



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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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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John 1: 32-34

Then John [the Baptist] gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 18th January - Reverend Caroline Ainger - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 25th January - Reverend Wilfred Robinson - Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Stewards John Martin and Delia Caswell

Sunday 1st February - Deacon Janice Heyes - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Amy Driver

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

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 Liz Williams for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Trudy MacDonald.



18th January, 2026

Services this Weekend

This **Sunday 18th January**, as part of Culcheth's 60th Anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to welcome Reverend Caroline Ainger, a Deputy Chair of the NWE District, to lead the Hub service at Culcheth at 10.30am. Caroline is the daughter of the late David and Jill Scattergood, who were much-loved and valued members at Culcheth for many years - David was our organist for 25 years and Jill was in charge of our social events for many years. Many of you will remember Caroline, and her siblings, growing up in the church, and being married here to husband Paul. We have followed with great interest and pride her career in ministry and chaplaincy.

Also on **Sunday 18th January at 4.30pm** there will be a Churches Together Service at Glazebury Methodist Church to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, preceded by refreshments at 3.30. All are welcome.

Coffee Shop at Culcheth

The Coffee Shop will be open as usual from 10.00am this **Saturday 17th January**. We have an extra treat for you. In addition to the usual hot drinks and toasted crumpets and tea cakes delicious **soup** will be served from 11.00am. Do please come along, bring family and friends, and enjoy the warm hospitality and fellowship. David Ogilvy

Memories Evening at Culcheth Friday 23rd January - NOTE change of date

At the beginning of Culcheth Methodist Church's 60th Anniversary Year last September we published a programme of events being planned, including a Memories Evening in January. All are invited to come and share in this occasion on **Friday 23rd January**, NOT Saturday 24th as previously intimated, starting at 7.30pm in the sanctuary at Culcheth Methodist Church.

The evening is intended to allow us to look back on the life of the church, and the people involved in it, from its beginnings until more recent times, and encourage us to share our memories and feelings. Morag Burton and Eddie and Margaret Johnson have kindly agreed to talk about their recollection of people and events and extracts from recordings of dramatic productions (Morag's plays) will be shown. We hope you will be encouraged to share your own thoughts and experiences. Hot drinks and biscuits will be served during the evening which should finish by 10.00pm.

Do please let anybody who has been involved in the church know about the evening and encourage them to come along and share in what should be a memorable occasion.

The Anniversary Team

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

Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

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Film Night at Glazebury

The next film night at Glazebury is this **Friday 16th January** starting again at 6.30pm not 7.00 because the film "War Horse" is a bit longer than our usual ones. Everyone is welcome to come to join us. *See notice below*

Alan Crozier

Lancashire Night at Glazebury

Glazebury Mens' Breakfast Group are holding a Lancashire Night on **Saturday 31st January** at Glazebury Methodist Church featuring Gary Conley, an ex-miner. who shares his experiences of his working life. Please join us to hear some of his recollections. Tickets (£10) available from 07836 721964. Doors open at 7pm - pie & peas, raffle and alcohol free bar. We look forward to seeing you on the night. *See notice below*

Alan Crozier

David Jones

I'm very sorry to tell you the sad news that David has passed away just a few weeks after the funeral of his late wife, Audrey. He had been in poor health for some time but continued to come faithfully to services with Audrey until recently, when his reading of the Bible in his distinctive Welsh voice was often a feature of our worship. His quiet, dignified fortitude after the loss of his beloved wife was a mark of the man. We shall all miss him.

David's funeral, led by Reverend Paul Martin, will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium this **Monday 19th January** at 11.00am.

Please continue to pray for his son, Alan, and his family.

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>

Further details about the weekend will be sent out closer to the event. If you have any questions, please speak to any member of the Circuit Leadership Team.

Methodist Women in Britain

The Winter Newsletter from Methodist Women in Britain is now available on the website: mwib.org.uk .

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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.

January

22nd Music Group

29th Fiona Lea My Trip to New Zealand

February

5th Music Group

12th Jim Keery Our Local Poet

19th No meeting Mid Term

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

Work Days at Culcheth

Thank you to all who took part in the work day last Saturday. The date of the next work day is being arranged.

The Property Team

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 jam and toiletries but welcome all donations.

Ray and Irene

Fun Day at Culcheth

You maybe aware that we are planning to hold a family fun day on **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).

