

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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Psalm 139: 1-4

O Lord , you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 4th September - Cafe-style Own Arrangement - Steward Janette Hutchinson
"Joyful Noise" at 9.30am

Sunday 11th September - Rev Bob Davies - Steward Amy Driver

Sunday 18th September - David Bushby - Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 25th September - Susan Stewart - JOINT SERVICE AT GLAZEBURY - No service
at Culcheth

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

Due to a number of factors there will be no more streamed services.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning. Flowers next week will be provided by Pat Warner



4th September

Rev Katharine

You may have noticed that the General Church Meeting and Holy Communion this Sunday have been postponed. Unfortunately, Rev Katharine succumbed to a particularly nasty stomach bug last weekend and was really quite poorly. She continued to push herself to work and has now paid the penalty. She is beginning to feel a little better, thanks to "nurse" Paul's ministrations, but needs to rest without work pressures in order to fully recover, which is why she isn't leading the worship on Sunday. Please pray for her speedy recovery and for Paul as he looks after her.

We are hoping that the General Church Meeting will accompany the Holy Communion with Rev Katharine scheduled for the 2nd of October. David Ogilvy

Modern Worship

Joyful Noise 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 next Sunday, 11th September. Amy

Prayer Handbooks

Due to an oversight Prayer Handbooks for 2022/23 have unfortunately not been ordered. Will anybody who wants one please contact me and I will arrange for them to be ordered. David Ogilvy

Social Events Team

Daphne is going to co-ordinate the Social events team, starting with the Christmas fair on Saturday 26th November - hopefully with the aim to pass it on after a year to someone younger.

There will be a book at the back of Church where anybody can write their name and contact number and what they could offer, be it time, talents or donations - in fact anything that could improve our Church Growth and raise funds. Daphne will contact you personally and talk about any idea's. Many hands make light work.

This book can also be used for any suggestions. This would be warmly appreciated for our future Church Growth. Contact Daphne: tel 765561

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

Monday Prayers and Coffee

Remember Monday prayers followed by a coffee morning - prayers 10.00am to 10.30am and coffee 10.30am till 12.00 midday.

Maintenance Work Days

Thank you to everyone who came to help last Saturday. We spent a useful morning doing more of the exterior painting, cleaning the kitchen and weeding the grounds which now look much tidier. Further work days will be arranged to keep the building looking well cared-for and welcoming. Please watch this space. Thank you, David Ogilvy

Date for Your Diary

Saturday 3rd December sees the welcome return of the traditional **Three Towns Concert** in the church.

We would be grateful for volunteers to help either in the planning, with selling tickets or on the night with refreshments. We really need a coordinator too. Please speak to David or any of the stewards if you can help. Linda

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

Gift Day Feedback

Our Gift Day was over 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.

Many thanks, Carol Sherratt