



# 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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## **Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.  
He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are  
with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with  
oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord for ever.*

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

Sunday 26th April - Audrey Russell - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at  
Culcheth - Steward Janet Crozier  
Sunday 3rd May - Reverend Wilfred Robinson - Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE AT  
CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward David Ogilvy  
Sunday 10th May - Local arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT  
GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Christine Taylor  
Sunday 17th May - Local Arrangement - Peter Hemmings (TBC) *See notice below*

*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 Barbara Mills for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Mary Gregson.



### **Coffee Shop at Culcheth**

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10.00am to 12.00noon this **Saturday 25th April**. Do come along to enjoy a warm welcome and fellowship, a hot drink and a toasted tea cake or crumpet.

David Ogilvy

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

Glazebury Men's Breakfast Group will meet on **Saturday 2nd May** when the speakers will be from The Rotary Club who have generously provided us with a grant towards the cost of the Grass Reinforcing Project to increase our available parking space at Glazebury. They will be talking about the work of the Rotary Club in the community. Because the talk is expected to be of wide interest, the meeting is open to everybody as was our Air Ambulance "Brew for the Crew" last year which was a great success. We look forward to welcoming everyone with a brew and bacon butty at 9.30am with the talk starting at around 10.00am. Look forward to seeing you there.

Alan Crozier

### **Service on 17th May.**

There is a change to the service on **Sunday 17th May**. Reverend John will not be leading our worship. Full details will appear in next Sunday's notices.

### **Churches Together Pentecost Service**

There will be a Churches Together Pentecost Service on **Sunday 24th May** at Newchurch Parish Hall starting at 4.00pm with refreshments afterwards. Please see the notices on both churches' notice boards. All are welcome.

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!). Please make sure you don't miss this great occasion by signing up now if you haven't already done so. The Circuit Leadership would like to have final numbers by next Sunday (3rd May).

### **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.**

## Meeting Point at Culcheth

Meeting Point has restarted after the Easter break. We usually meet at 2.00pm on Thursdays. The Music group will continue to meet on alternate Thursdays to listen to mainly, but not exclusively, classical music. The programme for the remainder of the session is as follows:

APRIL	30th	Music Group	
MAY	7th	Mathew Cooper	The History of the Children's Society
	14th	Music Group	
	19th	(Tuesday)	3 Towns Operatic Society (See notice below)
	28th	Music Group	
JUNE	4th	Lisa Moorhouse	Speech Therapy
	11th	Music Group	
	18th	Jackie Mafie	I Am All talk
	25th	Music Group	
JULY	2nd	Philip Jeff	Robberies Register, 1909-1916
			Margaret, Joyce and Betty

## Three Towns Operatic Society - Yeoman of the Guard

As part of the Meeting Point programme, Joyce Daniels is booking tickets for the performance of the Yeoman of the Guard at St Joseph's Hall, Leigh on **Tuesday 19th May** when we have the benefit of a lower rate for senior citizens. Yeomen of the Guard is regarded as musically the most accomplished of the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and has a strong, moving storyline. The 3 Towns always perform to a high standard so this will be a really great show.

We hope to arrange a minibus but need more people to sign up on the notice board to make this viable. Do please consider joining us for this excellent evening's entertainment. If you want to come and haven't signed up yet please speak to Joyce or me. There will be a minibus and one or two seats remain. If you want to join us please sign up on the notice board now.

David Ogilvy

## Funeral Service - Isabel Sara Harris

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Rev Wilfred Robinson led the funeral service and celebration of life at our Church for Isabel, fondly known to us as Bella! Throughout her life she refused to be defined by her physical limitations and showed great fortitude and positivity, even when she was mainly bedfast. In her affectionate eulogy, Fiona, (Bella's second cousin), described her capacity for finding joy in many things. She loved animals, especially dogs, and enjoyed craft activities, with the 'Hearts and Hands for God' craft group benefiting from the many knitted squares she contributed towards blankets for anyone in need. Her faith was important to Bella, as reflected in the hymns and readings, and there is comfort for her loved ones in the knowledge that she is now reunited with her beloved husband George. May she rest in peace.

Janette

## **Choir Concert - Happy Together**

Certainly we were all very happy together last Saturday afternoon following a most enjoyable concert by the Choir and invited guests, who included Margaret Jones' daughter, Briony, and Betty Memmott's grandson, Angus. It was very well attended and raised a total of £576 for church funds which is wonderful. The audience appreciated a varied programme of choral and instrumental music ranging from arrangements of popular songs to jazz and classical pieces. The quality and variety of the guests' playing added greatly to the audience's enjoyment. We were all intrigued by the range of instruments on view, including a splendid tenor saxophone and a huge bass recorder. The lovely refreshments were consumed with relish with thanks to the hard working catering volunteers. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this such a special occasion - the choir and guests, all the volunteers and of course all who bought tickets and came to the concert.

There is a sad postscript to this happy occasion. This was Julie Mainwaring's last concert as the Choir's conductor as she steps down after many fruitful years in charge. The Choir would like to thank her for all her skill, patience and hard work in drawing out their best efforts and wish her and John well for the future. She will be greatly missed but we are grateful that Margaret Jones is ready to take over.

