



South Hub Notices

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*"To welcome everyone with the Love of God; To be a guiding light in the community;
To provide a safe space where all can feel they belong"*

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Culcheth Methodist Church Ellesmere Road, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 4BJ

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"Sharing God's love with our community by reaching out with open hearts"

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Luke 24: 6-7

"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again'."

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday - Reverend Jacquie Evans - Easter Breakfast and Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Stewards Janet Crozier and John Martin

Sunday 27th April - Culcheth - Local Arrangement - Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 27th April - Glazebury - Local Arrangement - Steward Christine Taylor

SERVICES AT BOTH CHURCHES ON 27th APRIL

Sunday 4th May - Reverend John Fisher - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Joyce McComb

Sunday 11th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward

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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the services this morning especially to Allan Graham for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Joyce McComb and at Glazebury by Barbara Mills.



Easter Sunday Service

This **Sunday 20th April** there will be an Easter Breakfast Service with Holy Communion at Glazebury Methodist Church at 10.30am. If you want to share in the Easter breakfast of eggs and toast please arrive from 9.30am so that everything can be cleared away in time for the service. At Culcheth we will be decorating the Cross outside the Church from 9.15am before we go to Glazebury for the Easter Breakfast.

MWiB Easter Offering envelopes will be available at this service.

Services on 27th April

There are separate Local Arrangements planned at Culcheth and Glazebury next Sunday. These will be Easter Offering Services using material from Methodist Women in Britain. The Easter Offering envelopes will be available at the joint Easter Sunday service at Glazebury this Sunday.

Coffee Shop at Culcheth

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 19th April**. All are welcome so do please come and join us for hot drinks, for toasted tea cakes and crumpets and for fellowship.

The weekly Coffee Shop has become an essential part of our church life, offering a welcome to all, providing a valuable time for fellowship and drawing people from the church and community into friendship. I'm very grateful to the volunteers who have been staffing the rota but to avoid putting undue demands on them we really need more volunteers to help spread the load. It's a very pleasant and friendly social occasion and you wouldn't be involved normally more than once every 6 to 8 weeks. If you feel you might like to do this please have a word with me. To date only 1 additional volunteer has come forward for which we are very grateful. Please give careful consideration to whether you could offer help or encourage someone you know to come forward. I'm happy to talk about what it entails.

David Ogilvy

Café Praise and Worship – formerly called “18.30 Praise”

The next Cafe Praise and Worship will be on **Sunday 1st June** at Newchurch Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth. Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm. There will be **NO** meeting in May.

Roddy Marr

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

Thanks to all who donated last weekend. All gifts are much appreciated. Ray and Irene

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: Joyce McComb by Wednesday 6pm for inclusion that week - email to culchethmethodist@gmail.com or phone 01925 767308

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk

Facebook: CulchethMethodistChurch; Glazebury Methodist church and LeighandHindleyMethodist

Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

Meeting Point at Culcheth

We continue to meet for fellowship, conversation and a cup of tea or coffee, usually on alternate Thursdays at 2.00pm in the Welcome Space at the Church. All are welcome.

We have now stopped for an Easter break. The summer programme for Meeting Point is as follows:

May	1st	Music Group
	8th	Joan Hughes with Herbert — Guide Dogs for the Blind
	15th	Music Group
	22nd	Rev Jacquie Evans — My Russian Doll Collection
	29th	Music Group
June	5th	Stephen Sanders — Being a Toast Master
	12th	Music Group
	19th	Brian McGucken — Nigerian Interlude
	26th	Music Group
July	3rd	Jean Wilkinson — Real Dairy Ice Cream
	10th	Music Group

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the trip to Die Fledermaus, performed by the 3 Towns Operatic Society at St Joseph's Hall in Leigh and planned for the 13th May, as there was just not enough interest to justify booking a minibus. Betty Memmott

Work Day at Culcheth 26th April

A working party will take place at Culcheth next **Saturday 26th April** from 9.30am. Jobs to be tackled include:

- Painting the side wall of the hall
- Restaining the weatherboarding along the Ellesmere Rd frontage
- Cleaning the sanctuary, vestry and committee room
- Cleaning the foyer and Welcome Space as necessary.

If you can spare some time to help it will be much appreciated.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Sunday Tea at Culcheth

This a plea for people to consider whether they could join the list of folks who brew up for us on Sundays and enable so much fellowship to be enjoyed. The duty does not come round too regularly...on the current plan to mid May we have 7 services at CMC and whilst we have 5 pairs of "brewer-uppers" we are fast approaching the time of the year when many people are away and I am struggling to fill this quarter's rota.

Please let me know if you think you could help and I will tell you what it entails(honestly not much more than getting a bottle of milk, setting out, serving and washing up).

Many thanks, Linda Bloomfield

Letter from Joyce and Peter Davies

Dear friends

Thank you for all the good wishes we have received. We have been overwhelmed by the warmth and kindness expressed in the many cards we have been sent.

We are glad that the move was well organised by our daughter Lyned who lives just 10 minutes walk away. The flat we have moved into is part of a well run residence and we are very comfortable. We also have a wonderful view of the valley from our windows. We have settled in well but naturally we miss Culcheth and our friends, having lived in the village for so many years. We remember the church being built and we attended the opening service. The church provided many out of school activities such as Saturday morning film club, uniformed organisations and youth club. It is sad there is no longer a Sunday School as this was very popular in those days. Unfortunately that is the case in many churches. The Reverend Bill Denning was minister when we became members. He instigated the family camps and they in turn led us into family camping holidays.

