



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 5th June – 9.30am – “Joyful Noise” for Pentecost (see below)

Sunday 5th June – 10.30am – Rev Wilfred Robinson – Holy Communion – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 12th June – Olwen Baker – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 19th June – Own arrangement/Streamed service – Steward Linda Bloomfield

Sunday 26th June – Philip Kennedy

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.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning especially to Judith Parker for the flowers.

Acts 2: 1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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

Wearing Face Coverings

Wearing a mask during worship is now a matter for your personal choice but please continue to respect those who still want to protect themselves.

Use of the Front Entrance

Since the building reopened after the first lockdown, the ABC Nursery have been using the fire door to access the hall instead of the main entrance. From Monday the 13th June when they return from half-term they will use the front entrance once again. For safeguarding reasons the doors in the corridor will continue to be locked whilst ABC are using the hall.

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



Circuit Picnic

The Circuit Jubilee Picnic will take place at Glazebury on Saturday the 4th June from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. There will be a short act of worship and time for a picnic and games. Please bring your own food. Refreshments will be provided.

Jubilee Picnic on Culcheth Village Green

There will be a Picnic in the Park on the Village Green on Sunday the 5th June from 12.00noon until 4.00pm. We hope to have the toilets available during the event as for Community Day. If you can spare an hour please sign up on the notice board or speak to me.

Also many thanks to those who have decorated the front of the building to help us join in the celebrations.

David Ogilvy

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

☎ 07498 800427

MWiB Summer Tea Party

Bolton and Rochdale District Methodist Women in Britain are holding a **Summer Tea Party** at Aspull Methodist Church (WN2 1PP) on Saturday 18th June 1.00 - 3.30pm. An opportunity to gather together for fun, friendship and fellowship!

Food Bank

This week the request is for Instant Mash, bottles of squash, long life milk and tinned chopped tomatoes.

All your gifts are received with thanks and do help to provide meals for people who are struggling.
Thank you, Ray and Irene

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:

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

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.

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 hope that drivers who are able to give lifts will check the notice board to see who needs transport.

There have been 2 successful and well-attended joint services with Glazebury on the 22nd and 29th May. I hope you can agree with me that worshipping in a well-filled church amongst friends from other congregations lifts the spirits and enriches the experience.

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

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.

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. If you are interested in travelling by minibus/coach please see the notice on the notice board. Because of the increased cost of coach hire we need to fill every seat to make it economic. I am approaching other churches to see if there is wider interest.

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)



Leigh and Hindley **Methodist** Circuit

Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Saturday 4th June, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
at Glazebury Methodist Church

To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit are holding an event including games and songs on the field at Glazebury.

Please bring your own food; hot and cold drinks will be available.



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