



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

## **Sunday Worship**

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*16th January 2022*

**10.45am - Service led by Rev Sonya Marshall**

**23rd January - Service led by Rev Patrick Evans**

**30th January - Service led by Shirley Potts**

### **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 16th January 2022

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; John 2.1-11

## Prayer

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service, strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in January at Shoreline Church.



## Janette Maylan

Janette's funeral service will be held at Ainsdale Methodist Church on Thursday 27th January at 1.00pm, all are welcome.



## Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices for the next week, please let Lucy Lloyd know by Tuesday on 01704 536648 or [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).

## The Bereavement Journey

Next Course is at Cornerstone Methodist Church Coffee Lounge. Thursday 24th February 2022 2pm-4pm.

Contact Sally Eyes on

07743660155 or

[sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk)



## Bible Course

To those who have signed up for the Bible course this has now been postponed by 2 weeks at Ainsdale this will start on Monday 24th January and at Liverpool Road on Wednesday 26th January. Both at 2.15pm. There are still places available please contact Sally on 07743 660155 or Ken on 01704 567576.



## Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

## *Evening Services*

There will be no evening services throughout January.

## *Online Service*

There will be an online circuit service this Sunday via <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/sundayservice>

## *Churches Together in Ainsdale*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year we will be joining with our ecumenical neighbours during their regular midweek services, and this will culminate with a Service of Christian Unity on Sunday 23rd January. You are most welcome to come and join us at the following times and venues.

**Tuesday 18th January**

10.00am, Sacred Heart

**Wednesday 19th January**

10.00am, Methodist Church

**Thursday 20th January**

10.30am, St John Stone

**Sunday 23rd January**

4.00pm, Village Church  
St John's to be confirmed.

## *Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure*

### **Tuesdays**

12 noon - Lunch  
1pm-3pm - Music for All  
2pm-3.30pm - Tai Chi

### **Wednesdays**

12 noon - Lunch  
1pm-3pm - Games Afternoon  
(Indoor Bowling, Table Tennis)

### **Thursdays**

9.45am-10.45am - Gentle Gym  
Class 1  
10.50am -11.50am - Gentle Gym  
Class 2  
10am-12noon - Art Class  
12noon - Lunch

### **Fridays**

10am-12noon -  
Needlework/Patchwork Class

**Chapel Café** is open Monday,  
Wednesday & Friday - 10am-2pm

As in the past, all above on a  
booking basis via ALL Office.  
01704 574838



Dear Friends

The story of the Magi visiting Jesus, has often been seen to represent the diversity present in the world, of different cultures and creeds, coming together to worship the Christ child. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Tuesday 18th to Tuesday 25th January, and this years theme is “We saw his star in the East”.

The Week of Prayer reminds us of how we are united with Christians from across the globe and through the ages. We may participate in a variety of ways, perhaps by attending an ecumenical prayer meeting, having a prayer meeting in our own church, having special prayers within our services, or by ourselves at home.

If you wish you can join in by using yourself the resources that have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

The resources can be downloaded via the following link -  
<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WPCU-2022-English-A5-1.pdf.pagespeed.ce.c2Ohs37kOX.pdf>

This weeks Epistle reading (1 Corinthians Ch 12 vs 1-11), concerns the variety of Spiritual Gifts. We are reminded in the passage that it is “the same Spirit that distributes them” (vs 4), that “in all of them [Spiritual gifts] and in everyone it is the same God at work” (vs 6), and that they “are the work of one and the same Spirit” (vs 11).

Whether it be with those in our own church, with Christians in our neighbourhood, town, nation or across the world, it is the Spirit of God that unites us. May we be open to the movement of the Spirit to demonstrate unity to a world in need.

God bless

Patrick

