



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 17th October – Susan Stewart – Harvest – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 24th October – Rev Mary Jones – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 31st October – Ashley and Brenda – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 7th November – Rev Wilfred Robinson – Holy Communion - Steward Elizabeth Soehren

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

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 Heather Boley for the flowers

Flowers next week from Irene Healey

Psalm 91: 2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust"

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

Harvest Service

At the Harvest service today there will be a collection for **All We Can**. This year's appeal "The Next Steps" is for a project in Zimbabwe to give agricultural training to communities to help them overcome the effects of poverty, climate change and Covid 19. Envelopes are available in church. Please give generously. There will also be a collection of tinned and packaged foods for the foodbank.

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

Meeting Point

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 21st October** at 2.00 pm in the church. We're delighted that our guest is our Minister, **Rev Katharine Bland**. Please do come along to hear her speak and enjoy an informal 'getting to know you' time with her over a cup of tea and a biscuit (or two). Sensible Covid precautions will be in place - disposable cups and wrapped biscuits, wearing masks except when eating and drinking, distancing and the doors will be open so dress warmly.

Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

Memorial Service

We will be holding our Annual Memorial Service at 3pm on Sunday 7th November 2021. All are welcome to come along to remember a loved one. Perhaps some quiet time to think about family and friends and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

For further details please contact: John Gregson 01925 762715

Meditation

Would you like to take part in a meditation practice? We are considering running a regular session, using [Taketime – Ignatian Meditation](#) (follow the link for some examples). Full training and all the material is provided. If you would like to be involved in setting this up, or would be interested in attending, please can you let Amy know? amyedriver@gmail.com 01925 766550.

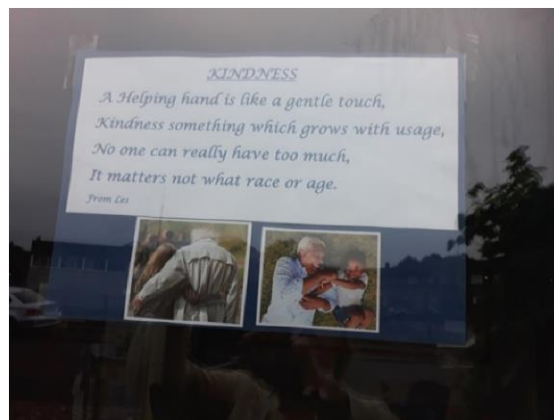
If you have any safeguarding concerns, contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218



“The purpose of this day is to allow people from all the churches in the Circuit to have a say and work together in considering how we move forward in the present extremely difficult circumstances. The future of our church will be greatly affected by these decisions so we encourage you to take part and make a contribution.”

David Ogilvy

Windows - Acts of Kindness



We are just beginning to build up our recognition of 'Acts of Kindness' on the front windows and are very grateful for the contributions we have been excited to receive through the Church letterbox.

If you have experienced or are aware of Acts of Kindness we would love you to share them in whatever form you choose. You may have read (or written) a poem or a prayer, heard a quote that struck a chord or seen images or actions that inspired you and may offer encouragement to others. There may be a particular hymn or a story from the Bible which you think is a good example of kindness, or there be an article in a magazine or newspaper that you would like to share. The possibilities are extensive, as are the forms of presentation!

Please submit these by email to Amy Driver amyedriver@gmail.com, through the Church letterbox, or speak to Janette Hutchinson or Rachel Slater if you have any questions. Thank you!

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.