



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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Joel 2: 23-24

Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 23rd October - Rev Mary Jones - Holy Communion - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward David Ogilvy

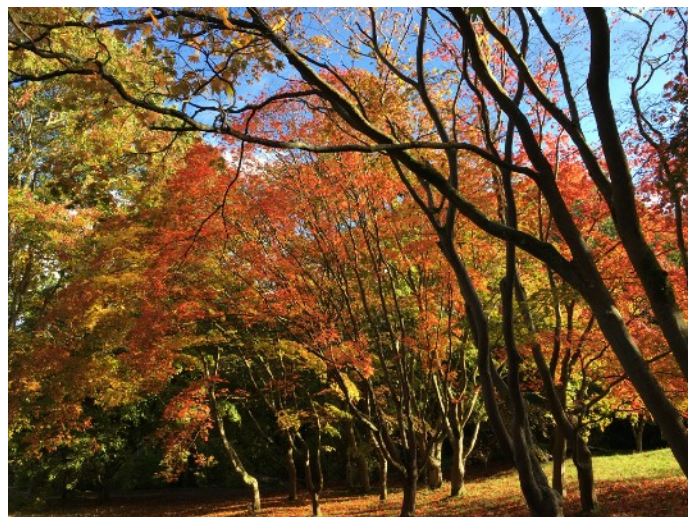
Sunday 30th October - Brenda Litton - Steward Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 6th November - E Smyth - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth - Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 13th November - Rev Pybon - Steward Linda Bloomfield

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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the service this morning especially to Kate Twist for the flowers. Flowers next week will be provided by Irene Healey.



Reverend Katharine

We are glad to hear that Katharine is continuing to improve and we are hoping that she will be able to join us at the service this Sunday.

Maintenance Work Days

The next work day will be on the 29th October. Details of the jobs needing doing will be in the Notices beforehand.

Memorial Service

Our annual Memorial Service which was planned take place at 3pm on Sunday 30th October 2022 has unfortunately had to be postponed due to Katharine's illness. It is hoped that it will take place in March of next year.

John Gregson, 762715, email: gregsontowers@gmail.com

18.30 Praise

The next **18.30 Praise** (modern worship with a band at Newchurch Parish Hall) will be next Sunday, 30th October, at 6.30pm..

Reflect Open Day Conference 2022

We've been asked to draw your attention to this day at the Victoria Hall in Bolton on **Saturday the 5th November**. Please see the accompanying poster at the end of this notice sheet. Entry is free although donations towards expenses are welcome. It will be a rare opportunity to listen to the President of Conference and the afternoon workshops sound interesting.

David Ogilvy

Heating

We're all very aware of the increase in the price of gas and electricity and the uncertainty about how far this will rise, given the Government's decision to review the current arrangements in April. You all know our financial situation is very difficult. The Finance & Property Group have agreed we must be as economical as possible with our energy use. Can I ask for the help of all building users in this please by keeping the temperature in the spaces being used to the minimum needed for comfort and not leaving radiators turned up unnecessarily. Most of the radiators are fitted with adjustable thermostatic controls. We are very grateful for your help in this.

David Ogilvy

The Healing Place

Rachel Slater's prayer clinic initiative, which you may have seen in previous notices, is going to be hosted at Culcheth Christian Fellowship. There is an opportunity for CMC people to be involved. If you would like more information, would like to join the team or know of anyone who would like to be involved please could you contact Rachel direct at dps121@hotmail.co.uk

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

Volunteers for Social Events

I am hoping that someone will **volunteer** to do the rota and run the Open Doors coffee mornings so we can start them as soon as possible. Until we have volunteers we cannot open again. We also would like to add each month a Soup and Chat event, but without helpers we cannot progress.

Could YOU make this event happen?

Could YOU run this event? The rota and take charge of the money?

Could YOU volunteer once a month?

Do you want to meet for a coffee and chat like we used to do?

WE NEED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

Contact Daphne 01925 765561

Getting ready for the Christmas Fair

Please keep Saturday 26th November free for the Christmas Fair.

We will be having a Church stall. There will be a box in the entrance hall from this Sunday for all your unwanted good as new gifts and Christmas fare such as jars of mincemeat, beetroot or pickles; Christmas puddings; toiletries and nice jewellery that you no longer want - in fact anything to make our stall appealing to the Community. We also need soft toys in good condition for the lucky dip. There will also be a book stall for novels and children's books. These must be in good condition.

