



# 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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## **Luke 2: 8-11**

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord."*

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

Sunday 21st December - Advent 4 - Reverend Jacquie Evans - JOINT SERVICE AT  
CULCHETH - Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 21st December 6.00pm - Worship leaders - GLAZEbury CAROL SERVICE -  
Steward - Christine Taylor

Wednesday 24th December 7.30pm - Christmas Eve - Reverend Jacquie Evans - JOINT  
SERVICE AT CULCHETH - Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day - Amy Driver - JOINT SERVICE AT  
GLAZEbury - Stewards John Martin and Janet Crozier

Sunday 28th December - Worship Leaders - Songs of Praise service - JOINT SERVICE  
AT GLAZEbury - No service at Culcheth - Steward Christine Taylor

Sunday 4th January - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No  
service at Glazebury - Steward Joyce McComb

Sunday 11th January - Local arrangement - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT  
GLAZEbury - No service at Culcheth - Steward Christine Taylor

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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the services today, especially to Ann Langridge for the Advent Wreath at Culcheth and to Delia Caswell for the flowers at the Glazebury Carol Service. Next week's flowers at Glazebury will be provided by Christine Taylor.

*Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026!*

## Coffee Shop at Culcheth

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual on **Saturdays 20th and 27th December and 3rd January** from 10.00am-12.00noon. All are welcome so do please come and join us for hot drinks, for toasted tea cakes and crumpets and for fellowship.

Advance notice - You'll be pleased to hear that **soup and bread** will be served from 11.30am on **Saturdays 17th January and 14th February**. Please put it in your diaries and spread the word - all are welcome.

David Ogilvy

## Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December	Glazebury Carol Service led by Worship Leaders at 6.00pm
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve Hub Service with Holy Communion at Culcheth at 7.30pm led by Reverend Jacquie
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day Hub Service at Glazebury at 10.30am led by Amy Driver
Sunday 28th December	Songs of Praise-style Hub Service at Glazebury at 10.30am led by Worship Leaders

## Service on Sunday 28th December

This Hub service at Glazebury will be in an informal Songs of Praise style led by Worship Leaders. There will be prayers, readings and perhaps a meditation. We invite you to think of a favourite seasonal carol, hymn or worship song you would like us to sing. The words won't be on screen - we shall use hymn books or carol sheets.

Delia Caswell and David Ogilvy

## Film Night at Glazebury

The next film night at Glazebury is this **Friday 19th December** starting at 6.30pm not 7.00 because the film "It's A Wonderful Life" is a bit longer than our usual ones. Everyone is welcome to come to start their Christmas off in the good old fashioned way with us. See *notice below*

Alan Crozier

## Monday Prayers and Coffee at Culcheth

We shall meet as usual on **Mondays 22nd and 29th December and 5th January**.

## Men's Breakfast at Glazebury

There will NOT be a Men's Breakfast in January. The next one will be at the beginning of February.

Alan Crozier

## 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  
**Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218**

## **'Posada' - Churches Together Advent 2025**

Churches Together are doing something different and rather special this year to mark the season of Advent. Posada (Spanish for 'inn') is a lovely tradition, originating in Mexico, in which Mary and Joseph are symbolically welcomed into people's lives for a night.

Mary and Joseph, in the form of Russian dolls, will be hosted by a household for one night and then passed to another family or gathering of people. They are accompanied by a folder which explains the tradition, and contains prayers which can be used, pictures to colour in, and space for people to write down what they do and what it means to them.

Our two churches have been hosting Mary and Joseph during this week.

A good number of us gathered at Newchurch Rectory the afternoon of the first Sunday in Advent to mark the start of Mary and Joseph's journey around the churches when we sang carols accompanied by the handbell ringers and fortified ourselves against the cold with mulled wine and mince pies. We will do the same at 4.00pm on **Christmas Eve** when Mary and Joseph reach journey's end.

David Ogilvy

## **Meeting Point at Culcheth 2026**

Meeting point finished for 2025 last Thursday with a very good meal at the Village Club. We have had excellent speakers this session whose subjects ranged from being a Magistrate, the work of a Head Teacher, Joyce Grenfell, The Dog's Trust and St Rocco's. We have prepared a new programme up until Easter and we look forward to welcoming old and new members back in 2026.

Charges, which will include tea and biscuits, will be £3.00 per person and £5.00 per couple. The Music group will continue to meet on intermediate Thursdays, to listen to mainly, but not exclusively, classical music.

