

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

Sunday 19th September – Philip Kennedy – Steward David Slater

Sunday 26th September – Own Arrangement (Brenda and David O) – Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 3rd October – Rev Katharine Bland – Holy Communion and Membership Service – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 10th October – Joyce Daniels – Steward David Slater

We are also sharing our Sunday Service over the telephone, or online.

We will have tea & coffee outside after the service, as long as the weather allows and people are available to serve it (see over)

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 asked for the access code, enter **935 8460 6158#**.

When asked 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.



Thank you to Chris and Dave Bridge for the flowers

Flowers next week from Elizabeth Soehren

Mark 9:37

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who serves me”

Pray Together – members of the church will be at prayer from 6.30-7pm every day,
and from 10.00-10.30am on Mondays, do join in wherever you are.

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Joyce McComb by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 767308,

culchethmethodist@gmail.com

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

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

Thank You

Morag and the family thank the church community for all the love and support they have been given at this difficult time; the wonderful cards and messages; the presence of friends, singing and sharing the story of Bob's life at the funeral itself; the hard work of those who made the funeral possible by spending their time preparing and arranging the church and finally the Rev Katharine Bland and Rev Robert Davies who lead the worship with such respect, belief and humour. Thank you!

Recognition Service Astley & Tyldesley Methodist Church invite you to a Local Preacher's Recognition Service for Neil Whitehead on Sunday 26th September 6pm Conducted by Rev Wilfred Robinson & Rev John Fisher. Refreshments to follow.
All welcome

Monday Mornings

As per the new Covid rules (see below), small groups meeting at church can now share refreshments. As such **Monday Open Prayers** has now restarted at the new time of 10.00am. It is then followed by **Monday Open Doors** from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. We ask that people try to remain seated as much as possible and keep their distance.

2021/2022 Prayer Handbook - 'A Place for All'. £4.15 each

No one was excluded from Jesus' table and eating with him was a sign of the kingdom of heaven and an invitation to meet God and to be transformed. We recognise that we do not always offer such generous welcome or listen to the voices on the margins.

As the Church strives to be God's people in a world changed by a global pandemic, we invite prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, penitence and resolve that, with God's help, we may recognise and repent of our exclusivity, and that then we may be reconciling, open to all and ready to listen to all voices equally. Together, we pray to become a more inclusive and diverse Church, creating communities of greater respect and compassion.

If you would like a copy, please put your name on the list in the Welcome Space – payment to David O

Meeting Point

After a long absence during the pandemic Meeting Point has started again. We have planned a monthly programme up to Christmas all on Thursdays at 2.00 pm, as follows:

21st Oct - Rev Katharine will speak and we can have a 'getting to know you' time with her.

18th Nov - Dave Bushby will give one of his excellent talks.

23rd Dec - Christmas celebration with carols and favourite readings, poems and music.

We will meet in the sanctuary, which gives space for comfortable distancing and better audibility and visibility for speakers, and wear masks. Refreshments will be served afterwards with disposable cups and wrapped biscuits.

Over the Christmas break we'll see what the response has been and decide what to do next year. Suggestions for a future programme will be very welcome as will any offers of help with organising.

Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

19th September 2021

Culcheth Methodist Christmas Fair 27th November 2021

As we have had no Christmas Market for 2 years we are planning our own Christmas Fair. On the same day the Parish Church are also having their own and the 3rd Warrington Scouts are having Children's crafts and refreshments. This will be a brilliant fundraiser

Because of Covid it cannot be the same as usual because of distancing. Rather than selling stalls I will be inviting other Churches and our valued partners such as Scouts, Guides Brownies and our local art groups to participate and on the day I will ask them for a donation.

We will have our own church stalls of Christmas gifts and maybe a book stall and will ask Hannah to promote her wonderful Youth work with calming music in the sanctuary. As ever we plan refreshments in room 2 and our Welcome Area.

We need a team leader to run the kitchen and our faithful team of helpers on the Friday night and the Saturday.

All funds raised will go into Church Funds.

Anybody interested in saving this special Community Day please telephone me

Daphne 01925 765561

Viv & Dave Briney have settled into their new home at 8 Cedar Grove, Neston CH64 9PX. They are near Ness Gardens, Parkgate and Burton Mere wetlands. They would love to see anyone who would like to visit - it is about an hour away.

Zoom Services from September

From September, the Zoom services will be broadcast from the Leigh & Hindley Churches – the dial in congregation will hear the service being held in one of our churches, which will vary week by week. The instructions for joining remain the same, although the pre-service “waffle” will no longer take place – you will hear some music while you wait for the service to start.