I can collect anything you have if you are unable to bring them to Church.

Volunteers are required to set up and clear away, and to help in the kitchen

Contact Daphne 01925 765561

Three Towns Concert

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 setting up and clearing away or with refreshments. Please speak to Daphne or any of the stewards if you can help. Linda

Volunteers

I would like to add my voice to the requests from Daphne and Linda for volunteers. I know we're all busy people with commitments and none of us is getting any younger, unfortunately. However it's so sad that really worthwhile social events which could bring people together, raise funds, and provide so much enjoyment, like Saturday Open Doors and the 3 Towns Concert, may not happen because of lack of volunteers. Please would you think carefully whether you could offer a little time to make these things possible and get in touch with Daphne. We're particularly in need of someone to organise the duty rota for Saturday Open Doors. It's not a huge job and you wouldn't need to be there. Please remember churches are being asked by the Methodist Connexion to consider providing warm spaces for people to gather this Winter. David Ogilvy

Harvest Festival Service

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Harvest Festival lead by Amy last Sunday, which considered different types of Harvest, from seeds sown in Jesus's time to the variety of fresh and tinned foods sold today.

The Church was beautifully autumnally decorated and it was wonderful to have the Scouts and Brownies representing the Uniformed Organisations and helping with the service. Along with the rest of the congregation, they also made very generous contributions to our collection for the Atherton and Leigh Food Bank, which were all much appreciated, thank you.

It was great to be able to share food and fellowship in our first Faith Lunch for a long time, so thank you to everyone who stayed, helped and brought delicious food for the occasion.



Food Bank

We were very pleased to be able to deliver a full car load of amazing donations to the Food Bank at Leigh on Monday morning and they were extremely grateful to receive them as the need for their services increases.

We have enjoyed delivering the food for just a few weeks while Ray recovers from his knee op. It has been particularly lovely to hear how fond the staff have become of Ray and Irene Healey, appreciating their regular and reliable deliveries from our church over many years, as well as truly valuing the donations of food. We have been asked for weekly medical updates and they are looking forward to Ray being back in action again very soon! We thank them both and wish him well!

Items particularly requested continue to be packet mash, readymade custard, rice pudding, easily heated meals and treats for children like crisps and biscuits, as well washing powder, toilet rolls etc. Thank you all for your ongoing generosity!

Janette and Ashley

Warrington Youth For Christ Coast to Coast Cycle Fundraiser

As many of you will know, we have worked very closely with Warrington Youth for Christ in recent years. They do a wonderful job in the Warrington area supporting young people through mentoring and in youth groups, providing safe spaces and nurturing a sense of belonging, as well as sharing the good news that they are loved and valued by God. Although we don't currently have a youth worker actually based in Culcheth, several of the young people we have worked with are still benefiting from the links they made with the Team and some have been invited to join in with other WYFC projects in town.

It is heartwarming to see the dedication and commitment of this small team of youth workers, who are extremely passionate about Jesus and young people and willing to undertake extra fundraising activities to help finance their work. Their latest 'Coast to Coast' event is aiming to raise £5,000, which will be match funded.

For 3 days, 17-19th October, Steve, Kim and Rachel (who have all helped out in Culcheth in the last couple of years) tackled the ups and downs of the Hadrian's Wall route on bikes, even though none of them are regular cyclists! Quite an ambitious challenge, approached in faith. Despite it being even more physically challenging than they'd anticipated, they successfully reached Wallsend, their final destination, sustained by jelly babies, jaffa cakes and of course Jesus!



If anyone feels moved to sponsor them with a financial donation, however small, it would be very much appreciated. Please use this link: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/hadrianswallfundraiser> or contact Janette Hutchinson 017729313466 / 01925766819. You can also view photos on the 'Warrington Youth for Christ' Facebook page.

Thank you for your support!



Reflect
Methodist spirituality

Open Day–Conference 2022

‘Loving the Church’

**Keynote speaker—Rev Graham Thompson,
President of the Methodist Conference 2022-2023**



Afternoon workshops - to include Labyrinth, guided meditation, heritage tour, singing etc.

All are welcome—Admission is free, donations accepted to cover expenses

Tea and Coffee will be provided—please bring your own packed lunch, or order one for £3.50, to be paid on the day

November 5th 2022, 10 for 10.30am to 3.30pm

Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS

To book your place, follow this link:

<https://bar.md.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=99&reset=1>

