



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 13: 31-32

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that the birds come and make their nests in its branches"

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 26th July - Phillip Kennedy - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Janet Crozier

Sunday 2nd August - Reverend Wilfred Robinson - Holy Communion - Joint General Church Meeting - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 9th August - Local arrangement - Vision Weekend - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Graham Borg (*See notice below*)

Sunday 16th August - Reverend Alex Middleton-Laing - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Amy Driver

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 Worthington for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Caroline Fillery-Brown.



Coffee Shop at Culcheth

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

Thank you, David Ogilvy

A Taste of Spain

Delia is hosting another evening buffet on **Friday 31st July** from 5.00pm - this time with a taste of Spain. Venue the Bungalow, Hurst Mill Lane, Glazebury. Pay £10 on the door - bring your own drinks. Proceeds to Glazebury Methodist Church Funds.

Annual General Church Meeting

The General Church Meeting for both churches will take place during the service at Culcheth on **Sunday 2nd August**, chaired by Reverend Wilfred Robinson, which will also include Holy Communion. In preparation for this, please do read the notices below also posted on Culcheth Methodist Church's notice board.

Café Praise and Worship

The next Cafe Praise and Worship will be **Sunday 2nd August** at Newchurch Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth. Doors open at 6.15pm with running refreshments. Service starts at 6.30pm.

Roddy Marr

Voice and Vision Weekend - One More Step along the World we go!

Please see the notice below which is also displayed at both churches.

Following our agreement to become one church on two sites, we have arranged some time to consider our future - honouring our past and our roots, and considering how we should keep on travelling together... We really need everyone to come and join us to be part of the journey as we move closer together as churches but also look outwards to serve our local communities. Come along to be part of the conversation - we want everyone to be part of building our future together (and yes, we do mean you!).

On **Saturday 8th August** from 1.00-4.00pm at Culcheth Methodist Church we hope that you will all come to give your input as to what you would like that future to be. Refreshments with cake will be provided! And on **Sunday 9th August** there will be a bring and share faith lunch following morning worship at Glazebury Methodist Church (there will be no bacon rolls before the service).

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.

Service at Culcheth on 16th August

We look forward to welcoming Reverend Alex Middleton-Laing to lead our worship on **Sunday 16th August** as part of Culcheth's 60th Anniversary celebrations. You'll remember Alex, and her children, Gabriel and Maya, were very active at Culcheth, and Alex became an accredited Local Preacher in the Circuit, before she candidated for the Methodist Ministry and started her training. It will be a pleasure to see and hear her again.

Service at Culcheth last Sunday

We were delighted to welcome back Reverend Helen Byrne to lead our worship last Sunday as part of Culcheth's 60th Anniversary celebrations. As you might expect this was a lively and joyful occasion with plenty of singing. Helen works with children as Chaplain to a Methodist school in Truro and her enthusiasm for this was clear: she had hidden tiny figures of Jesus around the church for us to find and challenged us to seek and find Jesus in our lives. In a wide-ranging sermon she spoke warmly of how she had been influenced by her time in the Circuit and her links with Culcheth and Glazebury. It also included fond references to her late mum and dad, Reverend Mary and Reverend Brian Jones, both of whom had close ties with Culcheth and Glazebury.

It was lovely to renew our friendships with Helen, who clearly enjoyed being with us and talking about happy memories. We were very grateful that she managed to get here: the camper van in which she and her husband, Dave, had been travelling broke down but thankfully her daughter, Rebekah, was able to give her a lift! We were pleased to welcome Rebekah and her boyfriend to the service. We send our thanks to Helen and our love and best wishes to her and her family.

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

These are this week's requests from the Leigh and Atherton Food Bank:

Cordial Pop	Tinned fruit & veg
Canned or packet soup	Tinned meat
Long life milk	Tinned tomatoes
BEANS	Pasta Sauce
Biscuits of all kinds	
Shower gel	Shampoo
Size 3 Nappies	

Thanks for all your support

Ashley Hutchinson

Work Day at Culcheth

The next Work Day will be on **Saturday 15th August** from 9.30am. Any help you can give will be very welcome.
Thank you, The Property Team

