



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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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 to 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 your 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 11th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEUBURY - No service at Culcheth - Steward Graham Borg
Sunday 18th May - Culcheth - Susan Stewart - Steward Elizabeth Soehren
Sunday 18th May - Glazebury - Audrey Russell - Steward Delia Caswell
SERVICES AT BOTH CHURCHES ON 18th MAY
Sunday 25th May - Reverend Phil Gough - CIRCUIT SERVICE AT KINGSLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH (WN7 4LR). No service at Culcheth or Glazebury.
Sunday 1st June - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward David Ogilvy

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 Ruth Waring for the flowers. Next week's flowers at Culcheth will be provided by Janette Hutchinson.



Coffee Shop at Culcheth

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 10th May**. All are welcome so do please come and join us for hot drinks, for toasted tea cakes and crumpets and for fellowship.

The weekly Coffee Shop has become an essential part of our church life, offering a welcome to all, providing a valuable time for fellowship and drawing people from the church and community into friendship. I'm very grateful to the volunteers who have been staffing the rota but to avoid putting undue demands on them we really need more volunteers to help spread the load. It's a very pleasant and friendly social occasion and you wouldn't be involved normally more than once every 6 to 8 weeks. If you feel you might like to do this please have a word with me. To date only 1 additional volunteer has come forward for which we are very grateful. Please give careful consideration to whether you could offer help or encourage someone you know to come forward. I'm happy to talk about what it entails.

David Ogilvy

Glazebury Film Club

Glazebury will be showing the film CONCLAVE at 7.00pm next **Saturday 17th May**. We hope to restart our film club on a monthly basis. Admission is FREE but donations towards lollies are welcome!! Bring some popcorn!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Janet Crozier

Glazebury Car Boot Sale

Glazebury Methodist Church will host a Car Boot Sale on **Bank Holiday Monday 26th May** from 8.00am-1.00pm. Tables £10.00. To book ring Janet on 07836 721964 or email alancpds@hotmail.com.

Glazebury Craft Group

A big thank you to all who supported our Easter stall at Glazebury - over £600 was raised. Another £180 was raised on May Day. We will now have to get busy refilling our boxes!!

Delia

Café Praise and Worship – formerly called “18.30 Praise”

The next Cafe Praise and Worship will be on **Sunday 1st June** 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
Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please will everyone who uses Culcheth Methodist Church on a Saturday morning when Baby Ballet is in session help us with our safeguarding responsibilities to the group.

As you know we do not access the hall ourselves when classes are in session. Additionally we should not direct anyone else into the hall who is not bringing children to class.

We have had an incident where an unaccompanied male, not related to Church or Baby Ballet, went into the hall and demanded the attention of the class leader when she had care of children in the session. You will appreciate the possible dangers of this.

We will display a notice on the door just to try to remind people not to enter but I would be grateful for your vigilance when you are around. Thank you, Linda

Meeting Point at Culcheth

We continue to meet for fellowship, conversation and a cup of tea or coffee, usually on alternate Thursdays at 2.00pm in the Welcome Space at the Church. All are welcome.

The summer programme for Meeting Point is as follows:

May	15th	Music Group
	22nd	Rev Jacquie Evans — My Russian Doll Collection
	29th	Music Group
June	5th	Stephen Sanders — Being a Toast Master
	12th	Music Group
	19th	Brian McGucken — Nigerian Interlude
	26th	Music Group
July	3rd	Jean Wilkinson — Real Dairy Ice Cream
	10th	Music Group

Betty Memmott

The Three Towns Operatic Society

The Three Towns Operatic Society have asked us to advertise their show as they are down on ticket numbers this year. Our Meeting Point has, unfortunately, had to cancel as the coach was not filled. Daphne

Die Fledermaus

13th to 17th May, 2025 at 7.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street, Leigh, WN7 2PR

Tickets £12, £14 and £17 (Concessions available)

TELEPHONE 01942 605369 and speak to Carol or book online at www.thethreetowns.net

**** WiFi at Culcheth Methodist Church ****

Culcheth Methodist Church has changed its broadband provider, so if you use the WiFi there you will need a temporary password until we can get it changed back to the usual one.

The temporary password is on the big notice board in the corridor at the bottom of the notice about using church WiFi (close to the gents' toilets). I will let you know when it reverts back to the old one.

Carol Sherratt

Church Flowers at Culcheth

Buds 'n' Shakes flower shop has now closed but Joan and Liz will still be working from their home in Wigshaw Lane. Flower arrangements can be ordered from 01925 555352. Payment can be made by card on the phone or by cash on delivery on a Saturday morning at 11.00am.

Of course, if you wish, you can instead arrange your own flowers. If you need any help please contact Betty Memmott on 01925 763364.