### **January**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Music Group	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Johnson	Carrying the Olympic Torch
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Music Group	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fiona Lea	My Trip to New Zealand
Margaret, Joyce and Betty		

## **Flowers at Culcheth**

A big thank you to everyone who has provided flowers for the church in 2025.

The Flower rota for January to April is now on the notice board. You can arrange your own flowers, or order an arrangement from Buds 'n' Shakes, 01925 555352, to be delivered to the church at 11.00am on a Saturday morning. Any help or queries please phone Betty Memmott (01925 763364).

## **Stepping into Christmas!**

This week the excitement has definitely been mounting as there are fewer sleeps now until the BIG DAY!

At **Glazebury** last Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) we considered the part played by the shepherds in the Christmas story and had 'fun'! constructing small paper angels to hide in the church for the Toddler Group to find later in the week.

Then on Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>) a few of us were privileged to welcome the Key Stage Two children from **Twiss Green School** into our Church to share their Nativity celebrations with their parents, who filled the Sanctuary. They retold that familiar story vividly through very clearly expressed Bible readings, prayers and lively and uplifting songs, while the children who were dressed as Nativity characters gradually added to the scene. Finally the Year 5 children showed Christingles they had made and explained their significance as symbols of God's love for the World. (We were impressed that the sweets representing fruits of the spirit were still in place!!) The staff had obviously put a lot of work in and the children had practised carefully. They were very excited to come to the Church and their enjoyment and enthusiasm were infectious!

Then the **Culcheth Carol Service** on Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>) provided us with another treat, nobly and cheerfully led by Reverend Jacquie Evans, standing in for Reverend Katharine, who we were thinking of, knowing she would have loved to be there. The choir had clearly practised diligently to perfect their thoughtfully selected variety of festive songs, which they sang beautifully. These were interspersed by familiar carols sung with gusto by the congregation and by a selection of readings chosen by Jacquie, some from the Bible and others reflecting a lighter hearted and humorous perspective on Christmas! It was very heartwarming to see three Girl Guides singing one of the songs with the choir too.

Janette Hutchinson

## **Thank you Uniformed Groups and ABC**

Although it is a source of sadness that we no longer have a Junior Church group of our own, we are very fortunate to have a good number of youngsters coming into the building each week, as members of the Uniformed groups (Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts), Preschool, Tots, or even Baby Ballet, and they bring their own vitality and zest for life, which we greatly appreciate. We have very much enjoyed their involvement in our parade services and have appreciated their contributions to appeals.

As we have used the large hall more often for extra events in recent weeks, it has been lovely to see the colourful Christmas displays that the groups have created on their notice boards. And of course the Scouts organized the moving Remembrance display in the Welcome Space in November and the Cubs have worked in the garden over the summer. You may have noticed the pretty angels on the window ledge which were made by the Brownies on their recent sleepover. They looked beautiful lit up for the Carol Service. So a huge THANK YOU to you all for everything you do.

Janette Hutchinson

## **Work Days at Culcheth**

The first work day of the new year will be on **Saturday 10th January** from 9.30am. Inside jobs we hope to tackle include cleaning tables and chairs and the sanctuary and foyer/ Welcome Space area. Anybody who can spare some time to help will be very welcome.

The Property Team

## **Church Family Christmas Card**

As in previous years, there is a large Christmas card on display in the Welcome Space at Culcheth. Please share Christmas greetings with our wider Church Family and all users of the building by signing and adding a personal message of your own.

Voluntary donations will be in aid of Action for Children. Thank you!

## **Toy Service on 7th December**

The wonderful donations of toys and other gifts at the Toy Service were exceptionally generous. We took two jam packed carloads to the Salvation Army in Warrington where they were very gratefully received. We were specifically asked to pass on their heartfelt gratitude and to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously, including the uniformed groups, members of the Church and the wider community. They will make a positive difference to the recipients. THANK YOU ALL!

Ashley and Janette

## **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 and jam but welcome all donations including Christmas treats.

Ray and Irene



If you look closely you can see the sheep in the field!



The **Methodist Church** 

Warrington Road, Glazebury, Warrington, WA3 5LD.



# FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025

6.30pm Start

**FREE ADMISSION**



THE CLASSIC FILM "ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE"

**BRING YOUR OWN POPCORN**

DONATIONS TOWARDS ICE CREAMS AND CHURCH FUNDS WELCOME