



Culcheth Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1129901

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

Ellesmere Road, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 4BJ

Minister: Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

kjbland@yahoo.co.uk

Church Contact: Elizabeth Marr 01925 762187

Jeremiah 31: 35

This is what the Lord says, He who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar - the Lord Almighty is his name.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 17th March - Passion Sunday - Own arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday - Reverend Bob Davies - Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday - Reverend Katharine Bland - Holy Communion -

Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 7th April - CIRCUIT SERVICE AT BEDFORD METHODIST CHURCH (WN7 3DJ) - No service at Culcheth

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 Julie Marriott.



Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be open next **Saturday 16th March** from 10.00 to 12.00 and every Saturday until Easter due to popular demand. We are intending to continue opening weekly until the end of May, apart from the 6th April. Please do come along to enjoy fellowship over a brew and toasted tea cake. All are welcome.

David Ogilvy

Circuit Lent Course “Talking about Jesus”

The Circuit Lent Course, led by Reverend Katharine Bland, will take place every Wednesday evening till 27th March at Bedford Methodist Church (WN7 3DJ) at 7.30pm. The next session, on **Wednesday 20th March**, is entitled ‘Jesus’ Death’. (*See notice below*)

Meeting Point

The last meeting before Easter will be a quiz and social on **Thursday 21st March**.

Meetings will restart after Easter on **Thursday 11th April**. Any suggestions for future meetings are very welcome.

Looking forward, we hope to have an outing on **Tuesday 14th May** to the 3 Towns Operatic Society’s production of “The Pirates of Penzance” at St Joseph’s Hall in Leigh. Many thanks to Joyce Daniels for agreeing to organise this.

Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

Café Praise and Worship – formerly called “18.30 Praise”

The next Café Praise and Worship (formerly called “18.30 Praise”) will be on **Sunday 7th April** (not 17th March as previously advertised) at **Newchurch Parish Hall**, Common Lane, Culcheth.

Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm.

These praise and worship services with a slightly different format from “18.30 Praise” (café style with a band and contemporary worship) are planned to be **monthly** on the first Sunday in the month. For further information please see me.

Roddy Marr

Glass Doors

The sliding doors have been repaired. We hope and pray that this will last and we shall be grateful for your help by opening and closing them **extremely carefully**.

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

Church Cleaning and Maintenance

The normal date for the next work morning falls on the Easter weekend when people are likely to be away. Please watch this space for confirmation of the date and jobs to be done.

The arrangements for cleaning the building in-house are working but having more people on the rota would lighten the load on everyone. If you could spare an hour or two every few weeks to help please speak to Roddy or myself.

The Finance & Property Group would like to compile a list of contractors whose work can be recommended from experience as being reliable. This includes eg electricians, joiners, plumbers and roofers. If you can recommend a contractor please let Ashley, Daphne, Roddy or myself know.

Thank you. David Ogilvy

Eric Pendleton

I'm sorry to tell you Eric passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 7th March. This was completely unexpected so has come as a great shock to us all. As you know he was remarkably fit for his age (nearly 96!) and wasn't on any medication. Please hold in your thoughts and prayers his children Ann, Brian and Jill, his sisters Dee and Glenda and his extended family - he had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Before the pandemic he and Dot had been regulars at the evening services and enjoyed coming to Open Doors on Mondays and Saturdays and also to Meeting Point until Dot was sadly no longer able to take part. You'll remember after Martin Roberts' death he and I took over organising the Men's Fellowship and later the combined Meeting Point until he had to give up in order to look after Dot. He was an enthusiastic follower of the online services and chat rooms on Zoom during the pandemic and, although he decided not to come to church activities when they started again, he enjoyed hearing about what was going on.

The funeral will take place at Culcheth Methodist Church on Tuesday 9th April at 12.30pm followed by refreshments at a venue to be confirmed.

David Ogilvy

Food Bank

Thank you very much for all your donations of food and funds for people who are struggling to feed their families.

Gifts are taken to the distribution point at Kingsleigh Methodist Church each Monday morning. Unfortunately the system of alternating churches means that on the weeks when there is no service at Culcheth, the box is often empty. Be assured that when there is no service at Culcheth on the Sunday we collect any gifts on the Monday morning. You can deposit food items on any day of the week when there is a meeting or when ABC are there.

Thank you, Ray and Irene

Easter Week

During Holy Week the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection, with some ideas to promote your prayers. Opening times to follow.

Wednesday 27th March

Last session of the Lent Course at Bedford Methodist Church (WN7 3DJ) at 7.30pm entitled 'Jesus' Resurrection'.

Maunday Thursday 28th March

As last year, there will be an Agape meal and Reflections with Holy Communion led by Rev Katharine at Glazebury Methodist Church at 7.00pm on **Thursday 28th March** involving Culcheth and Glazebury Methodist Church and All Saints Parish Church, Glazebury.

There will also be a Holy Communion service led by Reverend John Fisher at Bedford Methodist Church (WN7 3DJ) at 7.00pm.

Good Friday 29th March

There will be a reflective hub service with Glazebury Methodist Church led by Worship Leaders at Culcheth Methodist Church at 11.00am on **Friday 29th March** with the opportunity to partake afterwards in the Simple Lunch at the Parish Hall (serving 11.30am to 1.30pm).

There will also be at Good Friday United Service, led by Reverend Katharine Bland, at Atherton Central Methodist Church (M46 9DW) at 9.30am.

Easter Sunday 31st March

There will be a joint Easter Holy Communion Service at Culcheth Methodist Church on **Sunday 31st March** at the normal time of 10.30am.

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

