



Culcheth Methodist Church

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

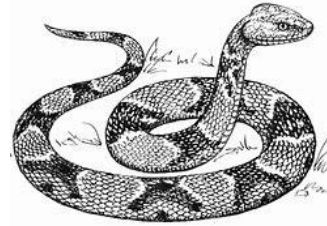
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SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am

From Sunday 23rd May Culcheth Methodist Church will be re-opening for services

We have restricted numbers, if you would like to attend please book online [Service Booking](#) or speak to a Steward or Pastoral Visitor to book you in.

Sunday 23rd May – Rev Katharine Bland inc holy communion – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 30th May – Rev Luke Smith (streamed from online service) – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 6th June – Own Arrangement – David O & Linda – Steward Caroline Fillery

Sunday 13th June – Rev Katharine Bland (streamed from online service) – Steward Linda Bloomfield

Sunday 20th June – Phil Kennedy (in person) – Steward David Ogilvy

We are also sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone, or online. *From June we are changing to "Zoom", which gives us more flexibility, and we hope you like it too – the details are below:*

During May:

Online, click this link to join the meeting via webex.

[Sunday Service Webex Link](#)

On the Phone: Dial **020 3478 5289**

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.



From 6th June:

Online: click this link to join the meeting via Zoom.

[Sunday Service Zoom Link](#)

On the Phone: Dial **0330 088 5830** on your telephone,

When it asks for the access code, enter **935 8460**

6158#.

When it asks for your ID, press #.

You will be put into a waiting room and we will let you into the service.

The call will be charged at the standard UK phone rate.

On Zoom:

Virtual coffee on Sundays 11.45am -12.30 Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778

[Sunday Morning Coffee Link](#)

Or "at" Glazebury 10:30am on Saturday mornings. Zoom meeting no.: 8407 5877 165

Recordings of the Sunday Service and a weekly podcast from Rev John Fisher can be found here:

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

John 3 1-17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Amy by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 766550, culchethmethodist@gmail.com

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk Facebook: Culcheth Methodist Church and LeighAndHindleyMethodist

Magazine entries to cmcnnews57@gmail.com.

Prayer Circle requests contact Janette Hutchinson: 766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby: 509558/07949 390862

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.

Message from Rev Katharine

Dear Friends,

As the days become longer so the pace of our lives can sometimes quicken in response to the many tasks that we find ourselves facing. There is a story of a woman staying at a small hotel with her family. She was due to give a speech at a very important meeting. The meeting was very tightly times and her presentation had to last a precise number of minutes; no more, no less. But she couldn't find her watch. The family joined in the search which became ever more frantic – until she said "Stop! Be quiet." Everybody just stopped where they were and listened. In the quietness they could hear the watch ticking and were able to find it.

I pray that whether in our personal devotions or community gatherings, whether at work, at home, in church (now we are open for worship) or wherever we find ourselves, through both the joys and the challenges, we are able to find those moments of quiet where we can stop and rest in God in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit listen for God speaking to us:

*Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for thy gracious word.
Longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord for thee;
What hast thou to say to me?*

*Master, speak! and make me ready,
When thy voice is truly heard.
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee;
Master, speak! O speak to me!*

Frances Ridley Havergal
(1836-1879)

Love and prayers, Katharine x

We are Open!

It was a joy to worship together last Sunday in the Church, to welcome Rev Katharine to her first service in our church and share communion together.

Our service time has changed to **10.30am**. Facemasks and social distancing will be observed.

The booking system link is here: [Service Booking](#). If online booking isn't for you, please let one of the stewards or your pastoral visitor know if you wish to attend in person. At the moment the list is limited to 30 people, but we are working on creating an "overflow" in the Welcome space – so if it says the church is fully booked, let Amy know on 01925 766550 or amyedriver@gmail.com, and I'll see what we can do.

No pressure – only come if you feel comfortable to do so!

Where we do not have a preacher allocated in the plan, we will either have an own arrangement service, or relay the virtual dial in service onto the screen

We are also working on the risk assessment so that small groups can meet in the church building.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

Food Bank – Tins, Bottles & Jars only

'Thank You' for the tins received. Jars and bottles of squash would also be good.