Coffee/Tea

If you could help by going onto the Sunday rota for serving the refreshments, please contact John Gregson on 01925 762715. For now, we will only have refreshments when the weather is good enough to have them outdoors.

Notice Sheet

Joyce McComb has now taken over the Notice Sheet. Please continue to use the Culchethmethodist@gmail.com email account, which will be managed by Joyce. Note that if you wish to contact Amy, it is amyedriver@gmail.com . Telephone messages for the notice sheet should now be to 767308.

Foodbank

Latest requests for the foodbank are for tinned vegetables – peas, carrots, sweetcorn, and also for toothpaste and toothbrushes. All gifts gratefully received. Irene & Ray Healey.

Flowers

The Flower Rota restarted on Sunday 22nd August.

A rota is on the notice board in the church foyer and advance notice will be given in the news sheet.

Options

You can order flowers from:

Poyntons, who will place your order with their shop in Bents. The arrangement will be delivered to Poyntons in Lodge Drive for collection on Saturday. Poyntons, 68 Lodge Drive, Culcheth, WA3 4 ER, Tel 01925 762127

or from:

Buds and Shakes, who will deliver your order to the church at 11.00 am on Saturday.

Buds 'n' Shakes, Malham Court, Warrington Road, Culcheth WA3 5SJ, Tel 01925 555352

or: You can arrange your own flowers in a vase or as an arrangement to be delivered at 11.00am on Saturday.

If you would like to be part of the flower team please contact Betty Memmott, 763364

Changes to our Covid Precautions

Following the changes to the Covid regulations, the church council have agreed some small changes to our Covid precautions at church. We now:

Continue to

- Wear masks in our Church building
- Maintain Social Distancing from others not in our household
- Use hand sanitiser as we arrive and leave the building
- Please do not attend if you are suffering from any symptoms, have been in close contact with someone with Covid or have been “pinged” by the Covid app.
- Wipe down common surfaces after use (door handles, light switches etc)
- Keep doors open to improve ventilation
- Retain the one way system on Sunday mornings
- Stewards will direct you to your seat, please don't move around within the church
- Services max 45 mins (3 hymns)
- Retiring collection rather than passing round the bags
- NHS Covid QR code for venue check-in to be displayed

Some changes:

- Chairs have been returned to rows with a space of 1.3m between rows (from the back of one chair to the back of the one in front). It is recommended that you leave 2 empty chairs between household groups. If you wish to sit closer, please make sure that both parties agree!
- The distance between rows may be reduced for funerals to allow more people to attend.

19th September 2021

- The booking system is no longer needed, as we have sufficient capacity to accommodate everyone
- We may now sing! – we will stand and sing hymns, from behind our masks - please keep your mask over your face and nose as you sing to protect your neighbours
- More than one person per service may use the lectern, wipes provided between users
- We will stop cleaning chairs between services, except for the arms of armchairs
- Tea and Coffee – refreshments will be served outside after Sunday services (weather depending)
- Small groups can now be more than six people, if wished. They should continue to maintain distancing and wear masks, but they can serve drinks and individually wrapped snacks, and remove their masks while eating/drinking.

SAFEGUARDING

You may have seen the news that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in faith settings, which includes the Methodist Church, reported last week. There is a poorly handled, sad Methodist case quoted in the report but also some recognition of the improvements we are trying to make. The church's response can be found at:

[The Methodist Church response to the IICSA investigation into Child Protection in Religions Organisations and Settings](#)

We can never relax our "looking out for one another" and remember if you are worried about someone (whether a possible victim or possible offender) you are not alone. Contact me or Katharine unless of course it is one of us you are bothered about when it would be the District Safeguarding Officer. All the contact details for us and outside organisations that can help are on the new noticeboard in the foyer.

Remember that if you are worried and choose to do nothing you are really making a decision that all is well. Your concern, however small, might be the last piece of a jigsaw picture showing that something needs to be done.

Linda

CHURCH RELATED SCAMS

The scamming of local church office holders is still doing the rounds. This is when they receive fraudulent messages by email or text impersonating members of the clergy often local presbyters that the person will know and asking for money or vouchers. It is very skillfully done; referencing groups that the recipient will know about, such as a prayer group and people are still being caught out.

If you think you have received one of these messages please tell me and report it to the police via their non-emergency line 101.

Keep Safe

Linda