Phyllis Longson

I'm sorry to have to tell you the sad news that Phyllis passed away peacefully at Warrington Hospital yesterday afternoon. She had been resident in Holcroft Grange Care Home for several weeks, where many friends were glad to be able to visit her, but was taken to Warrington Hospital after becoming unwell. Although appearing to respond to treatment initially, she sadly became extremely frail, and we're thankful she was spared further suffering. Please hold her niece, Rachel, and all her many friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Phyllis and her late husband, Raymond, were much-loved members of Culcheth Methodist Church who worshipped faithfully and attended all church events. They complimented each other well: Raymond was quiet and unassuming whereas Phyllis was well-known in the village as a larger-than-life character through being a "lollipop lady" on crossing patrol outside Newchurch Primary School. With the authority of an ex-policewoman, no one would have dared not to stop! After Raymond's passing Phyllis moved into Gilbert Court becoming something of an institution there, organising the weekly bingo and coffee mornings and passing on all the local news. Phyllis was a staunch member of the WI. Within Culcheth Methodist Church she was, for many years, the representative for Network (which later became MWiB), and organised collections for charities. Despite her deteriorating mobility she was always the first to arrive for morning worship and loved to read, very authoritatively, from the Bible. She was also a regular at Monday and Saturday coffee and particularly enjoyed the occasional Saturday soup!

Phyllis was a real character who will be sorely missed and we shall remember her with great affection. Further information will follow in due course. David Ogilvy

Joyce Pegg

Some of you will remember Joyce used to come regularly to our Monday coffee mornings with her daughter Christina. She was a lovely lady whom we welcomed to our fellowship. Sadly Joyce passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening. We hold Christina and her family, and all Joyce's friends in Holcroft Grange, in our prayers. David Ogilvy

**CULCHETH METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**

**The 2026 General Church Meeting will be held during worship
on Sunday 2nd August 2026 at Culcheth Methodist Church**

**The General Church Meeting allows us as a congregation to reflect on
the church year and to confirm the appointments of the Stewards and
General Church Meeting representatives to the Church Council**

The Church Council shall consist of:-

- **The ministers**
- **The Church Stewards, the Church Treasurer, the Secretary of the
Pastoral Committee**
- **Not less than six representatives nor more than fifteen elected by
the GCM**
- **Up to fifteen additional persons appointed by the Council to
ensure that all areas of the church's life are adequately
represented.**

**If there are any questions or concerns about these arrangements for the
forthcoming General Church Meeting, please contact Linda Bloomfield
(lindajbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk).**

Culcheth & Glazebury Methodist Church
8th & 9th August

One More Step along the World we go!

How should we keep on travelling together?



- *Who do we want to be as one church on two sites?*
- *What do we want people to know about us?*
- *What should we be focusing on?*
- *How will we serve our communities?*

Come along to be part of the conversation
(and yes, we do mean you!).

Voice & Vision Weekend

Sat 8th Aug

- Culcheth
- 1-4pm
- Refreshments

Sun 9th Aug

- Glazebury
- 10.30am Worship
- 12 noon Faith lunch
(bring and share) and
fellowship

CULCHETH METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

To be conducted during worship on Sunday 2nd August 2026 at Culcheth Methodist Church

This is a background paper to our worship when we will be reflecting on the church's year and confirming the appointments of the Stewards and the GCM representatives to the Church Council. If you have any concerns about the appointments below please raise them with me beforehand.

1. APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

1a Stewards.

The General Church meeting shall annually appoint as church stewards two or more persons who are members of the Local Church or supernumeraries stationed in the Circuit

Willing to be re-appointed are:

- Joyce McComb (This would be year 5)
- Caroline Fillery-Brown (This would be year 2)

And also the following whose reappointments require a vote by 75% majority because they would go beyond a sixth year

- Amy Driver (This would be year 10)
- David Ogilvy (This would be year 9)
- Elizabeth Soehren (This would be year 8)

1b General Church Meeting(GCM) Representatives to Church Council

Each year the General Church Meeting appoints or reappoints up to 15 people to represent members at the Church Council

Willing to be reappointed are:

- Joyce Daniels (Would be for year 4)
- And also to be reappointed and requiring a 75% vote
- Roddy Marr (who would be year 16)
- Daphne Eastburn (Would be year 15)
- Christine Pathmajarah (Would be year 9)
- Ashley Hurchinson (Would be year 16)
- Phil Harrison (Would be year 8)

2 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL ITSELF. (For the GMC to note)

The Church shall appoint class leaders and pastoral visitors and a church treasurer. It also appoints the Secretary to the meeting.

Appointments under this head are Jon Purcell (Secretary), Carol Sherratt (Treasurer) and Janette Hutchinson (Pastoral Secretary)

Jon Purcell
03/07/2026