



# South Hub Notices

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**Glazebury Methodist Church** Warrington Road, Glazebury, Warrington, WA3 5LD

*"To welcome everyone with the Love of God; To be a guiding light in the community;  
To provide a safe space where all can feel they belong"*

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**Culcheth Methodist Church** Ellesmere Road, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 4BJ

Registered Charity Number 1129901

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

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## **Matthew 5: 14-16**

*[Jesus taught] "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

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

Sunday 8th February - Local arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Janet Crozier

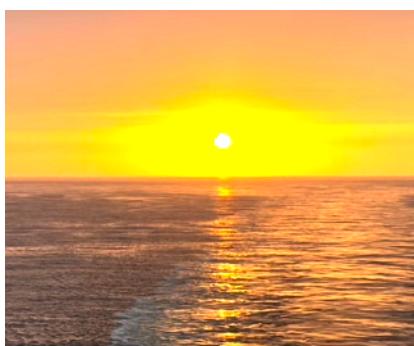
Sunday 15th February - Reverend Jacquie Evans - Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Caroline Fillery-Brown *Note that this is a change from the published plan*

Sunday 22nd February - Philip Kennedy - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Graham Borg

Sunday 1st March - Amy Driver - JOINT SERVICE AT CUCHETH - No service at Glazebury

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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning, especially to Joyce Byrne for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Margaret Hill.



## **Coffee Shop at Culcheth**

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10.00 to 12.00 this **Saturday 7th February**. Do come along to enjoy a warm welcome and fellowship, a hot drink and a toasted tea cake or crumpet.

Forthcoming attraction - you're all invited to enjoy delicious home-made soup from 11.30am next **Saturday 14th February**. David Ogilvy

## **Men's Breakfast at Glazebury**

Please note that there will be NO Men's Breakfast at Glazebury this month or next month. We hope to restart in April. Alan Crozier

## **Fun Day at Culcheth**

You maybe aware that we are planning to hold a family fun day this **Saturday 7th February** as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations. As well as looking back, we want to look forward to the children in our community. The intention is to spend 1½ hours in the afternoon with some games & crafts and finishing with a story. In order to make this a success, we will need some help - if you would like to be part of the team, please speak to Janette or Amy (07775 907935). *See notice below*

## **Café Praise and Worship**

The next Cafe Praise and Worship will be **Sunday 1st March** at Newchurch Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth. Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm.

The services continue on the first Sunday of the month on the following dates: 5th April (Easter Sunday), no service in May, 7th June and 5th July. Roddy Marr

## **Church Weekend in March at Grange-over-Sands**

The balance of the cost of the weekend - £196 - is now due. Payment may be made in cash, by cheque payable to Glazebury Methodist Church or by bank transfer. Delia will be at the Hub service at Glazebury on Sunday and able to receive payments. Room allocations, and travel arrangements for those who need transport, are in hand.

## **Communication:**

Weekly Notice Sheet: Joyce McComb by Wednesday 6pm for inclusion that week - email to [culchethmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:culchethmethodist@gmail.com) or phone 01925 767308

Website: [www.leighandhindley.org.uk](http://www.leighandhindley.org.uk)

Facebook: CulchethMethodistChurch; Glazebury Methodist church and LeighandHindleyMethodist  
**If you have a safeguarding concern please contact your church's Safeguarding Officer (Linda Bloomfield or Janet Rowlinson). If they are not available please contact the District Safeguarder Helen Bolton 07799 902 573.**

## FIRST AID TRAINING

I emailed recently to identify people who wished to participate in or need to renew their First Aid Certificates. This training will be funded by CMC and be free to volunteers who are prepared to use their training in church, uniformed organisation and community activities. This course will benefit everyone whether at home or at church.

Thanks to Daphne the session has now been arranged for **Saturday 7th March** in the Sanctuary starting at 9.00am. It will extend into the afternoon possibly up to 4.00pm so please bring a packed lunch. Tea and biscuits will be provided. As we will be practicing defibrillator procedures etc (on models!) please dress comfortably.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can attend this session. Places are limited.