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Reverend Mary Jones

Many of you will have already heard the sad news that Rev'd Mary Jones passed away on Saturday 10th January. For anyone who hasn't already seen it, this is the moving tribute that her daughter Helen (Byrne) posted on Facebook when sharing the news more widely.

"I'm broken hearted to share with you that my dear beautiful Mum, Rev Mary Jones, passed away peacefully this morning at Helston Hospital with myself and brother Kenneth Jones by her side. The staff there have been absolutely amazing and we were so thankful for how they have cared for mum. As I looked up and saw this beautiful warm sunrise, I felt an overwhelming assurance that mum was okay - reunited with dad Brian R Jones, mum is now surrounded forever more with eternal love, joy and peace. One of mum's favourite phrases for life which she shared with me was from Julian of Norwich: 'All shall be well' and she maintained a strong Christian faith all her days. A remarkable lady who lived a very full and rich life with many other lives being blessed because of her. Her last base was her beloved Porthleven here in Cornwall. In the words of the psalmist for Mum: 'surely goodness and mercy followed you all the days of your life, so now you can rest in the house of your Lord forever more.'

Amazing mum to Ken, Andrew and I, wonderful kind grandma, great grandma, auntie and great auntie, cousin, and dear friend to many - and was a beloved wife to dad for over 61 years.

Dearest mum, your legacy lives on in all of us. So now I will let you go, knowing you'll always be watching over us all and I'll carry you in my heart forever.

May you rest in peace and rise in glory 

For many years prior to her move to be nearer Helen in Cornwall in 2023, our Circuit greatly benefited from Mary's ministry in many ways. She enjoyed leading worship, with an inspiring and varied preaching style. Her desire to share her love for music was evident in the encouragement she gave young singers in Junior Church and Circuit activities and in the way we were all encouraged to 'Dance in the light of God' on at least one occasion.

Mary combined a compassionate heart with a strong sense of justice and a practical outlook, always wanting to find ways of helping and improving things for others, even when her own health and mobility issues became more challenging.

In Culcheth and Glazebury we have been particularly blessed by the conscientious pastoral care and empathy she has shown to many within our Church Family, especially in recent years. She loved getting to know people and was always keen to hear how they or other family members were doing, with genuine concern for their worries and delighting in their celebrations. This interest continued after her move South, with updates often requested by text or phone, especially in relation to those with whom she had developed a particularly strong pastoral relationship. We are very thankful to Mary for the greatly valued contributions she made to the life of our Churches and for all the love and pastoral care she showed. We send our love and heartfelt sympathy to all the family, knowing how much she will be missed.

Janette

Our understanding is that the funeral will be held in Cornwall. We will give further details as they come available.

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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 children, her three grandsons, Ezra, Ethan and Theo and her whole extended family.

Irene was a highly gifted and motivated lady who had a remarkable life story which I will expand upon in next week's notices. She was a faithful and very involved member at Culcheth, where she was a steward, senior steward and the Pastoral Secretary for many years, and where her children grew up in our Junior Church. She had an unshakeable faith and was an inspiration and encouragement to all who knew her.

Irene's funeral will take place at Culcheth Methodist Church on Saturday 21st February led by Rev Wilfred Robinson. Further information will be passed on when available.

David Ogilvy

Culcheth Methodist Church

Evening of Memories

Part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration



7:30 PM on Friday 23rd January 2026

(Refreshments included!)

Join us for an evening of celebration and memories of the church including photographs of it being constructed, personal recollections and extracts from former drama performances.

GLAZEBURY METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

PRESENTS

ON 31ST JANUARY 2026

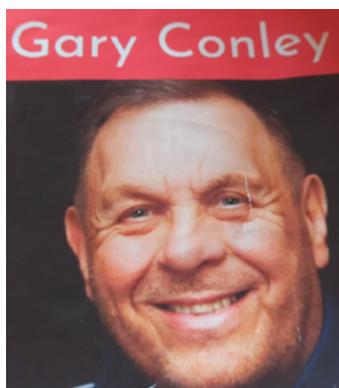
A LANCASHIRE NIGHT



At Glazebury Methodist Church (WA3 5LD)

FEATURING

Former Miner Gary Conley



“ 'EY UP! THE PIES 'AVE COM' ”

Alcohol free COCKTAIL BAR

PIE & PEAS

Raffle

DOORS OPEN 7.00pm

**Tickets available (£10.00) Tel 07836 721964 or
from Olive Branch Café)**