Shortages at present include tins of Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, small jars of coffee and ladies deodorant. Thanks, Irene Healey

Podcast – from Rev Viv

Hello! I hope you are all staying well and not working too hard!

I hope you don't mind me contacting you after I've left the circuit but I thought I would let you know that I recorded a podcast yesterday. If you would like to listen to it then all you have to do is go on to Youtube and type in Rev Viv's Podcast and you'll find it there. I am only contacting you because I know some of you found the podcasts that Luke and I did helpful and one or two of you may wish to listen again. Sadly it's only me this time so they are not as good but that's ok. I'm hoping to put one up most weeks. Anyway, God bless and look after yourselves. Viv

Culcheth youth work

Thank you to everyone who lifted us up in prayer last Friday night for the launch of 'The Tent Project'. It was a very rainy day, but it completely stopped from seven onwards - praise God! Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who have helped make this project happen, it was a joy to be with you all. We had quite a few



groups of young people come and get a hot chocolate and have a chat throughout the evening, many of them I know from school. A group of lads stayed at the tent the whole evening, from 7pm - 8pm, where we chatted and played games. I was reminded of my vision for this project - to reach the young people who hang out in the park, to go where they're at and show them that they are loved, accepted and belong. My job description is to 'bridge the gap' between the church and the young people of the town, and I really see The Tent as being a 'physical bridge', to build relationships and show young people the love of God. Please continue to pray for The Tent and all of the young people who we interacted with. Because of half term, there will be a three week gap until the next Tent, but after this it will be alternate weeks. Lots of love, Hannah

Church Window Displays – request for material

We had a very fruitful Zoom meeting this week to think about our topic of "Healing". We will be thinking about the Road to Emmaus, and walking along with God and each other as we move out of lockdown and begin to heal. This will include elements such as grief, loneliness, isolation, fear, anger as well as healing, rest, replenishment and encouragement. We also have some ideas for in-person activities, when we can – we'll consider these further as the "rules" evolve. Please can you help us with this project? We have 2 questions for you:

- Can you think of any ideas, images, words, poems or stories that are associated with healing for you? Emotional, Spiritual or Physical healing – what do you/we need to heal from?
- Do you have a story about your own healing? Anything you think it would be interesting to share – how have you been enabled to heal from within? We intend to use these ideas in the display, and to create a little booklet for people to take away. Maximum about 100 words, in any form – words, images, poems. You are welcome to include your name or be anonymous.

Share your ideas by: email to culchethmethodist@gmail.com, drop a note through the church letterbox, or speak to Janette Hutchinson, Rachel Slater or Rev Katharine.

Further progress on the Garden Project.



Thank you to David Slater for installing the benches in the garden – a lovely space to sit and share fellowship. Thank you very much to Barry Marriott and Ashley, who prepared and assembled the two larger raised beds last weekend, mainly in the rain, to the excitement of a friendly blackbird who had a worm hunting extravaganza!

Within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting, we hope to begin the eagerly anticipated task of planting out veg. and flowers, so please let us know if you would like to be involved in anyway, or if you have seedlings ready to be planted out and would like them collecting.

Optimistically hoping for sunny days, we will be creating a rota for watering plants in pots, as needed. If you would like to take an occasional turn, that would be wonderful.

There are still some spare tomato plants of Julie's, which will be outside church on Sunday for anyone who would like one.

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest.

The Garden Team: Heather, Rachel, Daphne, Anne, Julie (764443) and Janette (766819).

Update on Getting Together Groups

Some of our existing 'getting together' groups are beginning to restart since a maximum of 6 people have been allowed to meet in gardens, though it has still been quite dependent on reasonable weather!

Many apologies to everyone who has expressed an interest in joining a group but has not yet done so. You have not been forgotten and we are very keen for everyone who would like to be involved to be included, so we will be in touch. There are a few factors still to be resolved regarding venues and accessibility, but we are working on it! If anyone feels able to host a group, it is not too late. Please contact David Ogilvy or Janette.

We are constantly watching the changes to Covid rules and reviewing our opportunities for fellowship as the situation evolves.

If you would like to know more about the Big Church Read material, please refer to the website Home - The Bible Reading Fellowship (brf.org.uk) or speak to David.