Linda, CMC Safeguarder

## Meeting Point at Culcheth

We have prepared a new programme up until Easter and we look forward to welcoming old and new members back in 2026.

Meetings, as always, will usually be at 2.00pm on Thursdays. Charges, which will include tea and biscuits, will be £3.00 per person (£5.00 per couple). The Music group will continue to meet on intermediate Thursdays to listen to mainly, but not exclusively, classical music.

### February

12 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Keery	Our Local Poet
19 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting	Mid Term
26 <sup>th</sup>	Davina Thomas	Quilting

### March

5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Group	
12 <sup>th</sup>	George Pilkington	Feeding Garden Birds
19 <sup>th</sup>	Music Group	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Eggstravaganza	Easter eggs
		Margaret, Joyce and Betty

## Sad News

I have some sad news. Some people may not remember but ..... Paul and Kaye Bland used to be attendees at Culcheth Methodist Church. They were very friendly with Rosalind and Martyn Roberts and attended the 'Together Praise' they ran on a Sunday afternoon. They had two young children Fraser and Rhian. Fraser and Rhian were Scouts at my Group, 12th Warrington East (1st Birchwood) Scout Group.

Sadly, Fraser (aged 30) passed away a week ago. It is his funeral on **Thursday 19th February** at Walton Crematorium at 12.00noon.

I am sure if anyone remembers Paul, Kaye, Fraser and Rhian they would be more than pleased to see them at Fraser's funeral.

Christine Taylor

### **Joan Patrick**

Many of you will have heard already the sad news that Joan passed away last Saturday. She had a fall at Holcroft Grange, where she had been a resident since 2024, was subsequently discharged from Warrington Hospital, but later taken to Whiston Hospital, where she died. Please pray for her family and friends.

Joan, and her late husband John, were farmers in Glazebury, a devoted couple who were much-loved local characters. They were faithful members of Glazebury Methodist Church over many years and took an active part in the church's life. Joan was a remarkable lady, with a lively and enquiring mind, who had wide-ranging interests which continued after the loss of her husband. Eventually moving to Holcroft Grange she quickly took to life there, and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship there until she began to slow down more recently.

Joan's funeral will take place at Glazebury Methodist Church on **Friday 20th February** at 11.00am led by Reverend John Fisher. This will be followed by an interment at All Saints Parish Church at 12.00noon.

David Ogilvy

### **Reverend Mary Jones**

A small group of us gathered at the church last Tuesday afternoon to watch the recording of Mary's funeral on the screen. It was a moving tribute to a remarkable lady who touched us all by her compassion and concern. We continue to hold in prayer Helen, Andrew and Ken and her granddaughters Hannah and Rebekah.

The YouTube link has been distributed so you can all watch at your leisure.

David Ogilvy

### **Circuit Spiritual Weekend 2026**

Following the positive feedback from last year's event, the Circuit will once again be hosting a Spiritual Weekend. This will take place from **Friday 29th May to Sunday 31st May** across the Leigh and Hindley Circuit, and this year will be led by Reverend Alan Bradley, Deputy Chair of the North West England District and Mission Area Lead for Greater Manchester Plus Region.

The booking form is now available on the Circuit website:  
<https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/spiritualweekend2026.html>

Invitations to attend the Weekend will be available to pick up at Culcheth and Glazebury Churches. For those who don't wish to book online, there will be a sign-up list on both notice boards (please sign-up only once!).

### **Food Bank Collection at Culcheth**

Thank you for your very regular, thoughtful gifts. The Food Bank are currently short of instant mashed potato, small jars of coffee, tea bags and toiletries but welcome all donations.

Ray and Irene

## Lent Course

**Lent is a spiritual reboot.** A journey of pausing, breathing and making space for God.

Lent is a season of invitation. As the days lengthen and the earth begins to stir, we are invited to loosen our grip on what holds us back - habits, assumptions, fears - and open ourselves to the renewing presence of God. This journey isn't always easy, but it's rich with possibility. And it's better shared with travelling companions.

