



Culcheth Methodist Church

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Sharing God's love with our community by reaching out with open hearts

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Matthew 23: 8-12

[Jesus said] "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi', for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father', for you have one Father and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher', for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Sharing Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday 5th November - Audrey Russell - Joint service with Glazebury at Culcheth -
Steward David Ogilvy

Sunday 12th November - Reverend Katharine Bland - Remembrance Sunday - Steward
Joyce McComb

Sunday 19th November - Reverend Katharine Bland - Holy Communion - JOINT SERVICE
AT GLAZEBURY - No service at Culcheth

Sunday 26th November 10.30am - Local Arrangement led by Linda Bloomfield - Steward
Elizabeth Soehren

Sunday 26th November 3.00pm - Reverend Katharine Bland - Memorial Service

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

Thank you everyone who helped with the service this morning especially to Louise and
Phil Best for the flowers. Flowers next week will be provided by Ann Langridge.



Saturday Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be open again this **Saturday 4th November** from 10.00 to 12.00. We have a lovely group who enjoy coming for a brew and a tea cake with good fellowship. They would love to welcome more people joining them. Do please come and bring family and friends.
David Ogilvy

Church Cleaning/Maintenance

Thank you to all who took part in the work morning last Saturday. We managed to tidy the back yard and Eion and Ray did a sterling job weeding and removing ivy. We also moved the chairs in the sanctuary in preparation for painting and cleaning light fittings during half term - many thanks to Ashley and Roddy for this work.

The next work morning will be on **Saturday 16th December**.

TakeTime Together Meditations

The next Taketime Together Meditation will be this **Sunday 5th November** from 7.30-8.30pm at Culcheth Methodist Church and then on alternate Sunday evenings from then on.

18.30 Praise

The next 18.30 Praise (modern worship with a band at Newchurch Parish Hall) will be next **Sunday 12th November** at 6.30pm and then on alternate Sunday evenings.

Toy/Parade Service Sunday 3rd December

The annual Toy/Parade service will be led by Rev Katharine at 10.30am on **Sunday 3rd December**. As before we shall be grateful to receive unwrapped gifts suitable for children of all ages ranging from nursery school to teenagers. These will be passed to Warrington Salvation Army for their Christmas Appeal.
Thank you, David Ogilvy

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

Meeting Point

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th November** at 2.00pm when Joyce Daniels will speak about "Easy Recipes for Every Day".

The remaining programme for this year is:

23rd November Suzanna Quick - "Chaplaincy at Warrington Hospital"

7th December Christmas Celebration

We have made a start on planning the programme for next year and hope to include a meal, details to be discussed later. Any suggestions for future meetings would be very welcome.

The Music Group had a very enjoyable meeting on Thursday 2nd November when Margaret Jones introduced an interesting variety of instrumental and vocal pieces. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 16th November**. If there is a favourite piece of music you would like to have played please speak to David Ogilvy or Peter Davies.

Joyce Davies and David Ogilvy

Social Events

Christmas Fair, Saturday 25th November

Elizabeth Soehren has put up a kitchen rota on the notice board. Please sign up if you are able to help. Bacon barm and hot dogs will be served along with hot drinks, juice and toasted tea cakes. Items for our stall and books for the book stall can be left in the foyer. Please also remember we need help with setting up on Friday 24th from about 4.00pm onwards.

3 Towns Concert Saturday 2nd December

This will be an excellent evening's entertainment. Please do encourage as many people as possible to come. Tickets for the concert are now available, price £10, from Janet Bennett (phone 01925 499553) or from the "Old Curiosity Shop" jewellers in the shopping mall above Sainsbury's. They will also be available after services at Culcheth and Glazebury churches.

I've had no volunteers so far to help serve refreshments during the interval or bring cakes.

Please do think whether you can help to make this important event a success.

Thank you, David Ogilvy

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5th November, 2023

Culcheth Methodist Church Memorial Service

Sunday, 26th November 2023

As many of you will be aware, our annual Memorial Service has been lovingly coordinated for many years by John and Mary Gregson. John's death last January will make this year's service particularly poignant for those of us who knew and loved him.

The Service will take place in our Church at 3pm on Sunday 26th November and will be lead by our minister Reverend Katharine Bland.

The pain of losing a loved one can be totally overwhelming and grief has no time limit. We are aware that such emotions often feel even more acute at certain times of the year, particularly during the build up to Christmas.

Our service is timed just before the start of Advent and offers the opportunity for anyone to come and remember someone special to them who has died, whether it has been in recent months or years ago. You are most welcome to come and sit quietly with your memories or, if you wish, light a candle for someone dear to you.

After the service we warmly invite you to stay on for tea and cake in our Welcome Space.

If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to get in touch with Reverend Katharine Bland 01925763218 or Janette Hutchinson 01925766819

Events at Glazebury Methodist Church

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| Men's Breakfast | The next Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday 4th November from 9.30am. Come along for free bacon barmes and hot drinks. |
| Bonfire | The annual bonfire will be on the evening of Saturday 4th November . |
| Concert | There will be a return visit from the Rockets on Friday 15th December . Tickets from Janet and Alan Crozier. |

5th November, 2023

Peter Caswell

It was with great sadness that we learned that Peter passed away peacefully at home last Saturday 28th October. He had been cared for devotedly by Delia since returning from hospital. It was lovely that Rev Katharine was able to be with them and support Delia at the end. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Delia and the family at this difficult time.

Peter was a local lad, brought up on the "flat tops" at Mee Brow, and was proud of being the first person from there to go to university. He and Delia first got to know each other travelling by bus into Manchester. He was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, and they were married at St Lewis's in Croft, but he became very much involved in the life of Glazebury Methodist Church and subsequently became an active member there. I remember many years ago he was instrumental in setting up a joint Culcheth and Glazebury drama group which led to several memorable productions. Amongst many other activities he chaired the Property Committee and organised the annual Auction with great energy, also acting as a distinctive auctioneer.

Everything Peter did was carried out with commitment, energy and enthusiasm. He was one of the most genuinely caring people I have known but was also prepared to stand up and take action. You will recall his tremendous commitment, along with Delia, to the Phakamisa Project in South Africa and I remember his and Delia's unbounded joy when the apartheid regime in South Africa ended and Nelson Mandela became President. His commitment to local politics as an active member of the Labour Party is well known. He was a Parish Councillor, as was Delia, as well as an election agent, and Borough Council and parliamentary constituency candidate.

I have many fond personal memories of Peter: the warmth of his friendship, his dry wit, calmly reading his newspaper in the midst of noisy activity - he was very deaf! He was a great character who will be sorely missed by all. Farewell and rest in peace, my good friend.

David Ogilvy