

Culcheth **Methodist** Church

Transforming the World by meeting the needs of our community as God's people

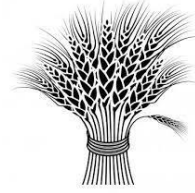
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SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am

Sunday 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

Sunday 14th November – David Bushby – 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. In poor weather we will be in the hall.

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 Irene Healey for the flowers

Flowers next week from Kate Twist

Psalm 126: 6

He who goes out weeping, carrying seeds to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

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: email to

culchethmethodist@gmail.com or tel 767308

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

Atherton and Leigh Foodbank

Atherton and Leigh Foodbank would like to send a big thank you for the many gifts of food donated by members of the congregation last Sunday at the Harvest Service. There were many bags of tinned and packet foods which filled a supermarket trolley to full capacity. These gifts were very much appreciated.
Ray and Irene

All We Can appeal

This is still open. Envelopes can be left in the offering basket or given to a steward.

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

Newchurch Film Club

This will next meet on Saturday November 6th at the Parish Hall, when the film will be "The Miracle Worker" - the story of Helen Keller, starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke. The film starts at 7.30pm.

Glazebury Fire Works

Glazebury Methodist Church will be holding their annual bonfire and fireworks on Friday 5th November – bonfire lit 6.30pm, fireworks 7.15pm. Adults £6, children £4, under 5s free. There will also be a barbecue, baked potatoes, treacle toffee and hot drinks on sale. All proceeds to Glazebury Methodist Church funds.

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.

Date for your diary – Christmas Markets 27th November

As we approach Christmas people from the congregation are making goods and painting pictures suitable for Christmas gifts for children and adults. Other people are considering what to sell to tempt our taste buds. Please put the date in your diary.

Daphne, Morag and Irene



Circuit Vision Day
Saturday 30th October, 9.45am to 3.30pm
at Bedford Methodist Church

Everyone is invited to join in discussions about our Circuit Vision and the way forward for all eleven churches in the Circuit. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.
For further information, please contact the Circuit Office.

I think most of you will be aware that our Circuit, like all the denominations, is facing great difficulties which have been made worse by the pandemic. From September we have had only two full-time, and one part-time, ministers to look after 11 churches. Our own minister, Rev Katharine, is currently looking after 6 churches. Because of the shortage of preachers it is no longer possible to produce a Preaching Plan which provides preachers to take services at every church in the Circuit. A service is streamed

from one of the churches every Sunday but, sadly, some churches and households don't have the technology to receive this. In addition, the finances are very worrying.

This situation is not sustainable and is limiting our ability to respond to God's call to His mission. The purpose of the Vision Day is to enable people from all the churches in the Circuit to come together to discuss this situation, share ideas and discern God's will as we find a way forward. Part of the process will involve reflection on what has been challenging and what should be celebrated from the last 18 months. Our time together will be facilitated by two speakers from Learning and Development Forum.

The programme for the day is as follows:

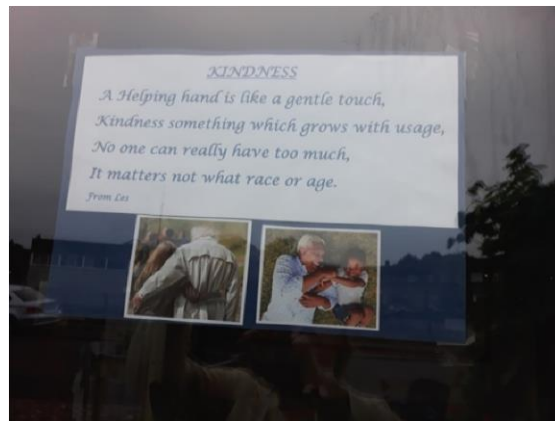
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- 10:00 -10:35 Welcome / Introduction /Prayer
- 10:35 - 10:50 Where are you?
- 10:50 - 11:30 Celebrations /Challenges
- 11:30 - 11:50 Break
- 11:50 - 12:45 What we can offer God
- 12:45 - 13:45 Lunch
- 13:45 - 15:00 Mission Priority/Moving Forward
- 15:00 Closing Prayers

Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. I'm assured Covid precautions will be in place.

I'm sure you can see that this event is crucial for the future of our Circuit and this church. The Circuit Leadership would like as many as possible to take part in the discussions and contribute to finding how God wants us to move forward. If you intend to come please let me know asap on davidwo71@icloud.com or 07586299397. Please also let me know if you would like to go but don't have a lift. The event is at Bedford Methodist Church (which has good parking) WN7 3DJ on Breaston Ave which on the right going into Leigh shortly before Butts Bridge (there is a sign to Methodist Church).

Blessings, 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 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 if the weather is good. In poor weather we are now able to serve drinks socially distanced in the hall.
- 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.