We will be holding a Lent small group designed to facilitate a journey through Lent together: one that is peaceful, reflective and real. It's a place of gentle connection, where new insights can take root and grow. These sessions are for anyone who wants to grow as a disciple of Jesus alongside others. The content is rooted in the Lent and Holy Week lectionary shaped by simple, thoughtful conversation. All that's needed from you is a willingness to listen, share and make space for others. The Wednesday bible study group will also be following this plan if that suits you better - you are welcome to join them too.

Do come and join us. All are welcome, refreshments will be served, and the sessions will last around 90 minutes. If you are not able to make all of the sessions, do still come along to those you can. If you have any questions, please speak to Amy.

- Fridays 3.30pm from 20th Feb in the Sanctuary or
- Wednesdays 10am from 18th Feb in the Welcome space.

## Lunch at Hindley Green Methodist Church

Hindley Green Methodist Church are hosting a lunch with a speaker "Through the eyes of a Magician" on **Saturday 21st February** at 12.30pm. Tickets £10.00. For more information and to reserve tickets contact Betty on 01942 877678.

## Job Opportunity in Wigan

This is a full-time, fixed term role for a development worker to support the long-term development and coordination across the faith sector in the Wigan area. Deadline for applications: Friday 20th February (12 noon).

[Interfaith Development Worker - Wigan WN1 3SA - Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Interfaith+Development+Worker&l=Wigan+WN1+3SA)

Linda

## Irene Fatimilehin

I'm so sorry to bring you the sad news that Irene passed away on 21st December last year. She had been in hospital for several months before being moved to respite care. Her death was an unexpected shock because she had seemed to be getting a little better. Please pray for her sons Benjamin and Jonathan, her daughters Bola and Iyabo, her grandsons Ezra, Ethan and Theo, and her whole extended family

Irene was a highly gifted and motivated lady who had a remarkable life story. She grew up in Blackpool and some of you will remember her mother, Dorothy Mulroy, a staunch lifelong Methodist, as was Irene. After graduating in Physics from London University she taught Science at secondary school level before deciding to extend her horizon by studying Psychology at Queen's University, Belfast. There she met her future husband, Olawole (Wole) Fatimilehin, a charming and handsome Nigerian engineering student. After falling in love and marrying, Irene and Wole moved to Nigeria, where Irene found herself part of a whole new way of life with a wonderful new extended family. She was welcomed as one of them and gifted a Nigerian middle name - Abike. Irene developed a great love and respect for the country and its people and became very attached to her Nigerian relatives. She had fond memories of teaching in a school at Ebada where she met her dear friend Ruth, while Wole worked as an electronics engineer at a telecommunications station. During this time they were very happy and had three children - Benjamin, Jonathan and Oloyinka (Yinka).

Tragedy struck not long after Yinka was born when Irene's beloved Wole suddenly died from a brain haemorrhage. Showing incredible courage and determination in the face of such a devastating blow, she brought her five children, including Wole's daughters Bola and Iyabo, back to this country and raised them with great care and love. Irene eventually moved to Withins Road in Culcheth and joined the Methodist Church where she became an active and valued member, eventually serving as Steward and Senior Steward and as Pastoral Secretary. Her children were also involved in church life - I can remember Jonathan, Benjamin and Yinka in Junior Church and taking part in events, and who could forget Yinka's amazing wedding when the wonderful African band kept playing while we waited for a delayed Paul Martin to arrive?

Unbelievably, tragedy struck again when Yinka took her own life, leaving her three boys. Once again, Irene showed extraordinary bravery, resilience and determination in taking on the guardianship of her grandsons, in which she was supported by friends in the congregation. She looked after the boys devotedly, doing all she could to bring them up to her own high standards. In truth she wore herself out by her efforts but Irene always committed herself completely to what she believed in.

