

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 21st November – Ashley and Brenda – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 28th November – 1st of Advent - David Ogilvy – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 5th December – 2nd of Advent – David Bushby

Sunday 12th December – 3rd of Advent – Rev Katharine Bland – Holy Communion

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

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us in the hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship – socially distanced with individually wrapped biscuits!

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 everyone who has assisted with the service this morning especially to Betty Memmott for the flowers.

Flowers next week from Ann Langridge – Advent Wreath

Revelation 1:6

“I am the Alpha and the Omega” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”

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

21st November 2021

Christmas Fair - 27th November 10.30am until 3.00pm.

At the Christmas Fair this year there will be Father Christmas in his Grotto, stalls in the hall, hot dogs and soup outside and tea & coffee with individually wrapped biscuits. We are going to have the Youth Tent offering games for the young people and Hannah will be showing what she does for our Church in her detached work and her vision for the future.

There will be a donation box in the welcome area for you to donate Christmas fair e.g. anything to either put on the table on Christmas Day like a Christmas pudding, jam, pickles, cranberry sauce, crackers or wrapping paper. You could also donate wrapped biscuits like Kit Kat, Blue Riband or any wrapped biscuits. If you usually bake a cake it can be cut into pieces and put in an individual bag and brought to Church on the day or on Friday afternoon between 3pm and 5pm. They will be used for refreshments or sold on the Church stall.

No bric a brac but new unused items of toiletries or unwanted gifts can be donated. We will also be selling the Culcheth Characters book written by the Culcheth Local History Group.

Please contact me 01925 765561 if you have any questions.

We need to keep safe. Wearing is caring. Please wear a face mask to protect each other.

Let's put the FUN in FUNDRAISING

Daphne Eastburn

Can anybody help us with providing a Gazebo with sides if possible for the Christmas Fair? It would need to be put up on Saturday morning 9 am and then taken down around 3 pm the same day Saturday 27th November. We require 2 for the refreshments outside on the grass areas. This is our first fundraising event after Covid and the money from this event will go towards Church Funds. If you can help contact Daphne Eastburn 01925 765561 or David Ogilvy 07586299397, email davidwo71@icloud.com

Toy and Parade Service 5th December

The service on 5th December will be our annual Toy Service to which all the uniformed organisations have been invited along with family and friends. As usual we are asking for good-quality, unwrapped Christmas gifts suitable for children and young people. Can I ask you to bear in mind the need is not just for toys and gifts suitable for young children but also gifts appropriate to teenagers such as toiletries, cosmetics, games and gadgets (without batteries). I'm sure you will respond with your usual compassion and generosity.

Unfortunately the arrangements are a little uncertain at the moment. In the past the gifts donated have been presented to 'Action for Children' but they no longer have a local organisation to deal with them. We are looking for an alternative worthy cause to receive the gifts and I hope to let you have details in next week's Notices. In the meantime if you have any queries or suggestions please contact me at davidwo71@icloud.com or on 07586299397.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

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

21st November 2021

Carols, Communion & Coffee with Rev Katharine at Wigan Road Methodist Church

This event will be on Wednesday 15th December at 10.00am. Everybody Welcome

Request for Readers

At one time there was a list of volunteers who were available to read in services. We think it would be good to invite a wider group of people to take part in services. If you would like to be asked to read please put your name on the list which I will put on the notice board in the Welcome Space. If you have any questions please speak to me.

There will be a need for additional readers at the Carol Service on 22nd December and possibly at the Christmas Eve service.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Saturday Open Doors

The possibility of restarting the Saturday Open Doors coffee morning was discussed at our recent Stewards Meeting. There's not a problem on safety grounds, since we've successfully moved refreshments after the Sunday service into the hall, provided the usual precautions are followed ie distancing, ventilation and serving at the tables. People could bring their own mugs to save on disposable cups. It could take place in the Welcome Space or, if the numbers were too great, in the hall. Unfortunately Room 2 isn't a possibility.

For this to happen we need someone to arrange a duty rota and look after the cash float/takings. I am happy to talk to anybody about this and to any potential kitchen volunteers who haven't been on the rota before. Please get in touch if you could help.

It would also be very helpful to know how many people would be likely to make use of this if it were to reopen. Do please let me know if you are interested and pass the word around.

Thank you, David Ogilvy. Email davidwo71@icloud.com Phone 07586299397

Covid Precautions

I feel that this is an appropriate time to tell you that the recent Stewards Meeting discussed Covid precautions at length and decided to keep our current measures unchanged for the moment. I know some people feel we are being over-cautious but recently a member of the congregation tested positive shortly afterwards and this reminds us to be careful. Covid precautions will continue to be monitored monthly at the Stewards Meeting. The heating is on when the building is occupied and we're taking steps to provide blankets or shawls for those who feel the cold - in fact you might consider bringing your own as well as dressing warmly if the weather is cold

With every blessing, David Ogilvy

Twiss Green School Visit to Church

Reverend Katharine and Janette had a fun filled morning on Thursday 18th when the Reception Class of Twiss Green School visited the Church to find out more about Christian festivals and special occasions as part of their topic on Celebrations. As an unexpected treat for us, they spontaneously shared the song they had performed for their harvest Service, which was beautifully sung.

Although weddings, Easter and Harvest were mentioned, the main focus was on Christmas and Baptism. As well as listening to and joining in with the Christmas Story, the children divided into three groups and used knitted Nativity sets to retell the story in their own way.

After hearing how important children were to Jesus, Katharine performed a mock Baptism, which eventually included all the children as very willing godparents and supportive family and friends, as well as the parents and baby Heidi!

In talking about our different celebrations it was quite a revelation to realise how many of them actually include that all important element – cake! We finished with the song 'If I were a butterfly' to celebrate the children and remind them how precious and loved by God they are.

A big thank you to class teacher Mrs Durr and the other adults who came but especially to the children for their great behaviour, for joining in so brilliantly and responding so enthusiastically!

Windows - Acts of Kindness



Thank you for all the contributions received so far. We hope you are enjoying seeing the words and images building up.

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.