

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 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
Sunday 17th October – Susan Stewart – Harvest – Steward Rachel 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 Elizabeth Soehren for the flowers

Flowers next week from Linda Bloomfield

James 5:13

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

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

26th September 2021

Lead Steward

I have handed over the lead Steward role to David Ogilvy after 3 years. I will remain as a Steward, but am also going to train as a Local Preacher. I would like to thank you all for your encouragement and support during my stint in this role, I am sure you will provide David with the same - it makes all the difference! Love, Amy Driver.

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

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

Church Hall

A big thank you to everyone involved in decorating the hall over the summer. What a great improvement, don't you agree?



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

Windows - Acts of Kindness

A big thank you to everyone who contributed first to our Windows of Hope display and then to our Healing Windows, through thought provoking words and meaningful artwork. The threads of Hope and Healing are closely interwoven and are important elements in our daily lives, with Kindness adding colour and strength to support and enhance both.

Therefore, as we seek to continue to inspire and engage with others through our 'Windows onto the World', it has been suggested that our theme for the next few weeks should focus more specifically on **Acts of Kindness**. We all know such deeds, however small, can make a huge difference in people's lives and lift our spirits in the most challenging of times.

So.....we are asking again for your generosity in sharing ideas and experiences so we can all appreciate and be heartened by acknowledging goodness and positivity in our Community and beyond.

There could be:

- Personal experiences of kind acts making a difference – anonymous, if you like
- Accounts of Groups/Organisations, close to home or far away, going beyond the call of duty.
- Discussions between friends or in small groups to encourage each other.
- Your own or others' quotes on the topic of kindness.
- Creative artwork, drawings, cartoons, colouring in, magazine cut outs or Images off the internet
- Suggestions or requests for an act of kindness to be performed if possible to help others
- Offers of acts of kindness.and many more.

Please submit these by email to Amy Driver amyedriver@gmail.com, through the church letterbox, or speak to Janette Hutchinson or Rachel Slater.

Culcheth Players: On Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 October the Culcheth Players will be putting on their first production in the Parish Hall - 'Inspector Drake and the Perfekt Crime' a comedy by David Tristram. Tickets are £7.50 and can be obtained from Joe Wheatley on 01925 763146.

Foodbank

Latest requests for the foodbank are for tinned vegetables – peas, carrots, sweetcorn – and also Pot Noodles and Pasta in Sauce. All gifts gratefully received. Irene & Ray Healey.

26th 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

MWiB – District Day – 20th October

Bolton & Rochdale Methodist Women in Britain would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday 20th October 10:00 – 1:00 at Harwood Methodist Church, Bolton, BL2 3HX for a morning of fellowship, conversation and worship.

Guest speaker is Chair of District Revd Paul Martin who has always been a strong supporter of the work of MWiB and will share some of his own journey. During the morning commissioning of our new District President will take place and will include a service of communion and celebration of the work of MWiB both locally and nationally. Drinks will be served both before and after, and all are invited to bring their own packed lunch to enjoy at the end of the morning.

ALL are welcome (including men)

Normal Covid restrictions and guidelines will be in place including the option to wear a mask if preferred, regular hand washing and maintaining safe distance. If suffering from Covid symptoms we respectfully ask people not to attend. A register will be kept of all present. Further information from Philippa Hill (District Secretary) pPhill28@gmail.com

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.
- 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.