



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

Culcheth Methodist Church is open for services

We have restricted numbers, if you would like to attend please book online [Service Booking](#) or speak to a Steward or Pastoral Visitor to book you in.

Sunday 27th June – Rev Katharine Bland in person, including Holy Communion – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 4th July – Own Arrangement – Steward Janette Hutchinson

Sunday 11th July – Joyce Daniels (in person) – Steward David Slater

Sunday 18th July – Streamed Service – Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 25th July – Stan Worgan (in person) – Steward Rachel Slater

Sunday 1st August – Rev Katharine Bland (inc Holy Communion) – Steward Amy Driver



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 it asks for the access code, enter **935 8460 6158#**.

When it asks 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.

On Zoom:

Virtual coffee on Sundays 11.45am -12.30 Meeting ID: 885 6075 9929 Passcode: 012778

[Sunday Morning Coffee Link](#)

Or “at” Glazebury 10:30am on Saturday mornings. Zoom meeting no.: 8407 5877 165

Recordings of the Sunday Service and a weekly podcast from Rev John Fisher can be found here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-476066366>

Mark 5:21-43

“Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

Pray Together – members of the church will be at prayer from 6.30-7pm every day,
and from 9.30-10am on Mondays, do join in wherever you are.

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: To Amy by Wed 6pm for inclusion this week, Tel 766550, culchethmethodist@gmail.com

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk Facebook: Culcheth Methodist Church and LeighAndHindleyMethodist

Magazine entries to cmcnews57@gmail.com.

Prayer Circle requests contact Janette Hutchinson:766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby:509558/07949 390862

Message from Rev Katharine

Dear Friends,

One of the first things I like to share with my church families is 'my story'. I don't like the word 'testimony', it's far too churchy a word! But I do like the word story, and we all have a story to share. From my school-life to my working-life, I seem to have chosen paths that involve wearing a variety of uniforms! I'll hang back sharing my story with you in this newsletter, I would much prefer to share it with you all in person, and hopefully that opportunity will be very soon. So, for now, I'll just reveal to you that I left school at 16yrs and I joined the Army!

Did you know that Saturday 27th June is Armed Forces Day? It's a day when we are encouraged to remember, give thanks, and hold in our prayers our armed forces personnel. Here is a little snippet from the 'Armed Forces Christian Union' website: *Life in the Forces – Service personnel spend a large proportion of their military service in training. After basic recruit training (Phase 1) and trade training (Phase 2) individual training takes place throughout their careers. Once established in their ships or units much time is spent on collective training to prepare for possible operations, for peacekeeping, for disaster relief at home or abroad, and for assisting the government, as has been the case with the Covid pandemic. Whilst exercises can be exciting and give a degree of realism, they can also be dangerous, frequent, and involve long spells away from home.*

- Pray for those undergoing training that they take every opportunity to do their best and grasp the knowledge and skills that they need to do their job well.
- Pray for safety of those undertaking exercises and for their families while they are away from home.
- Pray for those planning exercises, that they will have an eye for detail so that the exercises achieve their purpose.
- Pray for military Christians on deployment that they will show integrity and be a witness to their colleagues while they are together for long periods of time.

From the Field Service Book of the British Army

Almighty God,

in you alone we find safety and peace.

We commend to your gracious keeping

all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army or the Air Force,

who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety.

Defend them day by day by your heavenly power;

and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care.

Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace

which alone we must seek and serve;

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We are Open!

Our service time has changed to **10.30am**. Facemasks and social distancing will be observed.

The booking system link is here: [Service Booking](#). If online booking isn't for you, please let one of the stewards or your pastoral visitor know if you wish to attend in person. At the moment the list is limited to 30 people, but we are working on creating an "overflow" in the Welcome space

If you have any safeguarding concerns, contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

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– so if it says the church is fully booked, let Amy know on 01925 766550 or amyedriver@gmail.com, and I'll see what we can do.

No pressure – only come if you feel comfortable to do so!

