



Culcheth Methodist Church

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

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Psalm 139: 1-4

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 14th January - Local Arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 21st January - Philip Kennedy - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 28th January - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 4th February - Reverend Sue Whitehead - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward Linda Bloomfield

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

Thank you to our friends at Glazebury for welcoming us this morning. Next week's flowers will be provided by Liz Williams.



Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be open again this **Saturday 13th January** from 10.00am to 12.00noon. It will be open weekly for a trial period until 3rd February, when we will decide what happens from then on. Please do come along to enjoy fellowship over a cuppa and toasted tea cake and encourage others to come along too.

David Ogilvy

Celia Watts

You may already be aware that Celia, sadly, passed away on Christmas Eve. Celia was a lovely and gracious lady of whom many of us have warm and happy memories. She was a very active member of the church from its early days, involved in so many ways, and always seemed to be there with good ideas and ready to take part in whatever way was needed. She will be greatly missed.

A service of thanksgiving for Celia's life will take place at Culcheth Methodist Church on **Friday 19th January** at 1.30pm, led by Rev Bob Davies, followed by refreshments at the Culcheth Arms. There will be a service at Altrincham Crematorium at 12.45pm for family and close friends.

The family would be pleased if any donations in Celia's memory could be made to The Alzheimer's Society and/or Action for Children. This could be done online, which could be gift aided, or there will be a basket for cash/cheque donations at the church service, which could not be gift aided.

We continue to hold the family in our thoughts and prayers.

David Ogilvy

Church Cleaning/Maintenance

Unfortunately the planned Work Morning on 20th January has had to be postponed because so many people will be away. Please watch this space for a new date.

David Ogilvy

Window Blind in Welcome Space

The left hand blind in the Welcome Space does now work again but **please** treat it very gently and keep the chain taut when raising or lowering.

David Ogilvy

Glass Doors

During the cold weather we are keeping the sliding glass doors shut when the sanctuary isn't in use to conserve heat in the foyer and Welcome Space. **Please** open and close them gently if you have to go into the sanctuary.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Communication:

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

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk Facebook CulchethMethodistChurch and LeighandHindleyMethodist
Prayer Circle Requests: Janette Hutchinson 766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby 509558/07949 390862
Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

Meeting Point

*Please note that the Music Group will **not** meet on 18th January - the first meeting will be on 1st February.*

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th January** when we have an excellent speaker in Geoff Nuttall from Atherton Central.

The Meeting Point programme up to Easter is as follows, all on Thursdays at 2.00pm in the Welcome Space unless otherwise shown:

25th Jan	Graham Nuttall - "My life behind the bars".
8th Feb	Janet Dawber Entertains - a musical extravaganza.
22nd Feb	Meal at The Village Club 12.00 for 12.30. See below about menu choices and signing up.
7th March	Brian Joyce - "MPs in trouble : MPs from all parties who have fallen foul of the law."
21st March	TBA

We welcome any suggestions for future meetings. Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

On **22nd February 2024**, Meeting Point will be having their Post New Year Meal at the Village Club – British Legion.

I hope to have the Menus for distribution at the **25th January Meeting** and would appreciate their return by **8th February**, so they can be collated, and the information passed onto the Legion.

Regards, Joyce Daniels

Action for Children

Over the Christmas period the Church Christmas Card in the Welcome Space raised £72.05. Many thanks to Janette for organising this and to Morag for the beautiful card.

In addition to this the Carol Services at South Hub churches (Culcheth and Glazebury) raised £331.45.

I will shortly be making arrangements to send a cheque for £403.50 plus the Gift Aid envelopes to Action for Children, for which I am sure it will be gratefully received. Many thanks to everyone.

Carol Sherratt

Weblink for online donations to Culcheth Methodist Church & QR Code:
<https://donate.mydona.com/culcheth-methodist-church>



Affirming Christianity

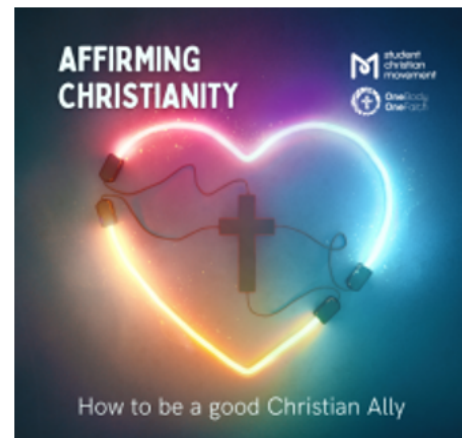
Culcheth Methodist Church are sharing a 3 session course called "Affirming Christianity" - about being a better ally to and with LGBTQ+ people as Christians. It is for people who are affirming in their hearts and want to understand & do more in action to live out that support.

Saturday Mornings 27th Jan, 3rd Feb, 10th Feb 2024

10.15am-11.30am

Coffee Shop will be open from 10am, so come early if you want to get a brew & a tea cake!

Contact Amy Driver on 07775 907935 or Rev Katharine Bland on 01925 763218 for info



Message from Daphne

After co-ordinating with David O for the past 12 months it is time for me to pass it on to somebody else. We need to improve our Church growth and raise funds whilst working with our local community - improving our outreach and enjoying our mission.

We had the Christmas Fair and the Three Towns Concert which raised £705 and £787.67 respectively. We have Coffee Mornings on a Monday and Saturday. Meeting point and Hands and Hearts for God are bringing people together.

Saturday morning Coffee Shop requires you to help on the rota. If you have a couple of hours to spare please contact David O or myself.

I am prepared to work with any new person. I have details in a notebook to hand over. Help would be appreciated.

Daphne Eastburn Tel 01925 765561

Food Bank

Thank you for your regular donations of food and kitchen cleaning products - all your donations are very gratefully received and appreciated. Thank you also for donations of money, which allow the staff to purchase items which are in short supply. These gifts help our neighbours who are struggling to feed their families.

If you would like more information, please speak to us after church.

Thank you, Ray and Irene

14th January, 2024

New Bank Account for the Church

Just a reminder that the new church bank account is now up and running. I think that most people who have standing orders for their personal giving have now been able to transfer them, but if it has slipped your mind due to the Christmas celebrations please could you try and change it as soon as you are able. The details are in the email to which this is attached or you can contact me directly to obtain them.

If you need any help in this connection please do not hesitate to contact me. Mobile number 07866938776.

Treasurer, Carol Sherratt