



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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Acts 1: 15-17

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus - he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 12th May - Amy Driver - Breakfast Church - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY -
No service at Culcheth - Steward Janet Crozier (*See below*)

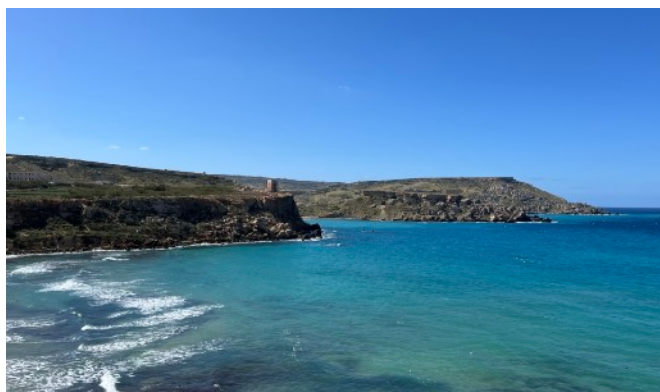
Sunday 19th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT
CULCHETH - No service at Glazebury - Steward Elizabeth Soehren (*see below*)

Sunday 26th May - Reverend Katharine Bland - JOINT GENERAL CHURCH MEETING
WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth - Stewards John
Martin and Christine Taylor (*see below*)

Sunday 2nd June - Reverend Wilfred Robinson - JOINT SERVICE AT CULCHETH - No
service at Glazebury

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 Wareing for the flowers. Next week's flowers (at Culcheth) will be provided by Janette Hutchinson.



12th May, 2024

Coffee Shop at Culcheth Methodist Church

The Coffee Shop will be open this **Saturday 11th May** from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and will continue to open weekly during May, June and July. Please do come along and enjoy fellowship over a brew and toasted tea cake. All are welcome.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Joint Breakfast Service at Glazebury on 12th May

The joint breakfast service at Glazebury on 12th May will be an Easter Offering Service led by Amy. Envelopes, for contributions to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, will be available on the day.

Pentecost Service 19th May

This service was originally to take place on the Village Green but was moved to the church garden because of concerns about conditions underfoot (as you know the Borough Council postponed Community Day from last Monday for the same reason). After a great deal of thought and prayer it has now been decided that the service will, instead, take place inside the Church. I apologise for any uncertainty these changes of plan may have caused and to those who may be disappointed that we shall not be worshipping outside. I'm sure this will still be a very special service. We shall continue to look for opportunities to share our mission with the community - as it turned out, unfortunately, this was not the right time.

Everybody is still welcome to the service so please spread the word and we would love you to wear something red! The theme is "What comes down must go up!" The service will include expressions of the fire and wind of Pentecost and speaking in different languages. There will, of course, be singing. Do please come along, take part and encourage others to do the same.

David Ogilvy

Joint General Church Meeting

The service on **Sunday 26th May** at Glazebury, will now include the joint General Church Meeting as well as Holy Communion.

Extraordinary Church Council Meeting at Glazebury Methodist Church

There will be an Extraordinary Church Council Meeting of Glazebury Methodist Church on **Tuesday, 28 May** at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

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

“A Brew with a Crew”

There will be a “Brew with a Crew” in aid of the North West Air Ambulance Charity on **Tuesday 14th May** from 10.00am-12.00noon at Glazebury Methodist Church. Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Biscuits, Quiz and Raffle. All welcome!

Meeting Point at Culcheth

Programme for next term

14 th May	Pirates of Penzance
23 rd May	Music Group
30 th May	Poetry Reading
6 th June	Music Group
13 th June	S. Walsh - Three Victorian Ladies
20 th June	Music Group
27 th June	Cream Tea

The minibus will leave the church for the Pirates of Penzance at 6.45pm on Tuesday 14th May.

Thank you, Betty Memmott

Church Cleaning/Maintenance at Culcheth

The Finance & Property Group have decided that, for the present, Saturday work mornings will not continue, partly because access is difficult with the kitchen and Welcome Space and now the hall in use every Saturday. A very big thank you to everyone who has come and helped on Saturday mornings. We are thinking about how best way to do jobs in future so please watch this space for an update.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

Food Bank Collection at Culcheth

Hello Friends

Thank you very much for your continued donations to the foodbank. Your gifts are always welcome and are taken to the distribution centre at Kingsleigh Methodist Church every Monday morning, even when there is no service at Culcheth. This week we are asked to include custard, rice pudding and some cleaning products e.g. kitchen wipes and washing up liquid.

Thank you for your continued support, Ray and Irene

Rosemary Keery

Many of you will have heard that Rosemary Keery, sadly, passed away recently at High Peak Nursing Home. Rosemary's funeral will be Thursday 23rd May at 11.00am at Culcheth Methodist Church then 12.00 at Howe Bridge Crematorium.

