

Culcheth Methodist Church

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Transforming the World by Meeting the Needs of our Community as God's People

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Hebrews 13: 15-16

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 28th August - Own arrangement - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth -
Steward Linda Bloomfield

Sunday 4th September - Rev Katharine Bland - Holy Communion and General Church
Meeting

"Joyful Noise" at 9.30am

Sunday 11th September - Rev Bob Davies

Sunday 18th September - David Bushby

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

**There will be no streamed services for the next few weeks as Thomas takes a well-
earned break.**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning especially to Aileen
Brown for the flowers.



28th August

Urgent Circuit Meeting

There will be a special Circuit Meeting at Kingsleigh Methodist Church on Thursday 1st September at 7.30 pm to discuss the future of the Circuit. The invitation is open to all.

There is a notice on the notice board for those needing a lift to add their names. Car drivers intending to go have been asked to look out for people wanting transport. I urge anyone concerned about the future of the Circuit and this church to make every effort to be there.
David Ogilvy

Maintenance Work Days

The next work day will be this Saturday (27th August) from 9.30am. The main jobs to be done are:

- * Cleaning and tidying the kitchen
- * Weeding and tidying the outside areas
- * Finishing painting the exterior woodwork

Any help will be gratefully received. We intend to have these days regularly in order to keep on top of the work. If you intend to come can you let me know please on 07586299397 or davidwo71@icloud.com.
Many thanks, David Ogilvy

Monday Mornings

Monday prayers followed by a coffee morning continues without a break over the summer. Prayers 10.00am to 10.30am. Coffee 10.30am till 12.00 midday.

Modern Worship

Joyful Noise will be taking a break in August and will return at 9.30am on Sunday 4th September. Join us then for your fix of 30 minutes of modern worship music.

In the meantime, **18:30 Praise** continues to provide fortnightly worship with a live band and modern songs at Newchurch Parish Hall at 6.30pm on alternate Sundays from this Sunday, 28th August.
Amy

Foodbank

Thank you to all the people who have continued to bring items for the Foodbank even though sometimes we do not have a service at Culcheth church. If you would like to contribute when we join with Glazebury Church we will willingly take your gifts - just hand them to us in the car park, as some friends have already done. The need is always there and it is a concern that when our services are changed our donations are fewer.

Please continue to bring instant mash, tinned vegetables, pasta and sauce, rice pudding and jam. Items to make quick meals for children are especially welcome.

Thank you for your support, Ray and Irene

Communication:

Weekly Notice Sheet: Joyce McComb by Wednesday 6pm for inclusion that week - email to culchethmethodist@gmail.com or phone 767308

Website: www.leighandhindley.org.uk Facebook CulchethMethodistChurch and LeighandHindleyMethodist
Prayer Circle Requests: Janette Hutchinson 766819/07729 313466 or Jane Bushby 509558/07949 390862
Safeguarding Concerns contact Rev Katharine Bland 01925 763218

Cleanliness is next to Godliness

I've cheated a lot with this heading as the content is not what John Wesley was talking about when, it is said, he first coined the phrase but hopefully it got your attention!

As you know the financial situation of the church is very worrying; it is so concerning that the Council has had to reduce the hours of cleaning to half of what we have always enjoyed. Sadly this has significant financial and other implications for our cleaners, Irene and Lorraine, who have been working with us for nearly 20 years and who feel a great commitment to Culcheth Methodist Church. They will now only attend the building on the early mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We need to share the responsibility for keeping the church clean and tidy. We also need to leave the floors as free of obstruction as much as we can so that Irene and Lorraine do not have to spend a lot of time moving things so that they can clean.

The Council is really glad that users do treat the building with respect but sometimes things are overlooked..... so.....

Please will all groups who hire the building remember the commitment in the licence;.....(a) *to leave the Premises clean, tidy and clear of rubbish and any other property or equipment of the Licensee after each session of use (except any Agreed Equipment);*

Please will all church groups follow that requirement too - there are brushes etc in the kitchen cupboard.

If you have any questions about this or need any further equipment etc please will you speak to David Ogilvy? (His email is above)

Thank you so much, Linda

Where did the phrase cleanliness is next to godliness originate?

John Wesley, the co-founder of [Methodism](#), may have been the originator of the slogan "cleanliness is next to godliness." In 1791, he referenced the phrase in one of his sermons as we use it today. Wesley wrote, "Slovenliness is no part of [religion](#). Cleanliness is indeed next to Godliness." John Wesley would often emphasize cleanliness in his preaching. But the general principle behind the practice begins long before the time of Wesley to the worship customs mentioned in the book of Leviticus.

Gift Day Feedback

Our Gift Day was about a month ago now and if you were at the service you were given a slip of paper with four ways in which you could contribute towards the life of the church, namely, increase monthly giving, one-off donation, time and talents and prayer.

Nineteen slips were put in the offering basket and many people ticked more than one box:

- 11 people ticked the first box
- 6 people ticked the second box
- 12 people ticked the third box
- 12 people ticked the fourth box

I thought that this would be a good time to bring you up to date with your responses and, for those of you who are unsure how to increase your Standing Order, give you some further information.

So far only a couple of people have increased their standing orders but another couple have let me know that they have set things up so that I should see these on the next bank statements. Whilst only 6 people said that they would make a one off donation I have actually received 17 personal donations totalling £2194 plus a further £115 anonymous cash donations, totalling **£2309**. Thank you to everyone for answering this appeal.

However, even though we have had such a good response, you may remember that some time ago Amy mentioned that monthly giving fell short of the monthly Circuit Assessment payment by £290. Annually this shortfall is **£3480**. In order to be able to raise more funds to cover the assessment and ongoing bills such as fuel, insurance, maintenance etc we need those of you who ticked the Time and Talents box to come forward to one of the stewards or myself with ideas for events and letting us know what you would be willing to do. Please pray for the church, the way forward and how you can help.

Ways to increase a Standing Order

1. Online Banking/Banking App on smartphone - if you are tech savvy and do online banking or use a banking app on your smartphone, you should be able to amend an existing Standing Order on your device.
2. Telephone Banking - I myself don't use telephone banking where you can ring a number and talk about your account but I would think that you can amend a Standing Order once they have done the security checks to confirm that it is your account.
3. Visit a bank branch - if you go into a branch of your bank and talk to Customer services they should be able to help also. You would probably need to take your bank card and answer security questions.
4. Standing Order Amendment Form - alternatively I can give you a form to complete which I can then send to your bank once completed. I will be at Glazebury church on Sunday 21st August and at Culcheth on Sunday 28th August with a supply of forms.

Many thanks, Carol Sherratt