



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd December 2019

Prayer Focus

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles and pray at all times. Romans Ch12 vs12.



Please email Lucy with specific prayer requests.



Pray for...

- We give thanks for the last decade at Ainsdale Methodist Church. Especially for our 150th Church Anniversary celebrations, the continuing flourishing of Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure, the practical help and witness of the Foodbank, and for the opportunity to witness the love of Jesus for all.
- We give thanks for the witness of those who have died. We pray for those who are left behind and continue to grieve, that they may know the comfort of God's presence.
- We thank you for the witness of those who have moved to pastures new. We especially pray for Rev Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser and for their wonderful work in the hospital and hospice.

Services

Sunday 22nd December 2019

10.45am - Mrs Jean McKenna 6pm - Rev Patrick Evans - Carol Service

Christmas Eve 2019

11.30pm - Rev Patrick Evans - Holy Communion

Christmas Day 2019

10.30am - Celebration Service

Sunday 29th December 2019

10.45am - Rev Michael Ogwuche

Sunday 5th January 2020

10.45am - Mr Derrick Chamberlain

Mission Statement

To share locally and globally in the whole Church's purpose of the worship of God and the care of people.

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Cards

There will be a board and donation box for Charity in the Church porch for those of you who wish to use it for Christmas Cards.

Thank you Doreen.

.Christmas Eve at the Co-op

As in previous years, Churches Together in Ainsdale will be singing carols in the Co-op for half an hour at 10am on Christmas Eve, giving last-minute Christmas shoppers the opportunity to pause and reflect on the wonder of Jesus coming into our world as a helpless baby. Every year more people come along to enjoy this time of celebration. Why not come too?

The Offertory Envelopes for 2020 are now available for collection from the Church Porch.

Bible Society

I would just like to say a very big thank you to everyone who kindly donated to make a total of £308.51 for the continuing work of the Bible Society. It is through people like you that the Bible Society can continue to reach out to those people less fortunate, and who are desperate to have a bible in their own language. Thank you so much for your continuing support. If anyone also feels they too would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, or would like any further information please come and have a word with me. The Bible Society's magazine 'Word in Action' shares experiences, visions and hope for the future. (please take a copy obtained in the porch)
God Bless
Hillary



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Jane Edwards to celebrate family Birthdays.





Wednesday 8th January 9.30am
Morning Prayers led by Sylvia Winterburn.



Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

2020 Memberships are due for renewal. Please see Audrey in the office from 6th January 2020. Thanks.

Circuit Service Planning Meeting

We are holding a circuit service planning meeting at PPW on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm.

The Circuit Service is on Sunday 23rd February at PPW at 11am

The theme for the service is Testimony - this is our story.....

We would also like to think how we can bless Southport during Lent - on the lines of 40 Acts of generosity/kindness <https://40acts.org.uk/>

Come with your thoughts and ideas of who might we ask to share in the service but most importantly pray that this will be a blessing for the circuit and the town.

Please pass on this invitation to anyone who you think might be interested.

Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Group 2pm

January 7th - Beetle Drive

'God in Love Unites Us'

The District is facilitating a consultation on the 'God in Love Unites Us' report from Methodist Conference on Sunday 26th January at Cornerstone at 4pm. This is to inform the voting that will take place at the District Synod by our synod representatives in April.

The report is available in each of the churches in hard copy and is also available online at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/11672/conf-2019-10-marriage-and-relationships-task-group-2019.pdf>

There will be light refreshments provided. Everyone is invited. There will be no circuit service that evening.

**If you would like any information adding into the notices
please use the email address below. Thanks.**

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Patrick's Page

Dear Friends

As we come to the end of another year, inevitably it causes us to look back. We are grateful for the witness and fellowship of those who have died, and all that they brought to the life of the church.

It is also the end of the 2010's. There has been so much change in the last ten years, globally, nationally and locally. The church is no different, as all denominations grapple with various challenges as well as opportunities. Whenever I go into schools I am conscious that most of the children were not even born when the decade open, and our witness may be the only insight into a living faith they hear. Me and Tabz, when speaking about our faith frequently say "as Christians we believe...", or "as followers of Jesus, we want to express his love to others by...". Children receive building blocks of understanding and those blocks have changed with some becoming larger and others smaller. As all Christians do, we witness that for us, the building block of our Christian faith is the cornerstone of our lives, and that's exciting.

So as we enter the 2020's how does what we believe as Christians work its way through to our witness of his love. This will be different for all of us. Some may be unseen activity...as an example, I am always amazed by the amount of care and support parents give to their children supporting the care of grandchildren. As a church, we support the care of so many within our neighbourhood through our support of Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure, from being a great landlord to being a person at a lunch table joining in the conversations that abound, or simply asking, "how are you".

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.

(John Ch 1 vs 14a, The Message Bible)

May our local community this Christmas and in the decade ahead, know that Jesus is in their neighbourhood for them, through the witness and love shown by his followers.

God bless

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