Culcheth Open Gardens

Culcheth Methodist Church will be taking part in the Open Gardens Programme. In addition to the church community garden the church will be open all day on **Saturday 5th July** and from 1.00pm on **Sunday 6th July**. On both days there will be an art exhibition in the sanctuary and the toilets will be available to visitors. Also on the Saturday morning the Coffee Shop will be open and the Choir will sing in the hall whilst refreshments are served.

This is an important event in the church's life. Please do consider whether you would be able to spare some time to help with staffing the building. I will put up a sheet on the notice board for people to sign up.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Culcheth Open Gardens will be on **Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July**. Proceeds in aid of St Rocco's Hospice and Culcheth Methodist Church. Tickets (£5.00) will be available from Forget-Me-Not Toy and Book Shop and Oliver's (cash only). Under 16s go free. Adult tickets on the day will be £6.00. More details can be found on the St Rocco's website.

Plant Appeal

There will be a plant stall during Open Gardens on 5th and 6th July. Please will you nurture some cuttings and spare plants for us to sell in aid of CMC and St Rocco's Hospice.

Mike Bloomfield (01925765875)

BIG THANK YOU...so much for your support for the Hospice Plant Sale on Community Day. It was a gloriously hectic day with baskets being sold as soon as they were unloaded from the van....there will be about £2,500 for the hospice when all is settled up.

Linda and Mike

Liz Saxby

We were sad to hear that Liz Saxby had passed away peacefully on 26th April, aged 89. Her faith was really important to her and she has been a much loved member of our congregation for many decades, sharing her kindness and skills in various ways, including offering wonderful hospitality to her guests over our Lay Witness Weekend and, in later years, using her 'green fingers' to grow sunflowers on her windowsill for our Church Community Garden. Despite tragedy in her own life, Liz retained a resilient and positive outlook, greatly valuing her family, working hard, looking on the brighter side and making the most of all that life had to offer.

In recent times she particularly appreciated the kindness of those who transported her to church as she became increasingly frail and less mobile. She loved being amongst her Church Family and thoroughly enjoyed worship, especially when children were present, and she was always a willing volunteer to wave a flag or play a percussion instrument from her seat at the back! During her months at Holcroft Grange she could occasionally also be spotted boogying in her wheelchair! Liz was quick witted, with a great sense of fun and a twinkle in her eye, and her lovely smile and cheery comments will be greatly missed.

It is hoped that her funeral service at our Church on **Wednesday 18th June** at 11am will be a colourful celebration of her life.

Janette Hutchinson

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

Thanks to all who donated last weekend. All gifts are much appreciated.

Last week we were given an update on our contributions from April 2024 to April 2025 😊. The total donations came to one ton, enough food to fill a transit size van. That's a very worthwhile collection! Thank you all!

We were asked to request instant mashed potato, long life milk, shampoo and toothbrushes. Supermarket's own versions are very acceptable.

Ray and Irene

Work Days at Culcheth

Future work days will take place on 14th June and 12th July.

Thank you, David Ogilvy



Dying crops means food stops

In Guatemala, the climate crisis is killing Amelia's precious crops. She relies on the land to feed her eight-year-old son, Lázaro, and four-year-old daughter, Yakelin. Amelia says: **'I worry about what my children will eat.'** A river passes through Amelia's farm, but deadly heatwaves are causing it to run dangerously low. Both communities and crops stand to lose life-giving water.



The cruel injustice is that Indigenous communities like Amelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most. As their farms are devastated, the search for solutions becomes critical: **'With high heat, there is little we can do but adapt.'**

Amelia is hopeful that she can combat extreme weather by changing the way she farms. With the support of specialist training from our partner, Congcoop, Amelia's planting resilient crops, conserving water and making fertiliser. Amelia's also a leader in her community, sharing her knowledge with other households, so that one day, no family will worry about their children going without food. This is the unstoppable power of Amelia's hope in action.

Christian Aid, now in its 80th year, and its supporters are joining together once again during **Christian Aid Week (11-17 May)** to fundraise in all kinds of ways – from coffee mornings and craft stalls to hiking and biking for the 70k in May challenge.

With **7 days to make a difference**, every gift, act and prayer counts.

Will you demonstrate the unstoppable power of hope and help fund vital tools and training, so farmers like Amelia can push back against the climate crisis and beat hunger?

- £6 could pay for the seed trays that kickstart a plant nursery at someone's home.
- £10 could pay for the pruning scissors that mean a farmer can care for their cacao trees.
- £20 could buy two pounds of climate resilient seeds that diversify a family's crop.

