



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 12th June – Olwen Baker – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 19th June – Terry Wynn – JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY – No Service at Culcheth

Sunday 26th June – Philip Kennedy – Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 3rd July – Alan Eaves – JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY – No Service at Culcheth

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. Next week's flowers will be provided by Alison Burgess.

Romans 5: 1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

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

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

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.

I mentioned last week that, on the 19th June, Terry Wynn is planned to preach at Glazebury whilst we have an Own Arrangement service. In view of the many favourable comments received about recent joint services and in the spirit of encouraging people to come together we have decided there will be no service at Culcheth on the 19th June. Instead we encourage as many of you as possible to worship at Glazebury that morning. Terry Wynn is an excellent preacher and a former local MEP. The service from Astley/Tyldesley, led by Eileen Groves, will be streamed online.

Can I encourage anyone needing a lift to add their name to the list on the notice board and drivers with spare seats to offer lifts?

David Ogilvy

Jean Allred

Our friend Jean has passed away after a brave fight against illness. Please hold David, the family and all their friends in your prayers. We give thanks for her invaluable contribution over the years to the life and work of the Circuit and her church, Bedford Methodist. The funeral will take place at Bedford on Monday, 13th June at 12.15pm.

Muriel Hotchin

We have received the sad news that Muriel passed away on Monday at a care home near Oxford. She worshipped regularly here, and sang in the choir, for many years. Please hold her family and friends in your prayers.

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!

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

Food Bank

The volunteers at the food bank were really impressed with the quantity of food donated by people from Culcheth Methodist Church last week. You provided easy to prepare food for families on low incomes. We need to consider whether food is easy to prepare without using too much power. This week the request is for Instant Mash, tinned vegetables, tinned custard, chopped tomatoes and drinks e.g. fruit juice and fruit squash.

All your gifts are gratefully received and do relieve some of the stress of the people who ask for help. Thank you very much, 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 programme is as follows:

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 closing date for applications has been extended to 14th June.

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.

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. Thanks to all who have signed up so far. I'm in contact with Glazebury and Bedford about arrangements so watch this space.

David Ogilvy

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

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)



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