David Ogilvy

## **Church Community Garden – New Arch**

The observant amongst you may have spotted a new addition to the Church Garden. The previous arch, which we were generously given a few years ago and has served us well, was sadly completely destroyed by the strong winds a few weeks ago. It has taken a while to find a replacement wide enough to straddle the path, which was built in line with recommendations for wheelchair use, but it is now in situ and we hope it won't be too long before it is attractively adorned with mature blooms!

We would particularly like to thank those individuals, as well as grant providers, who have donated the money over the years which has enabled us to make such purchases to enhance the garden for everyone's enjoyment. That generosity is very much appreciated, as are all donations of plants etc. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Ashley, Janette and Heather

## **Café Praise and Worship**

The next Cafe Praise and Worship will be **Sunday 7th June** at Newchurch Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth. Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm. There is no service in May.

Roddy Marr

## **The Gospel in the Willows**

I have some spare second-hand copies of 'The Gospel in the Willows', the text we used on this year's South Hub Weekend Away. If anybody would like one of these books, please let me know.

Thanks, Thomas Martin

### **New Window Blinds at Culcheth**

New blackout roller blinds, which meet British safety standards, have been installed in the Welcome Space at Culcheth. PLEASE raise and lower them gently and don't tug at the chains, which have guides to stop them from becoming tangled or snagged.

Thank you, the Property Team

### **Flood Room 2 at Culcheth (Baby Room)**

On Monday 13th April a serious flood in Room 2 was discovered by ABC due to a leaking central heating pipe. This has necessitated the removal of all floor coverings and adjacent damp affected woodwork. This means ABC has had to relocate the baby room into the Wren Room on a temporary basis.

We would just like to say without the rapid response to the emergency by ABC the matter could have been a lot worse and would like to thank them all for their help in getting things sorted.

It does mean there will be some inconvenience to users who share the Wren Room but they have all been informed of the situation. We do apologise for any inconvenience in the short term. The leak was resolved quickly and the new floor covering it is hoped will be installed by the end of this week (fingers crossed crossed!).

Property Committee

### **Sunday Tea Rota at Culcheth**

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE..Will you consider whether you could brew up on a Sunday morning at CMC?

Our existing little band is diminishing fast because of illness and, of course, like everyone else, other responsibilities. HONESTLY it isn't onerous.. and doesn't come round often. There are usually only 7 services per plan but there are now only 4 regular teams so when holidays come we are stretched very thin. To try to make it easier for those of us who don't come to church every Sunday the rota is built around your availability.....you aren't just given a date and expected to be there!

So...please will you have a think?

Thank you so much, Linda (07715 282145)

### **New Yellow Bin at Culcheth**

You may have noticed that to add to our extensive range of wheelie bins a cheeky yellow number has joined us. This has been provided and paid for by Pre School and is for the sole use for disposable nappies and we would ask that NO other item is placed in the bin.

Many thanks, The Property Team

## **Safeguarding Children and Young People**

It is such a pleasure to have so many children and young people using the CMC building. We have ABC, the Uniformed Organisations, Baby Ballet, Tuesday Tots and following the success of the recent Family Funday we hope to arrange more in the future

Those church people who lead sessions for young people have been appropriately safeguarding trained. There are, however, a lot of us who may be occasionally involved in sessions with young people or be in church whilst these sessions are taking place alongside us. It seems timely to have a brief reminder of some of the key points in keeping children safe in our church

It is *extremely unlikely* that we would ever find ourselves alone with a child but if that does happen immediately call someone else to be with you. If a child needs comfort we should respond warmly but this should not involve physical comfort (e.g. cuddles) and we should not administer first aid without other people around. We should never take or share any photos where a child can be identified unless we have written permission from parents or carers to do so.

Finally you may remember that some time ago an unauthorised person entered the hall when Baby Ballet was in session which was really worrying at the best of times and certainly after the Southport tragedy. Clearly we can't be doorkeepers and, in any case, many parents come alone to pick up their children but we should always try to be alert to any worrying signs and not be afraid to challenge or tell someone else if we are concerned about anything.

Linda Bloomfield, Safeguarding Officer CMC



Atherton & Leigh  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

## Items we are short of right

Tinned ready made custard

Pasta sauce

Biscuits (all kinds)

Washing powder

Tinned meat

Tinned veg

Rice pudding

Tinned fruit

Instant noodles

Size 5 and size 6 nappies



Glazebury **Methodist** Church



**OUR CHURCH MEMBER PETER GRUNDY IS  
TAKING PART IN THE LONDON MARATHON  
ON SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AND IS HOPING  
TO RAISE £2000 TO PURCHASE A  
DEFIBRILLATOR AND PUBLIC ACCESS  
CABINET FOR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH/CAFÉ.  
THIS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE WALL AT THE  
FRONT OF THE CHURCH.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOWARDS  
THIS, PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF STAFF  
KNOW.**

**YOU CAN MAKE A CASH DONATION OR  
THERE IS A JUST GIVING PAGE.**

**GOOD LUCK PETER AND THANKS TO  
EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY DONATED**

# CENTRAL HUB EVENT

at

BEDFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Breaston Avenue, Leigh WN7 3DJ

## EGYPT FROM MOSES TO JOSEPH

Saturday, 25th April 2026

Commencing at 12.30pm

Presented by Mr John Johnson

Pastie & Peas for lunch

followed by presentation

Tickets £7

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