

Culcheth Methodist Church

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

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Mark 11: 8-10

*Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
"Hosanna!"*

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

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

Sunday 14th April - Local arrangement - Breakfast Church - 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 Julie Marriott for the flowers. Next week's flowers will be provided by Marlene Nolan.



Holy Week

During Holy Week the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection, with some ideas to promote your prayers. The Prayer Cross will be set up after the service on Sunday and will be available whenever the church is open all week. As the school holidays don't start until the weekend, this will include while ABC preschool and Tuesday Tots are on during the day and while Scouts and Guides are on in the evenings.

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

Starting at Glazebury Methodist Church at 7.00pm there will be an Agape meal and a reflective time with Holy Communion led by Rev Katharine and Rev Bob Lewis from All Saints Parish Church. The service will then move to All Saints, for those who wish to take part, where it will continue with reflections and the stripping of the altar.

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

Easter Sunday 31st March

Easter breakfast (boiled eggs and toast) will be served in the hall at Culcheth Methodist Church from 9.45am. We are very grateful to our friends from Glazebury for their help. This will be followed by a joint Easter Holy Communion Service at 10.30am led by Rev Katharine. Tea and coffee will be available after the service if you want to stay and chat.

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

Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 23rd March** and the following **Saturday 30th March** during Holy Week but **not** on 6th April. It will then open weekly from 13th April until the end of May. Please do come along and enjoy fellowship over a brew and toasted tea cake. All are welcome.

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** 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

Meeting Point

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 has stepped down from organising Meeting Point after many years of devoting a great deal of her time and energy to this role. When she took it on I was struggling on my own to keep Meeting Point going. She brought a fresh approach and worked very hard to revitalise the programme and attract more members. When we started again after the pandemic she again put a lot of thought and effort into producing a programme that would attract people back and make them want to keep coming. The present success of this group, which has a strong core of regular members from within and outside the church, is entirely due to her efforts. Thank you so much Joyce on behalf of us all.

We are also extremely grateful to Joyce Daniels, Margaret Jones and Betty Memmott who will take over the reins after Easter.

David Ogilvy

Weblink for online donations to Culcheth Methodist Church & QR Code:

<https://donate.mydona.com/culcheth-methodist-church>



Changes to the Current (March to May) Preaching Plan

28th April The Pet Blessing at Glazebury has been postponed until the next preaching plan. The service, still at Glazebury and led by the Reverend Katharine, will now include Holy Communion.

26th May The service, again at Glazebury, will now include the joint General Church Meeting as well as Holy Communion.

Church Cleaning and Maintenance

There won't be a Saturday work morning this month. We're thinking about how to tackle future jobs and will let you know. Thank you, David Ogilvy

Sink in Welcome Space

The wood at the back of the sink has become waterlogged and needs to dry out. The washing up things have been moved into the cupboard below. Please replace them there after use and make sure the back and left hand side of the sink are thoroughly dried. Thank you. David Ogilvy

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**.

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

Congratulations!

We send our love and blessings to Daphne and Bob Eastburn on the exciting occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on Thursday 21st March, when they were delighted to receive their telegram from the King and Queen Consort.

Mothering Sunday

It was wonderful to see such a full church on Mothering Sunday and to see so many children and young people in our service. The stories of 'Moses in the bullrushes' and 'The Ugly Duckling' demonstrated the value of anyone who cares for or loves others. Messages on Prayer Hearts and tubes of Loveheart sweets also reinforced this theme.

We send a big thank you to the Brownies, who once again did a fantastic job of preparing the beautiful daffodil posies and distributing them throughout the congregation. We are also grateful to the Guides for attending after their Saturday night sleepover and for valiantly managing to stay awake, despite their lack of sleep!

Church Community Garden - Water butts

Thank you to Barry Marriott for installing 2 water butts in the Church Garden, with the assistance of Ashley and ironically in the rain! Although they may seem rather surplus to requirements just now, hopefully they will be a big help in keeping the plants watered in the summer months!

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.

The funeral will take place at Culcheth Methodist Church on Tuesday 9th April at 12.30pm followed by refreshments at the Culcheth Arms.

David Ogilvy