

GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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REV KATHARINE BLAND

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BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 29 August 2021– Song of Solomon 2: 87-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, and 21-23

Mark 7 – v 14-15 – ‘Clean and Unclean’ – Again, Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him unclean by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WEEK’S NEWS SHEET WILL COVER 4 – 19 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE DUE TO HOLIDAYS.

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Please note that all services in the Circuit will start at 10.30am for the foreseeable future.

Date	Preacher	Virtual (V) or Physical (P)	If can't attend church – join online by this link
			<p>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 #.</p>
29/8/21	Steward – Christine Taylor	P	Own Arrangement – change to previous details. Service b Worship Leaders – Delia Caswell and Barbara Worthington
05/09/21	Steward – Delia Caswell	V	Holy Communion live streamed from Culcheth. We will be able to take HC at Glazebury.
12/09/21	Rev Katharine Bland – (HC)	P	Rev Katharine Bland (HC)

19/09/21	Own Arrangement – Christine Taylor	P	Breakfast Church
26/09/21	Steward - Delia Caswell	P	David Bushby

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Join the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit for the welcome service of Rev Wilfred Robinson as Superintendent Minister Sunday 29th August, 2.30pm at Kingsleigh Methodist Church King Street, Leigh, WN7 4LR (Carpark on Cook Street, WN7 4BT) Followed by refreshments in the Community Centre For further information, please contact the Circuit Office (admin@leighandhindley.org.uk).

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Latte Challenge

Do you remember the Latte Challenge from the start of last year....?

Well we asked you to take a cup and put in the cost of a cup of coffee, instead of perhaps of having a take-out coffee.

Some of you have carried this on and we heard last week that one person had handed over £130 recently and is carrying it on.

Why don't you? Excellent and thank you.

Auction



We are now able to look ahead at some fundraising activities. Normally we would have an auction around March / April time. But I'm sure (well I know) that people have items that they are dying to donate to the church for sale to make much needed funds. A provisional date of Saturday 25th September can be arranged but only if we have enough help available. How about it? Please phone or text Robert on 07806 600508 or email robert-graham5@sky.com

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Room / Event Bookings new procedure

With immediate effect please direct all room / event booking enquiries to Robert Graham via one of the following methods: DM via the Glazebury Methodist Church Facebook page
By email: robert.graham5@sky.com By Phone or text: 07806 600508

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, 25 September from 09.30am.
We look forward to seeing you all again to share in coffee and bacon butties.

[Alan Crozier]

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For the most up to date news see our Facebook page.
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A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN – from the Methodist Church

A prayer for Afghanistan

The Prophet says, You know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to offer you hope and a future. Gracious and holy God,

We come to you with the situation in Afghanistan heavy on our hearts. It is a situation so complicated, and so fast moving, that it is difficult for us to know what to say or how to think. We hold before you the people of the country, those who stay and those who flee; those living with terror and afraid for the future; those who, because of this latest turn of events, will never be able to live the fullness of life that is your purpose. We hold all this before you. We hold open to you the future: the world leaders with a role in shaping what happens next; the many who are becoming refugees and the people who will be called upon to offer them safety and a future; the impact of these local events on our world story. We hold all this open to you.

We hold in your love all those known to us whose lives have been bound up in the recent story of Afghanistan. We think of all those who have served there in our Armed Forces, those who were injured and those who did not return. We hold in our hearts all those for whom this is a time of special grieving and confusion, and those who minister to them. We hold all these in your love.

Rock of ages, at this difficult time we lean into your timelessness.

Turn us, and all people, to your good purposes for your world. Grant courage and wisdom, hope and a future. Amen

[Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference]

Those, for one reason or another, feel that they are not ready to return to church. May your blessings be always with them.

Those who are lonely.

Those who are depressed.

Those who are waiting for an operation or important medical results.

For any of our friends and relatives who are finding these times difficult. May your presence be with them.

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From 'Breaking the Rules – Meditations and Prayers by Eddie Askew'

Psalm 23 – I remember hearing a surgeon talk about his work among Afghan rebels during the Soviet occupation of their country. "There'll always be wars.... he said,over religion and politics.... All I can do is make life a little better for a few individuals."

Lord, I sometimes wonder why you don't give up on us. Shepherding, surely, should never be this hard. We take the freedom that you've given us, nurtured so lovingly, and use it to rebel.

You'd think the still waters of your presence, the gift of green pastures, would be enough. But it only takes one sheep to get a stubborn thought and make a run for it, and we all follow in a flock. Crash headlong through the hedge of love you put there for our safety. Run bleating into trouble.

Not my fault, Lord, we say. I'm not to blame for anything. The other man began it all. The war's not of my choosing. So easy, somehow, to ignore all that we've done – or not done – to create the discontent, provoke the anger, feed the acid hatred that etches violence on the plate of life.

And when we spoil life's image, see no way out, we lay the blame on you. We ask "Why does God let it happen?"

That must be hard, Lord, to see your loving kindness thrown back at you in glib hypocrisy. And yet the wonder is you don't give up. Your love goes on through everyone who tries to make this world a better place. Your spirit's compassion nudging us nearer to understanding, showing us the possibility and joy of reconciliation.

And, one day, Lord, when we are more amenable, perhaps we'll find a way of fellowship. To sit together at your table.

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Topic: Quiz Night
Time: 10 and 24 September at 8:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
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Time: This is a recurring meeting - meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9IVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09>

Meeting ID: 898 0471 0886
Passcode: 465850
NB – QUIZ NIGHTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 8PM

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