

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 111: 2-4

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds; and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

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

Sunday 18th February - Reverend Katharine Bland - Joint service with Glazebury at
Culcheth - Steward Amy Driver

*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 Trudy MacDonald.



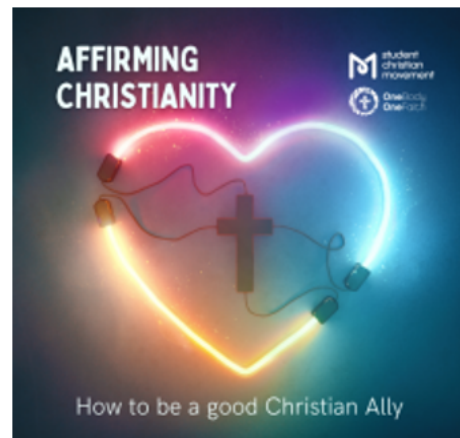
Affirming Christianity

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

Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 27th January** from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Those attending the Affirming Christianity course are welcome to come for refreshments beforehand but please be patient! It will also be open on **3rd and 10th February**. I would be glad to hear from anyone who could help on the 10th.

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

Colin Mills

You may be aware that Colin passed away on the 16th of January. There will be a celebration of Colin's life at Glazebury Methodist Church on **Tuesday 6th February** at 11.00am followed by cremation at Howe Bridge for family only at 12.00noon. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Glazebury Methodist Church.

We continue to keep Barbara and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Colin was Church Council Secretary at Glazebury for many years and became a familiar and welcome figure to us at joint services. We watched his decline in health with great sadness and could only admire Barbara's love and support for him. David Ogilvy

Window Blinds in Welcome Space

The left hand blind is working again but **please** treat both blinds gently and keep the chain taut when raising or lowering. 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

The Music Group will meet at 2.00pm on **Thursday 1st February**.

The next regular meeting will be on **Thursday 8th February** when we will be entertained to a musical extravaganza by Janet Dawber.

Copies of the menu for the meal at the Village Club on **22nd February** were given out at last Thursday's meeting. There are a few spares. Joyce Daniels will put the menu and a list on the notice board for you to sign up and indicate your menu choice. The cost of the full 3 courses is £13.95 but you can opt for fewer courses. Joyce Daniels would appreciate if you would indicate your choice by **8th February** so that the information can be collated and passed onto the Legion.

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

8th Feb	Janet Dawber Entertains - a musical extravaganza.
22nd Feb	Meal at The Village Club 12.00 for 12.30.
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

Pancakes and fellowship – Shrove Tuesday 13th February 2024

After last year's very sociable event, we are again looking forward to serving pancakes with toppings and drinks from 2-4pm on Shrove Tuesday 13th February. We would love you to join us in the Welcome Space/Sanctuary.

If anyone would like to be involved in helping in any way please let me know. Thank you!
Janette Hutchinson 01925 766819/07729 313466

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



North West England Methodist District

You will have heard that a new NWE District will come into being on 1st September this year replacing the existing Bolton & Rochdale, Cumbria, Lancashire, Liverpool and Manchester & Stockport Districts. Linda has circulated by Google email information from the District Office offering opportunities for people to think about volunteering to fill a wide range of roles in the new District structure which will be set up - the existing organisations will not simply be joined together. There are 4 items for your attention:

- * A link, in the email from the District, to a brief video of the nominated Chair of the new District, Rev Dr James Tebbutt, encouraging us to think about expressing interest.
- * An Expression of Interest form
- * An Equality and Diversity Monitoring form
- * A document setting out the various opportunities for volunteers.

It's hoped, as James Tebbutt says, that the views and interests of the whole membership will be represented within the working of the new organisation. This is a real opportunity for the Methodist Church in the North West to develop new, more inclusive ways of working which will better reflect people's hopes and needs. This will be discussed, of course, by the leadership, the Church Council and the Circuit Meeting.

Please do read the information, discuss it amongst yourselves and think and pray about how you might respond and encourage others to do the same. This is a lot to digest. If you have any questions or comments, or can't access the information, I will do my best to respond. Completing an Expression of Interest form doesn't commit you at all but simply registers interest.

David Ogilvy

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! Sam

Please join us for
SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKES

At

Culcheth Methodist Church
Ellesmere Road WA3 4BJ



On

Tuesday 13th February 2024
2-4pm



All are welcome