

Culcheth Methodist Church

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Transforming the World by Meeting the Needs of our Community as God's People

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Luke 11: 9-10

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 24th July - David Bushby - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEbury - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 31st July - David Ogilvy - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 7th August - Philip Kennedy and Amy Driver - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEbury - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 14th August - Joyce Daniels - Steward Amy Driver

Everyone is warmly welcomed to join us in the hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship

The service from Bamfurlong Methodist Church, preacher Audrey Davies, is available at 10.30 on 24th July online or through your telephone

Online: Click this link to join the meeting via Zoom **[Sunday Service Zoom Link](#)**

Phone: Dial **0330 088 5830**. 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

This will be the last streamed service for a while as Thomas takes a well-earned break. Streamed services will resume in September.

Monday Mornings

Monday prayers followed by a coffee morning continues without a break over the summer. Prayers 10.00am to 10.30am. Coffee 10.30am till 12.00 midday.

18.30 Praise

Modern worship with a live band at Newchurch Parish Hall on **Sunday 31st July** at 6.30pm and fortnightly thereafter.

Thank you



I was struck on Sunday by how good the front of the Church was looking in the sun. I think that a big thanks should go to the working parties who have repainted the wood and weeded the paving at the Church entrance, the garden group who have tended the flowers and vegetables and the property committee who have arranged the new notice boards.
Ed

Rev Paul Martin's Farewell Service

Most of us made it to the service despite the panic over the coach not turning up. Grateful thanks to the car drivers who gave lifts to passengers. I will refund fares paid when I see you at church if this is ok. It was worth the effort to be able to celebrate Paul's ministry and say goodbye and thanks to him and Suzy along with a hall full of friends.

David Ogilvy

The response for donations towards Paul Martin's retirement collection was immense and I have sent off two cheques totalling £318.00 to the Circuit Treasurer. Susan Fisher has responded by saying "Thank you. That's very generous of Culcheth. I know how highly regarded Paul is by the Culcheth people."

Once Susan has received all donations, she will confirm the total.

Carol Sherratt

All We Can Harvest Collection 2021..... yes 2021!

Since taking over as Treasurer I have found money in the safe which was donated back in October 2021 for the Harvest Appeal for All We Can. Following a telephone call to All We Can, I have sent a cheque for £272 plus the completed Gift Aid forms where applicable. They were very pleased to know that the donation was on its way.

Carol Sherratt

Communication:

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Foodbank

This week we are asked to bring Instant Mash, tinned vegetables, fruit squash drinks, jam and chopped tomatoes. Of course you can give other foods that you think would be useful for family meals. Thank you again for your previous gifts. Everything you bring is much appreciated.

Ray and Irene

Cleaning of Play Area

You'll be aware that we're concerned about the poor state of the play area at the back of the building, which is used regularly by young children. Not only is it unsightly but the surface is becoming hazardous. It requires regular washing down and brushing and generally keeping clean and tidy. I would like to establish a rota for tackling this. If you are willing to go on a rota with others to do this on a regular basis please speak to me or contact me on davidwo71@icloud.com or 07586299397.

David Ogilvy

Regular Maintenance Work Days

In order to keep on top of the regular external maintenance of the building and keep the grounds clean and tidy we need regular work groups. It's an opportunity for people to work together to improve the appearance of the church and the impression it gives to the community. My suggestion is to have a regular date in the calendar when anyone who is free can come along to help such as the 1st Saturday in the month. This could start on the 6th August. Can I have your comments please?

David Ogilvy

Gift Day

I hear that the Gift Day presentation was well received. If you have any queries please do get in touch. There was a very good response to the appeal. Many people pledged to do one or more of the following:

Increase their monthly giving
Make a One Off donation
Offer their time and talents
Pray

I have already banked the collection which amounted to £1,615 which with added Gift Aid will be £1,752.50. Some people have already increased their monthly giving so a big thank you to all who have contributed so far. If you weren't at the service last week but would still like to give a one off donation, please put the money/cheque in an envelope marked Gift Day or if it can be Gift Aided please put it in a church white Gift Aid envelope.

We just have to come up with some fundraising events that we can run hopefully in the next few months. If you have ideas or could help in any way please contact one of the Leadership Team..

Once again a big THANK YOU.

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Social Events/Fundraising

The stewards have been giving a lot of thought to the importance of once again having regular social events, following the long lay-off during the pandemic, with grateful thanks to Daphne for her helpful suggestions and support. This would bring us together and help us to get to know one another better and especially allow Katharine to meet people properly at long last. It would also hopefully generate a spirit of mutual support and working together which would lead to all sorts of much-needed fundraising projects and a fresh interest in keeping the building and grounds tidy and well-maintained.

Some of the ideas mentioned so far include:

- * A hotpot supper/singalong (with ukulele band?) possibly at Harvest
- * Revival of the Supper Club in some form but with different catering
- * Occasional evening meals/Sunday lunch at a venue such as the Village Club
- * Fundraising quiz with raffle
- * Table-top sale/auction
- * Regular maintenance work parties with something to eat afterwards (barbecue?)
- * Soup & roll/faith lunches at church
- * Safari Supper (very popular at Glazebury)
- * Reviving the Saturday morning Open Doors

We would love to have your views and ideas on this. I'm sure the Gift Day has convinced you how vital ongoing fundraising is going to be. Do please talk about this, exchange ideas and let the stewards have your thoughts.

None of this can happen without organisation, of course, and we do need a person or small group, who would be willing to coordinate, but not necessarily organise in detail, social/fundraising events. If you think you might be able to do this please speak to me or one of the stewards.

Many thanks, David Ogilvy

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