



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 22nd May – Rev John Fisher – Holy Communion – JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY (No service at Culcheth)

Sunday 29th May – Brenda Litton and the Choir – Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth – Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 5th June – Rev Wilfred Robinson – Holy Communion – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 12th June – Olwen Baker

We are also sharing a 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.



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.

There is no service at Culcheth this morning. We hope that you will join our friends at Glazebury for Holy Communion. Flowers next week will be provided by Janette Hutchinson.

Revelation 22: 1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Pray Together – members of the church will be at prayer 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

22nd May 2022

Wearing Face Coverings

If you were at church last Sunday you will know the stewards have reviewed the wearing of masks during worship and are recommending this should be up to individual choice. We aren't wearing masks on any other occasion during the week and, so far as I know, no other local church is continuing the practice. There will still be doors and windows ajar to provide ventilation.

All the feedback I've had so far has been in favour of personal choice. Please contact me on davidwo71@icloud.com or 07586299397 if you would like to make your views known.

Blessings, David Ogilvy

Come join our "Joyful Noise"!

On Sunday 5th June join in as we create a Joyful Noise and worship with modern worship songs, to celebrate Pentecost.

Starting at 9.30am we will share 30 mins of enthusiastic joyful modern worship songs, shared on the screen, during which you are welcome to sing, stand, sit, dance, wave flags, play percussion, or anything else. We will start and end with prayer, but there will be no preaching.

Afterwards, we will share refreshments as we prepare for the main service, which will be at 10.30am as usual, led by Rev Wilfred.

This is an experiment - depending on your feedback we may develop this into a regular event - so do let us know what you think.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Amy Driver, Janette Hutchinson, Caroline Fillery and Jane Lyne

Gift Day

Sunday July 10th will be a Gift Day at church.

Carol Sherratt has made a great start as our treasurer and is fast getting to grips with it all. I don't think it will come as a surprise to you that we are not in a secure financial position.

The "golden rule" is that our giving should at least cover the quarterly assessment, which pays for our ministers, manses etc. This is £3567 per month. Our current giving (including gift aid) stands at £3277 per month, leaving a monthly deficit of £290 per month.

In addition, we have our running costs - which are currently £4000 more per year than our income from lettings.

We have identified July 10th as an ideal opportunity to hold a gift day, when Carol will provide further details of our financial position, but please give the matter some thought, and if you can increase your giving, do feel free to do so as soon as you are able! Speak to Carol or Julie if you need any information.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, contact Linda Bloomfield ☎ 01925 765875/07715 282145 or the District Safeguarding Officer, Helen Bolton, boltonandrochdaleso@dso.methodist.org.uk

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Joint Services

You'll be aware from earlier pieces in the Notices that there are going to be more joint services in the Circuit, some of which will involve travelling to other churches. I know this is not a welcome development for some people but would encourage you to consider the positive aspects:

- * Access to a "live" rather than a streamed service
- * Sharing of resources enables a better quality of worship
- * Sharing venues, ideas and fellowship makes us a wider and more inclusive family

Please also see Linda's notice about arranging lifts. I'm sorry there can't be an "official" system organised by the church but Linda has explained very well why this isn't possible.

We have 2 joint services with Glazebury later this month:

22nd May - a joint communion service at Glazebury led by Rev John Fisher.

29th May - a joint Own Arrangement service at Culcheth led by Brenda Litton.

I hope as many of you as possible will be able to take communion at Glazebury on the 22nd.

Looking at the new Plan for June to August, there is a planned Joint Service with Glazebury led by Alan Eaves here at Culcheth on the 3rd July. In addition, both Culcheth and Glazebury have Own Arrangement services planned on the 31st July and 28th August which seem ideal opportunities for joint worship. There are also two Sundays when a preacher is planned at Glazebury and we have an Own Arrangement:

19th June - Terry Wynn is leading worship at Glazebury

17th July - Rev Katharine with Holy Communion at Glazebury

I would very much like to hear how people feel about going to Glazebury to worship on these two Sundays. Blessings, David Ogilvy

Circuit Events

Saturday 21st May

Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir at Hindley Green Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 including refreshments ☎01942 877678 or pay on the door

Saturday 4th June

Circuit Picnic at Glazebury Methodist Church from 2.00 to 4.00pm to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Further information will be posted on the Circuit website. Watch this space for any activities at Culcheth.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for Christian Aid over the past two weeks. I have now banked a very healthy total of £362. Thanks once again for your generosity towards those struggling with poverty and climate change in less developed countries. Joyce McComb

Church Arranged Transport

It is really appreciated that Culcheth drivers are thoughtful in offering lifts when needed. As there will be more shared events we wondered whether it might be good to have an official scheme for arranging lifts to ensure no one missed out because they couldn't arrange a lift themselves. A few weeks ago, therefore, I wrote to everyone about the possible introduction of church organised arrangements. However, these would have to comply with safeguarding regulations.

