



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> January – Neil Whitehead – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am – Streamed Service – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm – Circuit Covenant Service at Kingsleigh Methodist Church (see notice)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Linda Bloomfield – Steward TBA

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Rev Wilfred Robinson – Steward Amy Driver

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

Unfortunately, due to the rise in Covid cases, there will be no refreshments after the morning service.



### 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 Jane Bushby for the flowers.

### Luke 4: 21-22

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased"

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](mailto:culchethmethodist@gmail.com) or tel 767308

Website: [www.leighandhindley.org.uk](http://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



### **Circuit Covenant Service**

The Circuit Covenant Service will be taking place on Sunday 16th January at 2.30pm.

This service will now take place at Kingsleigh (not Bedford as previously advertised) to allow for more space in light of the current situation with Coronavirus and the Omicron variant. For those unfamiliar with Kingsleigh, the car park is accessed via Cook Street. Further parking is available on the Library car park.

Please note that COVID measures will be followed and, as per government guidelines, the Circuit asks that face-coverings are worn at all times when inside the building.

The service will be streamed on zoom on the usual Sunday morning zoom link. We would not like anyone to feel any pressure to attend in person if they don't feel comfortable to.

### **Circuit Vision Implementation Day**

The following message has been sent to churches by the Circuit Leadership. There are many important issues to be discussed which will affect the future of the Circuit and this church. I do encourage you to think and pray about these and to pray for the meeting. If you have any questions or want to raise any points please don't hesitate to contact me at davidwo71@icloud.com or on 07586299397 Blessings, David Ogilvy

**The Circuit Vision: Implementation Day** will be taking place on **Saturday 19th February 9.30am — 12.30pm at Bedford Methodist Church.**

Ahead of this we ask that you keep these seven points in your prayers. Each church will be given further information in organising opportunities for prayer ahead of the Implementation Day

1. For the Circuit to identify as a team and to work more closely together.
2. To explore opportunities to share people and resources more closely.
3. To improve communication across the Circuit and between churches.
4. To provide pastoral support for our congregations and our staff.
5. To encourage opportunities to work closely with children and young people and our schools.
6. To explore opportunities to support our local communities.
7. To develop opportunities to support outreach work, including 'New People, New Places'.

Many thanks, Andrea, Circuit Office

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

### **Covid Precautions**

As you know we have taken a cautious approach to Covid precautions from the outset in order to keep us all as safe as possible.

In view of the rapid increase in Covid cases in the local area the church leadership have decided that refreshments will not be served after services for the time being to reduce the risk of spreading the very contagious Omicron variant. I know this will be disappointing if you enjoy a chat over a cuppa after the service but it will be kept under review with the intention of resuming refreshments when reasonably possible.

I suggest it would be sensible to take a lateral flow test, if possible, before coming to church and please don't come if you have any symptoms even if your test was negative. The usual precautions will be in place ie hand sanitising, wearing masks (unless medically exempt), sensible distancing and doors open for ventilation.

I hope you'll agree it's in everyone's interests to take these sensible precautions against spreading this dreadful illness.

With every blessing, David Ogilvy, Senior Steward

### **Meeting Point**

We have thought very carefully about meeting in the light of the developing Covid situation and the decision not to serve refreshments after services for the time being. We very much regret that there won't be a meeting in January. The situation will be kept under review with a view to resuming when reasonably possible.

Best wishes, Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

### **Church Flowers**

The Flower Rota for 2022 is now on the notice board in the church foyer. There are some dates free. These can be booked by writing your name beside the date. A reminder for the next week will be given in the news sheet.

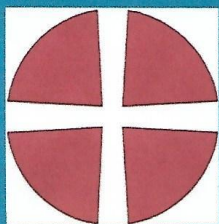
You can order flowers from:

**Buds 'n' 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, alternatively, you can arrange your own flowers in a vase or as an arrangement.

If you would like to deliver your flowers to someone, please collect your arrangement from the communion table after the service. If you need help with a delivery, or you have any queries about the rota please contact Betty Memmott (763364).



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### **Current 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
- 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.