Where we do not have a preacher allocated in the plan, we will either have an own arrangement service, or relay the virtual dial in service onto the screen

Communion Changes

In order to improve the Communion service, but in a Covid safe way, we will be trying something new. The congregation will remain seated, Rev Katharine will move around dropping the bread into your hand (no physical contact). The Steward will then follow with the tray of wine – each glass will be set out with a gap around it, so you will take the glass without touching others. Hands will be sanitised, and masks will be worn throughout, and during the setting out of the elements in advance. Used glasses will be placed under your seat for collection later. If you would prefer not to do this, please speak to a steward when you arrive.

Church Council

Snippets from the Church council meeting on Thursday 18th June have been circulated by Linda.

Book

"Culcheth Characters" is a newly published book written by members of the Culcheth Local History Group. It was published with the help of Rev Bob Davies and Morgan Burton provided the drawings.

It may be purchased at forget-me-not toys and books at the CPS Centre. Marlene.

Notice Sheet & Magazine

This week's notice sheet covers 27th June and 4th July, due to holidays.

The deadline for Magazine entries is 27th June if you have anything that could be included – email CMCNews57@gmail.com or contact Chris.

Open gardens 2021

Open gardens will continue to take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of July despite the lock down restrictions not being lifted as soon as hoped.

It is, of course, an outside event but all visitors will be encouraged to hug the trees and flowers and not the hard - working gardeners, whose delightful and very different gardens you come to enjoy.

Refreshments are available at two gardens..... 46 Lodge Drive and 22 Chiltern Road, where contributions of cakes would be most welcome.

Plants will be on sale at 29 Culcheth Hall Drive and here contributions of plants to sell will be most welcome.

Tickets (Adults £5.00) are available at Poyntons and Buds 'n' Shakes

Please come and relax in these garden oasis, whose healing powers will give you peace and joy in these troubled time

Youth Work Update

Hi everyone, hope you're keeping well.

Just a big thank you to everyone for continuing to pray for the youth work. We had our first in person 'Fresh' last week in the Church, which was really lovely especially after being online for so long! Please continue to pray for Fresh and the young people who have been coming, especially for good relationships and good conversations.

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On Friday we had our second 'The Tent Project' which was great (although quite quiet because of the football!) The Tent will continue to be alternate week for now, and I am looking into more possibilities in the future.

I am in need of volunteers, especially for Fresh as I only have one very faithful helper! Fresh runs every Tuesday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm @CMC, and it's simply a case of being present in the building! Do let me know if this is something you would feel happy to help with.

I have some exciting plans underway for the summer, please pray for good openings and favour for the community work.

Lots of love, Hannah xxx

'Healing Windows' Displays..... It's not too late to send in your contribution!

Some of you will have noticed that our representations of "Healing" are building up in the Church windows, with many thanks for wonderful contributions received so far. It is intended to vary and add to this every couple of weeks to allow chance for reflection along the way, so look out for the changes, especially over the 'Open Gardens' weekend!!

The portrayal of a road links in with the disciples' transformation from Despair after the Crucifixion to Hope after their encounter with Jesus along the Road to Emmaus.

We all face challenges along our journey of life, some far greater than others, and these can significantly shape our perspective on life and faith. Lockdown is only one example of such a challenge and we know there are people who are hurting or suffering in different ways. Hopefully our interactive display will illustrate some of the ways that people have been helped in their healing process and provide hope of a brighter future.

Additionally:

It would be wonderful to receive your personal stories of any kind of healing, presented in any form – words, images, poems. You are welcome to include your name or be anonymous.

Share your ideas by: email to culchethmethodist@gmail.com, drop a note through the church letterbox, or speak to Janette Hutchinson, Rachel Slater or Rev Katharine.



Church Community Garden



Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to helping the garden to come to life in recent weeks, whether it has been building structures, nurturing, contributing or

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planting plants, digging, watering, cutting grass or by making good use of the seats to enjoy conversations with friends or passers-by. In the last week or so Barry has erected trellis for the sweet peas, the sensory bed has been filled and special thanks are also due to Nathan and Emily who helped their grandma Heather to plant the runner beans they had all grown to make the den tepee!

As fruit and veg ripen anyone is welcome to help themselves, and herbs are equally available. Sampling the strawberries is particularly highly recommended!!

The garden continues to be work in progress so additional volunteers are always welcome, as are occasional plant waterers! The more the merrier! Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. The Garden Team: Heather, Rachel, Daphne, Ann, Julie (764443) and Janette (766819).