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

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#### Mark 1: 16-18

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon with his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

# **Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am**

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

Sunday 11th February - Reverend Katharine Bland - Breakfast Church and Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - 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 everyone who has helped with the service this morning especially to Liz Williams for the flowers.



# **Coffee Shop**

The Coffee Shop will be open again this **Saturday 20th 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. However, I'm struggling to find people to run it on 27th January. As you know it's the first session of the Affirming Christianity course that day and we would love to be able to provide refreshments for those taking part in the course as well as our usual customers. If anyone can help please contact me asap, thank you.

Please do come along to enjoy fellowship over a cuppa and toasted tea cake and encourage others to come along too.

David Ogilvy

# **Church Cleaning/Maintenance**

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

David Ogilvy

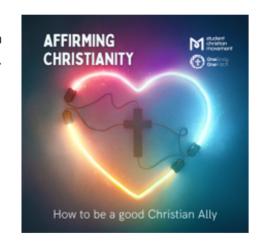
# **Affirming Christianity**

Culcheth Methodist Church are sharing a <u>3 session</u> 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

#### **Colin Mills**

More sad news, I'm afraid. You may know Colin, who was becoming increasingly unwell recently, was taken into Warrington Hospital after falling and breaking his hip. I'm sorry to tell you that he passed away in the early hours of this morning. We send all our love to Barbara, who is herself struggling with a painful back condition, and will hold her and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

David Ogilvy

#### Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: Joyce McComb by Wednesday 6pm for inclusion that week - email to <a href="mailto:culchethmethodist@gmail.com">culchethmethodist@gmail.com</a> or phone 767308

Website: <a href="https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk">www.leighandhindley.org.uk</a> 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**

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 Nuttal - "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 **22**<sup>nd</sup> **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 **25**<sup>th</sup> **January Meeting** and would appreciate their return by **8**<sup>th</sup> **February**, so they can be collated, and the information passed onto the Legion.

Regards, Joyce Daniels

### 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

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



#### **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. Please contact me directly to obtain the bank account details.

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

Treasurer, Carol Sherratt

### **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



Save the date, please and invite others! Sam is running the London Marathon for the NSPCC and we are hosting a coffee morning on the 16th February.

Tricia

I am running the London Marathon in aid of the NSPCC. This is an incredible charity which provides much needed services to children and families. This includes their Childline service which I used to volunteer for. I witness the challenges that children and young people face each day in my job as a Child Clinical Psychologist in London. It would be lovely to see you at the coffee morning. However, if you cannot come you can also make donations through my Enthuse donation page although there is no expectation of this. Any donations are hugely appreciated:

https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/samantha-harrison

Running this marathon is going to be a HUGE challenge for me. Thank you so much for all of your support!