



# Culcheth **Methodist** Church

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## SHARING SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Linda Bloomfield

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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Rev Katharine Bland – Holy Communion – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Philip Kennedy – Steward Elizabeth Soehren

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 including Ruth Winstanley for the flowers.

Flowers will be provided next week by Liz Williams

### 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12: 12-13

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body ..... and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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

## **Church Treasurer**

It was announced last Sunday that David Slater has resigned as Church Treasurer. We're extremely grateful to David for having volunteered to take on this role and having given it his best shot and we're very sorry that it hasn't worked out as we all hoped.

There is now an urgent need to appoint a new Treasurer to join the existing finance team in managing the church's finances. You don't need to have experience or a qualification in finance/accountancy. The main requirement is to be thorough, methodical and well-organised. There is plenty of support and advice available.

Please think and pray about how this essential role can be filled. If you think you might be able to take it on or can suggest someone who might, or would like more information, please speak to Rev Katharine or one of the stewards. With every blessing, David Ogilvy

## **Circuit Lenten Study Course**

Revs Wilfred and Katharine will be leading a Lenten course on Thursdays from the 3rd March until the 7th April at Bedford Methodist Church starting at 7.30 pm. The course will also be available online through Zoom and the link will be sent nearer the time. If any more information is available it will be circulated. David Ogilvy

## **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

23rd January 2022

### **Food Bank**

Thank you for your gifts of food, toiletries and cash donations. All gifts are very welcome. Last week there was a shortage of toothpaste and toothbrushes, so if you could put these on your shopping list this week, it would be appreciated.

Irene & Ray

### **Toy Service Collection**

Please see the attached thank you letter from the Salvation Army for our donations from the Toy Service. It was a privilege to deliver a full car load of gifts to the Salvation Army Centre in Warrington, where they were very gratefully received and I was shown the dedicated team working in a hall full of Christmas treats, being sorted into age and then family groups to make Christmas considerably brighter for the recipients.

A big thank you again to everyone.

Janette



"Dear Janette,

I am writing to thank you and the members of Culcheth Methodist Church for the toys and toiletries donated to our centre over the Christmas period.

Sadly we are experiencing a large number of people coming to our centre for food vouchers and other support and during the Christmas period we distributed food to over 300 families and toys to approximately 500 children.

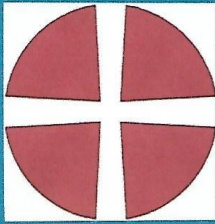
In the meantime we continue to support the homeless and those just rehabilitated by providing a cooked breakfast, run by volunteers, on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the year.

Your practical support over Christmas was very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Wishing you and your church members every blessing in 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Little  
Corps Treasurer  
Warrington Citadel Salvation Army"



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### **Monday Prayers**

The group which normally meets in the Welcome Space from 10.00 to 10.30 on Mondays will not meet face-to-face for the moment due to the Covid situation. We are hoping to have prayers online in which case the link will be emailed to those who usually take part. For the same reason Monday morning coffee has been paused temporarily. We will keep the situation under review.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

### **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 order to reduce the risk of spreading the very contagious Omicron variant it has been agreed meetings will take place online rather than face-to-face for the moment and refreshments after services and on Mondays after prayers will be paused. I know this is disappointing if you enjoy a chat over a cuppa but it will be kept under review with a view to resuming when possible.

I suggest it would be sensible to take a lateral flow test before coming to church, if possible. Please don't come if you have any symptoms, even if the test was negative, or if you've been in contact with someone who's tested positive or has symptoms, or you've been 'pinged' by the Covid app. The usual precautions will be in place ie hand sanitising, wearing face coverings (unless medically exempt), sensible distancing and doors open for ventilation.

I hope you'll agree it's in all our interests to take these sensible precautions.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

### **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
- Take a lateral flow test before we come if possible
- 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
- If you prefer not to have anybody besides you please indicate by placing something on the next chair - please don't move around but remain seated
- Services max 45 mins
- 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
- Because of concern about the rapid spread of the Omicron variant meetings will take place online for the time being and serving tea and coffee after services and on Mondays after prayers has been paused