



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 are 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 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.



To Join our online/telephone service:

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>

Mark 4: 26-34

Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

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: Culcheth Methodist Church and LeighAndHindleyMethodist

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

Dear Friends,

Reflection: 'Too busy or too polite?'

If Jesus suddenly knocked on my front door,
how would I react?

I would bid him welcome,
invite him to come in and make himself at home –
of course I would!
No doubt I would also secretly wish he'd told me in advance,
so that I could get ready,
make the place tidy and prepare the food,
so that I could focus on him,
spend time with him.

So when Jesus comes to me
in the midst of my everyday busyness,
how do I react?

Do I politely ask him to come back later
when I'm not so preoccupied and hard-pressed?

Do I invite him in and then leave him alone,
while I continue with what I was doing before?
Do I stop what I am doing and sit at his feet for a while
but then make it clear that I have no more time?
Do I invite him to join me in my tasks
and talk to him while we work alongside each other?
Do I keep the conversation polite and formal,
fearing difficult personal questions?

How often do I not even hear his knock on my door?

Prayer

Ever-present Jesus,
keep us from being too busy or too polite
in our relationship with you.
When we are tempted to hide things away from you,
help us to deal with them lovingly.
When we would rather avoid your difficult questions,
help us to face them honestly.
When we are too busy to sit at your feet,
speak the quiet word that brings us to your peace.
Amen.

Prayers, Katharine x

We are Open!

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

Update on Getting Together Groups & other small groups

The risk assessment has now been approved for small groups of 6 to meet inside the church building. If you are interested in doing so, please speak to a steward so that you can get a copy of the assessment and make sure you are following the guidelines, which include no refreshments to be provided and the wearing of face masks. We are hopeful that we will be able to relax these guidelines before too long.

Church Council

There will be an (online) Church Council meeting on Thu 17th June. If you would like to attend, or receive the papers, please contact Amy Driver 766550 amyedriver@gmail.com or Linda Bloomfield

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

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,

accepte 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 Update..... It's not too late to send in your contribution!

Thank you very much to everyone who has already shared ideas or personal thoughts, or passed on any artwork, poems or images relating to the theme of "Healing", including members of Morag's and Irene's art groups, with special thanks to Morag for creating the backdrop to our display.

In relating to the Road to Emmaus, we are recognising the more difficult emotions experienced in lockdown and in other challenging situations, then moving on to things that help as part of the healing process, as we walk with God and each other to become more positive and hopeful for the future.

This reflective display will begin in the next week and will build up over the coming weeks with the material we have been given. **There will still be room for your contribution and we would love to receive anything that you associate with healing, whether it is in words or pictures, moving or humorous!**

Additionally:

- 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.



Hopefully, any of you who pass the Church will have noticed more progress in the garden in the last couple of weeks. We have been very excited to at last be able to start putting plants into the raised beds, with many thanks to those of you who have nurtured these seedlings so far! Home grown tomato plants and other veg and fruit bushes have also been added and a bean tepee den will hopefully begin to take shape in the next week.

A big thank you to John and Julie Mainwaring for building and donating a bespoke raised planter, which will be sited between the two benches and contain sensory plants.

Keeping plants alive in the warm weather is a challenge to all gardeners, so it is fantastic that, whilst installing a sink in the Welcome Space, David Slater has also located an extra tap in front of the Church, where we can safely attach a hosepipe for easier watering. **Please let us know if you would like to take an occasional turn at watering during the summer months.**

13th June 2021

When any of us are at the garden it is always a joy to share a greeting or engage in conversation with individuals going by and lots of people have been giving the new benches a good review, though our first testers were Roddy and Bob Eastburn, who had a sneak preview when they assembled them a few weeks ago!

The garden is very much work in progress, evolving as we go on, so new volunteers are always welcome! The more the merrier! Thank you for your support and encouragement.

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