Irene was a wonderful mother, grandmother, daughter and friend. She somehow coped indomitably with bringing up five children and also looking after her mother whilst working full time as an educational psychologist. She always made you feel welcome and valued but had a strong intellect and a mind of her own with a strong sense of honesty and integrity. She could be very encouraging and supportive, but left you in no doubt when she thought you were wrong! Two of her abiding interests were her Nigerian heritage - she kept in close touch with her extended family and loved cooking delicious Nigerian food - and the Iona Community to which she introduced me. She was a member of the extended Iona Community and loved the Iona way of worshipping. We made several trips to Iona, of which I have fond memories, where she felt very much at home.

There will be a celebration of Irene's life at Culcheth Methodist Church, led by Rev Wilfred, at 1.45pm on **Saturday 21st February** preceded by committal at Walton Lea Crematorium for family only.

David Ogilvy

## MAKING OUR CHURCH A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE



This is a note similar to one which was in the notices last year but it is a topical issue in the District and worth a repeat for those who missed it last time.

It is about making our churches comfortable and safe places for everyone. So.....Please will you read this notice, take a copy of the leaflet and be as sensitive as you can to the issue?

If you have any questions or concerns please do talk to your Safeguarding Officer and we will do our best to help.

Linda, Safeguarding Officer CMC

The Methodist Church is working to make us all aware of how we can inadvertently hurt someone by “unwanted touch” whether during Worship or at other times. Some aspects of church life that many of us find welcome can be difficult for others. For instance “Sharing the Peace” by touching and hugging, or making eye contact during “The Grace” or moving around and participating in group activities can be distressing.

For some of us a hug or touch is never a joy or comfort: it can be re-traumatising for someone who has or is suffering abuse; some of us may have sensory processing difficulties and find it distressing and some people simply dislike being touched. Even those of us who, in the right context, really welcome a touch or a hug sometimes have times when we would not.

We are asked to always try to remember that some people may not want a sympathetic hug or to participate in activities involving moving around or in “Sharing the Peace”. Those leading meetings and worship have been asked to make it clear that it is OK for people to remain seated or quietly in prayer if they prefer to do so.

This guidance is not to stop us showing our love in these physical ways but to ask us to be sure beforehand that it is OK to do so, even if our touch or hugs have been welcomed before .....a simple "May I?" or whatever words feel comfortable for you. In answer we should always feel empowered, if necessary, to indicate that it isn't right for us at that moment. Just as importantly, we should always feel able to ask for that much needed hug.

The District has produced a leaflet “May I?.....Let’s talk about Touch” which includes some advice and ideas of how the issue might be discussed in churches. There are copies in foyers of both churches.

# FUN AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1-2.30 pm

CRAFTS ACTIVITIES  
STORY SNACK



Children up to 11 yrs welcome,  
accompanied by an adult.

Ellesmere Rd, Culcheth

For more info please contact Amy on  
[amyedriver@gmail.com](mailto:amyedriver@gmail.com)

Or Janette on 01925 766819



North West England District MWiB  
Hosted By Bolton Circuit

Invite you to

# Pastie And Praise

At Harwood Methodist Church  
Longsight BL2 3HX

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
@ 7.00pm

All Are Welcome

“This is our story  
This is our song”

Donations appreciated  
All profits to  
“All We Can”





## Share the Easter story – with an Egg

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects.

All Real Easter Eggs come with an Easter story in the box. The stories range from simple guides to 24 page activity book versions. So, buy a 2026 edition Real Easter Egg this spring and encourage others to give one to their loved ones, a school or sponsor a food bank donation.

### About the Real Easter Egg

The Original and Dark eggs include a 24 page Easter story-activity book. They are Palm Oil and plastic free, and include a competition. The Fun Pack has an Easter story activity poster and 6 milk chocolate eggs and the mug includes the activity poster and 3 milk chocolate eggs. The full range can be ordered at [www.realeasterereg.co.uk](http://www.realeasterereg.co.uk)

Easter is early this year. There is a sign-up sheet at Culcheth Methodist Church for anyone wishing to order the Original Eggs. It seems a good way to share the meaning of Easter with family, friends and neighbours. Please sign up by the end of February. Payment can be made on delivery.

Rita Turner