



Culcheth **Methodist** Church

Transforming the World by meeting the needs of our community as God's people

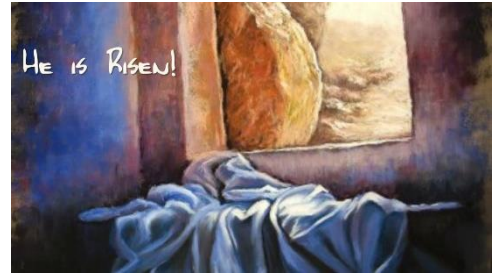
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Our Church building remains closed for the time being, and our Getting Together groups are "on pause" unless they can meet virtually. There is also a Zoom Lent course – see over

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.

John 20.1-18

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her

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 Paul Martin

Rev Katharine is taking some more time to recover from her illness, and so has not written a message for this week. Instead I include a letter from Rev Paul Martin, our Chair of District:

Dear Friends

Holy Week and Easter have been different again. As one who has always enjoyed and found it a privilege to lead worship in this most solemn and celebratory time, I have greatly missed the usual build-up to and the climax of Easter. Online worship has met a need - and some would argue the needs of those we don't always engage with – but personally I have felt that my Lent and Easter experience has been diminished by not meeting face to face, or even mask to mask, with other Christians.

There are a number of challenging scenarios before us at the moment. How can we ensure that those who have benefitted from the efforts to reach out (through online worship, social media, newsletters etc) don't suddenly find themselves back in the wilderness because those offerings cease? What will we do to repair the damaged or even broken means of fellowship? How can we re-engage with those groups who prior to Covid 19 used our premises, and relatedly, are there new links we can make with other community groups?

In this season of resurrection, what new opportunities will emerge as we come out of Lockdown to a changed and changing church and society? For the next few weeks many will be focussing on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. A chastening verse comes in Matthew 28:17 – the verse before the Great Commission: “And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted” (RSV). The suggestion is that not all the disciples recognised or believed it was Jesus. I am aware that at the present time, there is doubt around in some quarters about how we as a church will recover from what has happened in the past year. We should take heart that the same Spirit which inspired the first disciples (including, presumably those who doubted) will go before us and lead us as we find some new (and return to some old!) ways of spreading the Good News of Jesus. God bless Paul

Easter Services:

The Good Friday service is available on the circuit website:

<https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/news.html>

Our Easter Sunday dial in Service will also be our farewell service for Rev Viv Smith, our Superintendent.

'Windows of Hope' - Create Community Hope, looking towards Easter

I hope you have been able to see the Church windows decorated for Holy week, including transforming our Christmas tree into a Lenten Cross. Please do go and add flowers or ribbons to the cross on Easter Sunday.

Janette (766819) Viv (764249) and Hannah

4th April 2021





Easter Envelopes

I know I am not alone in enjoying the Easter Envelopes put together by Rev Katharine and distributed by our Pastoral Visitors. Thank you! This photo comes from Peter Watson, I hope you've all enjoyed scratching your cross too.

Youth Work Update

Thank you for continuing to support and pray for the youth work. Last week I was able to have a meeting with the high school which was very positive. I will be starting back after easter, with the hope of being back in RS lessons. I will continue to give mentoring support, as well as offer new 'drop in's' over break and lunch times. Fresh Culcheth continues each week with a small group on zoom, as well as all of the YFC social media work.

We will be starting an exciting new detached project on a Friday night in Culcheth (when restrictions allow) called 'The Tent' project. We are currently in the buying of equipment stages. There will be a short video shared with the churches of Culcheth, in the coming weeks, sharing our exciting new plans.

Lots of Love, Hannah

Action for Children

All charities have suffered since the pandemic hit and Action for Children, the Methodist Church Children's Charity too has been heavily affected but nevertheless continued to maintain its support for thousands of vulnerable children and families. In consequence the charity has had to



restructure in order to make significant savings in response to the financial pressure of a significant drop in income.

I received a call this week from Alysha Lawler, the Area Fundraiser Manager (North West) for Action for Children advising me that the local Warrington Office of Action for Children will close on the 31 st March 2021 and the staff Alysha, Diane and Helen have been made redundant. The long serving staff including Alysha (who lives in Culcheth and has worked for Action for Children for 25 years) have been very supportive of our Church in its fundraising. In an email following her call Alysha says that 'I will always remember with fondness the support I have had from you over the past 25 years I've been here. I shall also remember your dedication, loyalty and commitment for our work at Culcheth Methodist Church, the toy services and all the home collecting boxes.'

I would like to add my thanks on behalf of Alysha to everyone connected with our Church, members, friends, Scouts and Guides who have contributed over the years to what has been valuable financial support for the work of Action for Children through the house to house collections, League of Light boxes, Christmas Parade and Gift Service and in so many other ways.

Even without a local office support it is essential that fundraising must continue and there are many other ways in which individuals can contribute to the work of Action for Children. Please take a look at the Action for Children website to appreciate the wonderful work that the charity carries out and how you can help www.actionforchildren.org.uk
Margaret Johnson 01925 838591

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 Update – April 2021

A huge thank you to everyone who has responded so enthusiastically to our requests to plant and nurture seeds for the garden project. We are delighted to hear of some already germinating!

Thank you too to everyone who has willingly donated plant pots to boost our supply, enabling us to do our bit for the environment by recycling and reusing resources.

We hope you will notice some visible progress in the coming weeks as our paved area and path are due to be completed within the next month. This is an exciting development as it means that benches can be installed and planting beds established.

Thank you for all your support and ongoing prayers that this project will bless our Community. Janette (766819), Julie (764443), Heather, Rachel, Daphne and Anne.

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:

4th April 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9lVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09>

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.

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.