Envelopes to donate will be available at the services on 11th and 18th May

You can also donate and find out more about the campaign at caweek.org

Culcheth Methodist Church 60th Anniversary Sep 25 – Sep 26 Planning Update

Culcheth Methodist Church was dedicated in May 1966, almost 60 years ago. A small anniversary planning group consisting of Joyce Daniels, David Ogilvy and Jon Purcell have started to plan a series of events to celebrate the 60th birthday of our Church. Proposals will be forwarded to next week's Church Council meeting but in the meantime, there are ways in which everybody can help plan for this year of celebration, remembrance and thankfulness. We are keen to have your ideas and comments which could be added to the mix and we would welcome help with the planning.

How can I help?

There are lots of ways in which everybody can help the Planning Group. These include submitting

- Photographs of church events both formal and informal taken during the last 60 years
- Printed material such as newsletters, circuit plans, reports, church publications etc spanning the last 60 years
- Personal memories of being involved in the church. Were you married there for example or baptised? These memories could include involvement with uniformed groups, plays or pantomimes, church weekends, social events etc. These can be short or long, and we would love you to chat to us if you prefer not to write them down

Question we have!

- Are you still in contact with former church members who have moved away? If yes, we are relying on you to help compile a list of people who have moved away so that they can be told what is happening and invited to share their memories and news. We would love somebody to volunteer to take on this task.

What next?

The Planning Group are now starting to gather information to form what we hope will be an informative and interesting display highlighting events in the life of the church since 1966. Next week there will be a plastic crate left on a chair in the vestry where items (in whatever form) can be deposited. Please leave your contact details if you wish to have materials returned to you.

If you would like any further information about the forthcoming Church Anniversary, please contact:

Joyce Daniels	Email: fribbitribit@yahoo.co.uk
David Ogilvy	Email: davidwo71@icloud.com
Jon Purcell	Email: purcelljon@hotmail.com

Spiritual Weekend 2025

Come and be inspired! The Circuit is offering us all a very special opportunity to meet in fellowship and grow in faith together. We are invited to take part in a Spiritual Weekend at different locations in the Circuit focusing on the Book of Nehemiah with guest speaker Reverend Phil Gough. The dates are **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May**.

The programme is as follows:

Friday 23rd May — Bedford Methodist Church

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm Fish and Chip Supper

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Introduction to the Weekend (Nehemiah's Prayer) with a short animated film

Saturday 24th May – Astley/Tyldesley Methodist Church

9.30 am - 10.00 am Arrival and Refreshments

10.00am - 10.15am Opening Worship

10.15am - 11.15am Session 1 (Rebuild)

11.15am - 11.30am Break

11.30 am - 12.30 pm Session 2 (Reclaim)

12.30 pm - 1.15 pm Lunch

1.15 pm - 2.15 pm Session 3 (Revive)

2.15 pm - 2.30 pm Break

2.30 pm - 3.30 pm Session 4 (Review/mission)

3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Worship

4.00 pm Close

Sunday 25th May – Kingsleigh Methodist Church

10.30 am Worship (Spiritual Renewal) — Finding our place?

12.00 pm Refreshments

*** This is your last chance to sign up for this very special event which is *** so important to the future of our Circuit and churches. There will be a sign up sheet on the notice board at Culcheth or alternatively click on <https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/spiritual-weekend-2025.html>. Speak to me or one of the stewards of either churches if you have any questions.

David Ogilvy

District Online Worship - Sunday 11th May at 6.30pm



Our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 11th May at 6:30pm - at the start of Christian Aid Week. This month our speaker is Zoe Abernethy, a Christian Aid Church Engagement Officer in the North West.

The Zoom link can be accessed [here](#). Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645
Passcode: 543701

Pop Up Market in Culcheth

There is a a pop up market in Culcheth every Tuesday afternoon at the Community Centre, Jackson Avenue from 1.30-3.30pm. Everybody welcome. It is a trial so we can stop food going into landfill sites. It is run by Warrington Borough Council. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ON BENEFITS. Stock changes each week. Daphne Eastburn

Dates for Your Diary

Coppull and Standish Brass Band in Concert on Saturday 17th May at 7.30pm at Hindley Green Methodist Church (WN2 4XW). Tickets £8.50 including light refreshments from 01942 877678 or pay on the door.

Churches Together Pentecost Service on Sunday 8th June at Newchurch Parish Hall. Refreshments from 3.00pm, service commences at 4.00pm. A collection will be taken for the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. All are welcome - please wear something red.

Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir on Saturday 12th July at Aspull Methodist Church (WN2 1PP) at 7.30pm. Organised by Methodist Women in Britain in aid of AIM North West. Tickets £10 (including refreshments) from Viv Lowe (07958 274483 or viv.lowe@blueyonder.co.uk).