



South Hub Notices

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*"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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"Sharing God's love with our community by reaching out with open hearts"
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Matthew 4: 4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 22nd February - Philip Kennedy - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEUBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Graham Borg
Sunday 1st March - Amy Driver - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury
Sunday 8th March - Local arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEUBURY - No service at Culcheth
Sunday 15th March - Local arrangement - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - 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 Marlene Nolan.



22nd February, 2026

Film Night at Glazebury

The next film night at Glazebury is this **Friday 20th February** at 6.30pm. Please note earlier time. We are showing THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND.

Coffee Shop at Culcheth

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10.00 to 12.00 this **Saturday 21st February**. Do come along to enjoy a warm welcome and fellowship, a hot drink and a toasted tea cake or crumpet.

Many thanks to those who made and served the delicious home-made soup last Saturday, which was much appreciated.
David Ogilvy



Snowdrops at Glazebury

Delia is showing off the host of snowdrops and crocus in her garden in aid of the fund to improve the parking at Glazebury Methodist Church. People will be welcome from 2.00-4.00pm on **Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd February** but if anyone turns up early they will not be turned away!! Address is The Bungalow, Hurst Mill Lane, WA3 5NR.

Service for Ukraine

There will be a service to stand alongside the **Ukrainian community** on **Sunday 22nd February** at 12.15 at Newchurch Parish Church as together we pray for their nation on the 4th anniversary of the invasion.

All are welcome to this special service. It will last about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour and then people are invited to return to the Culcheth Ukrainian Hub for refreshments. Reverend Pat Gray

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.
Roddy Marr

Communication:

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

Website: 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.

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.

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. The Music group will continue to meet on intermediate Thursdays to listen to mainly, but not exclusively, classical music.

February

26th Davina Thomas Quilting

March

5th Music Group

12th George Pilkington Feeding Garden Birds

19th Music Group

26th Eggstravaganza Easter eggs

Margaret, Joyce and Betty

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

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

Ray and Irene

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Night Falls - Riding Lights Theatre Company

The Riding Lights Theatre Company will present "Night Falls," a powerful new dramatic retelling the Easter story, at ChristChurch Parish Church, Pennington on St. Helens Road in Leigh on **Tuesday 3rd March** at 7.30pm. This is a highly-acclaimed company of young Christians who create original, entertaining and thought-provoking theatre in response to contemporary issues and concerns. Some of you will remember that Greg Roberts, Martyn and Rosalind's eldest son, performed with this Company at one time. I have seen some of their productions and can confirm they are remarkably good.

There is a QR code on the poster and flyers in the foyer at Culcheth. To book, contact 01904 655317 or www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls David Ogilvy

World Day of Prayer Service

This year's World Day of Prayer Service, prepared by the women of Nigeria, will be on **Friday 6th March** at 6.30pm at Newchurch Parish Church. The theme this year is 'I will give you rest, come'. It is traditionally a Churches Together service. All are welcome.

Reverend Pat Gray

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!).

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.

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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

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

There was a great turn-out of all ages for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. It was busy from 1.40-3.30pm with lots of orders for repeat pancakes! Thank you so much to the helpers who worked hard providing us with such delicious pancakes and drinks. David Ogilvy

Church Weekend at Grange-over-Sands

Transport arrangements are being sorted out. If you're not sure how you will be travelling please speak to Delia.

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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. Because of the need to know numbers for catering after the church service, a link has been emailed to you all to enable you to indicate that you are coming to the service. David Ogilvy



North West England District MWIB
Hosted By Bolton Circuit

Invite you to

Pastie And Praise

At Harwood Methodist Church
Longsight BL2 3HX

Friday 27th February
@ 7.00pm

All Are Welcome

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This is our song"

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About the Real Easter Egg

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Easter is early this year. There is a sign-up sheet at Culcheth Methodist Church for anyone wishing to order eggs through me. 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