North West England Methodist District

The next "Equip" online information evening about the launch of the new North West England Methodist District will be on **Thursday 16th May** 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start.

The evening will include:

Devotions

An update from each development sub-group to increase our understanding of how the new District will look and feel

Question and answer session

To join go to: [https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?](https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?pwd=ZmNKUGl3SWdleXJsckZyZW5tT3MrZz09)

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(Meeting ID 946 5892 7054 Passcode: 125750)

To access by Phone: Dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow the prompts

May Market at Kingsleigh Methodist Church

There will be a May Market at Kingsleigh Methodist Church (WN7 4LR) on **Saturday 18th May** from 10.00am-2.00pm. Cake stall, craft stalls, bric-a-brac, books, etc. Refreshments from 10.00am followed by light lunches of homemade soup and sandwiches from 11.30am-1.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Advance Notice of Pastoral Meeting at Glazebury

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Committee of Glazebury Methodist Church on **Thursday, 4 July** at 10.30am in the Chapel.

A Tribute to Neil Diamond

Glazebury Methodist Church presents a Tribute to Neil Diamond on **Saturday 6th July** from 7.30pm at The Daten (Culcheth Sports Club), Charnock Road, Culcheth, WA3 5SH. Tickets £15 including buffet from Joanne (07973 242707). All proceeds to Church funds. Country and Western Dress optional.



Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May

Seven days, so many ways to make a difference

Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal runs from 12–18 May and is focussing on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

Christian Aid has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, making small businesses possible, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes.



Thirty-five-year-old Aline Nibogora is the chairperson of a VSLA which supports some 25 families in a remote village, in Makamba Province. Aline escaped an abusive marriage only to find herself on the streets begging for a place to stay.

Her life changed when she went to a three-day, Christian Aid-funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her

family. In the next five years she hopes to expand, so one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income without the need to transport heavy goods over long distances.

"I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine, remembering it makes me weep. I could never have dreamed I would one day have a brick house and be a successful businesswoman, able to feed and clothe my children. This is a plan and I will do it; I am a woman who is an achiever."

Christian Aid supporters helped make this transformation for Aline and her neighbours – as well as millions of other people in the most vulnerable communities around the world. Last year, the organisation reached 3.3 million people through 275 programmes, from savings and loans associations to farming co-operatives, and climate disaster risk training to healthcare schemes.

This Christian Aid Week – from May 12-18 – supporters are once more stepping up, knowing every prayer, every gift, every action helps transform lives.



Many of the projects Christian Aid funds are long-term and designed to combat poverty and help communities tackle issues like the climate crisis.

Philip Galgalo, Country Director of Christian Aid Burundi, said: "In the areas where we work, people without their own small business or income will typically head out on an empty stomach each morning to look for casual work to buy food for the evening. Most only eat once a day. It's not uncommon to live in a one-bedroom house built of unbaked mud brick walls with an iron sheet roof. Unstable buildings like this are exceptionally vulnerable to collapse during the landslides and fierce storms which the climate crisis is making more frequent.

"Most families don't have a water supply, so they'll collect water from rivers or communal water points; the threat of water-borne cholera is ever present. In most instances, neighbouring families share toilets, but it's not uncommon for there to be no communal toilet, forcing people to nearby bushes. Similarly, there are no bathrooms or showers. It's a fragile existence that pushes many to the brink of survival.



"Together, we can support families to secure a better future for themselves and future generations. With your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions."

Aline Nibogora showing Christian Aid and its partners the VSLA account book. Credit: Christian Aid/ Armstrong Too.

What could your donations buy?

£5 could buy a savings book for a member of a VSLA, setting them up to start their own small business and become financially independent.

£30 would help a family buy two Jerrycans to collect water from the river to carry back to their farm. Jerrycans provide irrigation to crops, especially during the dry season, maintaining food production for the family.

£50 would mean a vulnerable family can purchase a water storage tank. Water can then be stored for a few days rather than travelling to the communal water point, allowing instant access to water for washing, cleaning and cooking.

£100 could help a woman set up her own small business with a starter kit; including money to purchase her first few items to sell. This means she could supply local grocery shops or restaurants with vegetables, set up a roadside shop, or buy maize to sell in bigger markets like Bujumbura.

£100 could also help buy a family a bicycle meaning easier transport to school, quicker access to medical treatment in emergencies or support carrying produce from farm to market.

Join us this Christian Aid Week. Please give to help more people push back against the inhumanity of poverty.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously at the service on the 5th of May - I have now banked £221.50.

Collection envelopes are still available at Culcheth Methodist Church and can be placed in the offering basket after any service or you can donate at www.christianaid.org.uk