Me!' 'Who wants to share in the kingdom of God?' and again the answer is 'Me!' Yet, just a few days later when the crunch question comes - 'Who will follow the way of the cross?' - the response from many is so very different: 'Not I!' - or, to put it more accurately, 'We have no king but Caesar. Crucify! Crucify! Crucify!'

Palm Sunday is a day that challenges us concerning our loyalty, asking how ready we are to follow when faith is demanding and the going gets tough. Thank God, it is also about the one who, however often we may change our tune, stays faithful to us to the point of death.

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you that though I am faithful to you in so little, you are faithful in so much; that though I repeatedly change my tune, your love never fails. To you be praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Easter Services:

Good Friday 2nd April – a zoom service at 11am (with telephone dial in) – details to follow

Topic: Good Friday Service

Time: Apr 2, 2021 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81450952382?pwd=UjFH0VhDZ0ZkS1NVMHhKTVk2UG12UT09>

Meeting ID: 814 5095 2382

Passcode: 955871

If you would prefer to dial in on your phone, call 0203 901 7895 and then enter the meeting ID and passcode.

Palm Sunday 28th March – a zoom membership service for David & Rachel Slater, as part of the Sunday morning Coffee meeting. Stewards need to be members, and so we will have this special event. A blessing of their membership will happen in “real life” when we are able to do so.

‘Windows of Hope’ - Create Community Hope, looking towards Easter

We are aiming to develop the display, in the windows of room 2, to represent themes from Palm Sunday, through Holy Week and on to Easter. The Palm Sunday window is complete (see over) and there are palm crosses, hanging on the bike rack, for anyone to take. Watch how the display develops throughout next week.

If you have any materials relating to the themes, please post them through the church letter box or phone Janette/Viv for collection. It would be wonderful to be able to share our hopes relating

to Easter, whatever that may mean to you, whether it is in an everyday context or relating to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

- How does Easter bring you Hope?
- Which Eastertide signs, symbols or events represent Hope?

All ideas and creations will be welcome, whether you knit a chick or select a favourite Easter hymn! Also, our Christmas tree will be transformed into a Lenten Cross, which will stand outside the church. On Easter Sunday you are invited to add flowers, or ribbons, to the cross.

Janette (766819) Viv (764249) and Hannah



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Message from Phil & Tricia Harrison

Dear all, thanks so much for praying for our family and to hearts and hands for the beautifully crafted prayer gifts. Sadly our brother in law and Sam, Jake and Matt’s Uncle (Steve) as some of you know lost his battle with Covid. Steve has been a close member of the family for 25 years. He leaves a void in many people’s lives but particularly Shelly (Steve’s sister) and Charlie, who is 21, plus his step boys Ben and Gareth. Steve has just completed his well man medical without issue, did not have a day off work for the last 18 years and was only 55. He lived in Warrington and caught Covid in his warehouse work for Sainsburys. We are painfully reminded of all the Key

Workers, who like Steve, have lost or risk their life daily for our survival. This is an awful disease and it is just luck as to how bad it can impact you. Please everybody stay safe.



Church Community Garden

Our seeds have arrived! Please can you help to get the garden going? We can provide everything you need to start off the seeds at home, ready to plant out later on or gift to our community.

LATEST NEWS: Tomato plants are already sprouting for anyone who would like some!

If anyone has any large unwanted pots they would be very welcome!

We are hoping to display Easter messages/texts on decorated CDs if anyone would like to participate! Please contact Julie (764443) or Janette (766819) Rachel THANK YOU!

Youth Work Update

Thank you to everyone who joined the YFC fundraiser quiz, the money raised will continue to support the work of YFC.

Please pray for wisdom and favour as restrictions slowly ease and the schools begin to re-open. I am hoping to continue my work in CHS, as well as set up some exciting new detached street work on a Friday night. Culcheth fresh is still meeting weekly and well as all of our online, social media support for local young people.

Can you join us in prayer?

It is so important to keep on praying for our young people, for the relationships being built and all that God is doing. This is not an easy time for them, and they need our support and encouragement more than ever! God has been so faithful with the youthwork this far.

As things begin to slowly re open – prayer is crucial. I will be setting up a prayer time on zoom in the next few weeks, can you join us? If you'd like to join this meeting please email me on hannah@warrinton.yfc.co.uk or 07427667812.

Thank you for all your ongoing prayers and support!

Love, Hannah x

Glazebury Quiz Night

Glazebury are holding a quiz night on alternate Fridays at 8pm. Join in on the Zoom meeting on 19th March – this link will be the same for every one:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9lVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am9lZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 0471 0886

Passcode: 465850

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>

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

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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.