

We are open!

It is with excitement and expectancy that many churches in our circuit prepare to meet for worship this Sunday. Yet for some it is a difficult step to return to 'Worship as usual'

The author AJG Van der Borgh in 2008 described church as 'the community of the shared story'. These 'shared story' communities have been interrupted by lockdowns across the world, leading many to a reassessment of life, church and worship

Worship on line has been a new experience, attracting new people and enabling worship to take place in the comfort of their own homes. Yet for others the move to electronic worship has left them feeling doubly excluded. As we return to church we need to be sensitive to each other's needs, realising that we may be at new or differing points on our journey of faith.

We need to listen to each other, encourage one another, praying for each other's needs and disappointments, sharing the sadness of loss, yet celebrating the good and recognising Gods provision, including the privilege of being able to say 'the grace' in harmony at last!

This is the time to re-look at church, to recognize which areas God is blessing, whilst letting go of the things which are no longer functioning and have become burdensome.

In this new season let us have fun, seeing what God is doing and jump on board. The Christian journey is never boring when God takes the wheel.

Let us also be open to communicating the Christian message in new and creative ways, after all John Wesley said 'The world is my parish' and we all have a story to share.

Every Blessing

Sonya x



 *Ainsdale*
Methodist Church **Weekly**
Notices
Sunday Worship

6th June 2021

Service led by Rev Ann Hall - Holy Communion

13th June - Service led by Rev Sonya Marshall - Parade

Mission Statement

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

Lectionary Readings 6th June 2021

Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35

Our Circuit Service available every **Sunday from 11am** via the circuit website <https://southportmethodist.org.uk> or on YouTube and can be viewed at any time afterwards <http://southportmethodist.org.uk/sunday-service> You can also dial in and listen **01704 335755** - a local call but check your network charges .



Prayer

God, faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bible Study

Tuesday morning Bible study will not meet on zoom until further notice . On Tuesday 22nd June at 10-30am all who have taken part in the group and anyone who is interested in taking part in the future are invited to Ainsdale Methodist Church (in the garden weather permitting) for refreshment , fellowship and planning of a future study . If the weather is unsuitable the meeting will take place in the church .

Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices for the next week, please let Lucy Lloyd know by Tuesday 8th June on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.

Dates for the Diary

16th June at 10.30 2nd Church Review presentation - Our Local Community

30th June at 10.30 3rd Church Review presentation - Our Church Survey

7th July at 14.30 Afternoon Tea with our friends at The Village Church - details to follow

Thank you

I am currently spending 3 weeks here in Connell Court, where shall try to get back to walking each day. Thank you for the beautiful roses they cheer my room each day.

Jill Conlan



Coffee after Church

This week coffee after church will begin at 12 noon . All are welcome whether you have attended church or chosen to stay at home .

You can join at

<https://zoom.us/j/98378045483>

or via zoom.us using Meeting ID 98378045483.

Ken Hooton

It is with sadness that I inform you that Ken Hooton died week before last. He was one of Mr Wesley's Preachers, and was commissioned in 1974 - 47 years ago. I know that many across the circuit have been inspired and challenged by his preaching, but his influence has been felt well beyond the pulpit. We hold his family and friends in our prayers. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Ken's life at Liverpool Road in the summer we will circulate the date when it is known. Marie-Anne