We hope to attend the Easter service at Eldwick church which is a merged Methodist and Church of England church. I have attended one service there with Lyned - unfortunately Peter was not feeling well that day. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. They have a church garden and the grounds back on to open moorland. It is not as well protected from the weather as the garden in Culcheth but it is very lovely.

We look forward to Easter Sunday and wish you all a happy Easter when it arrives.

Joyce and Peter

Culcheth Methodist Church Community Garden.

After what seemed to be a slow cold start to the year, plants and flowers are now bursting into life and cheering us with their colour. The Church grass has had its first cut and plans are underway for the Church garden.

As it an Open Gardens year it would be great to make it extra special and to incorporate some different ideas which would also attract and provide opportunities to engage with the wider community.

There are only a handful of us doing the practical work now so any help would be much appreciated. Equally, we know that not everyone is able to offer manual help but you may be able to nurture seedlings or have some wonderful ideas or crafty creations that could enhance the garden, and it would be lovely to have input from wider sources.

If you have any thoughts or ideas at all please do speak to any of us. Heather Boley or Ashley or Janette Hutchinson (01925 766819/07729313466). Thank you!

Culcheth Methodist Church 60th Anniversary Sep 25 – Sep 26 Planning Update

Culcheth Methodist Church was dedicated in May 1966, almost 60 years ago. A small anniversary planning group consisting of Joyce Daniels, David Ogilvy and Jon Purcell have started to plan a series of events to celebrate the 60th birthday of our Church. Proposals will be forwarded to next week's Church Council meeting but in the meantime, there are ways in which everybody can help plan for this year of celebration, remembrance and thankfulness. We are keen to have your ideas and comments which could be added to the mix and we would welcome help with the planning.

How can I help?

There are lots of ways in which everybody can help the Planning Group. These include submitting

- Photographs of church events both formal and informal taken during the last 60 years
- Printed material such as newsletters, circuit plans, reports, church publications etc spanning the last 60 years
- Personal memories of being involved in the church. Were you married there for example or baptised? These memories could include involvement with uniformed groups, plays or pantomimes, church weekends, social events etc. These can be short or long, and we would love you to chat to us if you prefer not to write them down

Question we have!

- Are you still in contact with former church members who have moved away? If yes, we are relying on you to help compile a list of people who have moved away so that they can be told what is happening and invited to share their memories and news. We would love somebody to volunteer to take on this task.

What next?

The Planning Group are now starting to gather information to form what we hope will be an informative and interesting display highlighting events in the life of the church since 1966. Next week there will be a plastic crate left on a chair in the vestry where items (in whatever form) can be deposited. Please leave your contact details if you wish to have materials returned to you.

If you would like any further information about the forthcoming Church Anniversary, please contact:

Joyce Daniels	Email: fribbitribit@yahoo.co.uk
David Ogilvy	Email: davidwo71@icloud.com
Jon Purcell	Email: purcelljon@hotmail.com

Spiritual Weekend 2025

Come and be inspired! The Circuit is offering us all a very special opportunity to meet in fellowship and grow in faith together. We are invited to take part in a Spiritual Weekend at different locations in the Circuit focusing on the Book of Nehemiah with guest speakers. The dates are **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May**.

The programme is as follows:

Friday 23rd May — Bedford Methodist Church

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm Fish and Chip Supper

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Introduction to the Weekend (Nehemiah's Prayer) with a short animated film

Saturday 24th May – Astley/Tyldesley Methodist Church

9.30 am - 10.00 am Arrival and Refreshments

10.00am - 10.15am Opening Worship

10.15am - 11.15am Session 1 (Rebuild)

11.15am - 11.30am Break

11.30 am - 12.30 pm Session 2 (Reclaim)

12.30 pm - 1.15 pm Lunch

1.15 pm - 2.15 pm Session 3 (Revive)

2.15 pm - 2.30 pm Break

2.30 pm - 3.30 pm Session 4 (Review/mission)

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Worship

4.00 pm Close

Sunday 25th May – Kingsleigh Methodist Church

10.30 am Worship (Spiritual Renewal) — Finding our place?

12.00 pm Refreshments

At the recent Circuit Meeting Rev Wilfred, our Superintendent, spoke about the very serious challenges facing the Circuit, including the increasing difficulty of producing a viable Preaching Plan because of the continuing loss of preachers. It's essential all the churches work together to find a solution to these difficulties. He wants the Spiritual Weekend to bring people together and encourage them to work and pray for the future. To sign up click here <https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/spiritual-weekend-2025.html> or alternatively, speak to me or one of the stewards of either churches. David Ogilvy

Events around the District

Sacred Seasons
A Musical by Darren Garfield

Donations gratefully received!



All are welcome!

A journey through the year

Saturday 19th April 7.00pm
Boothstown Methodist Church
(Chaddock Lane M28 1DD)

Sunday 27th April 7.00pm
Christ Church
(Mytham Road, Little Lever BL3 1JE)

(Refreshments at both events from 6.30pm)

Tell me the Stories of Jesus

A service of celebration to mark the 500th anniversary of the first Bible in the English language, translated by William Tyndale.

Sunday 13th July at 6.30pm at Stockton Heath Methodist Church, Walton Road, Warrington, WA4 6LP.