A few drivers have come forward who have offered to be involved in a formal scheme but the majority prefer to continue to offer lifts on a "friend to friend" basis. We have concluded, therefore, that it isn't feasible to try to establish a scheme. I am sorry to say that this means that the church cannot act, even informally, as a "matchmaker" for drivers and those needing a lift. This is because if we did, in the event of a problem arising, it could be argued that the church was following an official scheme which should have checked and trained drivers. Thus, there will not be any more announcements offering to arrange lifts.

Hopefully everyone who needs a lift will continue to be able to find one but just in case we will put a list in the foyer for each shared event where people can add their name if they need a lift. Hopefully drivers who intend to go to that event will keep their eye on it and help out if they have any spare seats.

During these conversations about an official scheme some drivers have asked questions about their insurance when giving a "friend to friend lift". Problems are not envisaged but drivers might like to check their own policies.

As we are not getting any sprightlier I plan, also, to put together some practical tips for drivers who assist the less mobile amongst us.

Thank you to everyone for participating in this discussion and all the information and advice that was shared

Linda

Rev Paul Martin

You will be aware that Paul, a former Minister of this church and Circuit Superintendent, will stand down as Chair of the Bolton and Rochdale District this Summer. His Farewell Service will be at the Victoria Hall, Bolton on Sunday the 10th July at 3.00pm. I'm sure many of us will want to go and say goodbye and thank you to a very dear friend. I will put up a list on the notice board. If you are interested in travelling by minibus/coach please put your name down. I have no indication yet of availability or cost, which is likely to be a lot higher than before because of the increase in fuel prices.

David Ogilvy

Rev Katharine's Sabbatical

While Katharine is absent our Superintendent Minister, Rev Wilfred Robinson, will provide cover but will obviously be extremely busy. Please see the note printed below from Janette about pastoral care. I would add that, if you have any concerns of a non-pastoral nature please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the stewards and we will do our best to help. My contact details are davidwo71@icloud.com or 07586299397.

With every blessing, David Ogilvy, Senior Steward

Pastoral Support during Reverend Katharine's Sabbatical

As well as having a team of caring Pastoral Visitors, who each undertake to keep in touch with a number of people from our Pastoral List, we are fortunate in our Church in also having other informal support networks of individuals who show God's love in caring about others as a natural part of their daily lives.

All these contacts, formal and informal, are greatly valued in ensuring that everyone feels cared about and that any needs are flagged up and appropriately responded to, through prayer or action, whilst being ever mindful of the importance of confidentiality.

During her Sabbatical, we will miss having our own minister Katharine so readily on hand but are reassured to know that, despite a heavy workload, Reverend Wilfred Robinson will be standing in to provide Ministerial Pastoral Support in her absence.

If you have any pastoral concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact your Pastoral Visitor or myself. We will do our best to help and to liaise with Wilfred as necessary.

Thank you and many blessings, Janette Hutchinson Pastoral Secretary (Tel: 01925 766819)

Meeting Point

We have definitely decided on a programme of fortnightly meetings, all on Thursdays at 2.00pm (unless shown otherwise), with an informal social meeting alternating with a more formal meeting possibly with a speaker. The provisional programme is as follows:


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| May 26 th | Invitation to bring and talk about something of special significance to you |
| June 9 th | Social Meeting |
| June 23 rd | Speaker will be Liz Bell and the subject 'The Experience of a Contestant on Tipping Point' |
| July 7 th | Afternoon Tea |

Meetings will restart on the 15th September

Many thanks, Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

Circuit Administrator

There is a vacancy within the Circuit for a Circuit Administrator. Further information can be found on the Circuit Website at <https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/vacancies.html>. Please share the information with anyone you think might be interested.


The Methodist Church
Bolton and Rochdale District

District Farewell Service

For Rev Paul and Dr Susy Martin

On:
Sunday 10 July 2022 at 3:00pm

At:
The Victoria Hall
Bolton Methodist Mission
Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS

Paul is 'sitting down' this August from his role as District Chair and from his many years of active ministry within the District. We are very grateful for all he has done and all he has meant to those within the District and the wider Connexion. You are very warmly invited to attend his farewell service.

Parking available at:
Bolton Market Place, BL1 2AL
Topp Way NCP Car Park, Duke Street, BL1 2DJ
Upper Bark Street, Bolton, BL1 2AX

District Website
www.barmd.org.uk