

Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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20th March 2022

10.45am service - Local Arrangement - Gift Day

27th March - Service led by Rev Brian Trudgian

3rd April - Service led by Rev Ann Hall - Communion

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 20th March 2022

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Prayer

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Raising Praise

The next Raising Praise will be next Sunday March 27th, 6.00pm at Leyland Road. All welcome!



Flowers

Flowers this week have been kindly donated by Sue McBride.



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.

Weekly Offerings

For the moment we are going to continue having the offering basket in the porch as you arrive for worship. However, from this Sunday we will once again be placing the basket on the communion table during the service and offering a prayer for gifts received.



Take time

Zoom course continues Thursdays at 6.45pm. In person course continues Tuesdays 1.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist Church. For more details or to join please contact Sally on 07743 660155 or sallyeyes21@live.co.uk



Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

Lent Course



The course is being run on the following dates and venues, at 2.00pm. You can join either of the sessions each week, no need to book, just turn up...it's free!

Week 4

2.00pm: "Rewrite the Stars"

Wednesday 23rd March at St John Stone Church.

Week 5

2.00pm: "Never Enough"

Tuesday 29th March at St John's Anglican Church.

Week 6

2.00pm: "From Now On"

Thursday 7th April at Sacred Heart Church.

Thank you

Hugh and Eunice thank you all for the lovely flowers, prayers and kind offers of help received during this most difficult time.



Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the circuit service - both up front and behind the scenes - making sure everything ran smoothly. The offering for the service for All we Can for their Ukraine Appeal amounted to £703.

Gift Day 2022

Envelopes are available in the porch for any gift you wish to make. If you wish the church to claim Gift Aid please ensure that you complete the slip provided and include it in your envelope. Donations will be gratefully received for the next few weeks. Thank you.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in March at Shoreline Church.



Dear Friends

"People used to think about a new car or iPhone, but nobody was thinking about peace. Now, we are dreaming of it. When old people used to wish each other peace, we didn't understand what they meant. Now we do."

Natalia Balasynovych, the mayor of Vasylkiv near Kyiv.

The wonderful thing about scripture is that it is a living and breathing document as relevant today as when it was written. It speaks to each generation afresh.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews Ch 4 vs 12.

As we read scripture, some elements resonate with us more than others. Methodists traditionally use a fourfold approach to learn about our Christian faith and apply it to contemporary issues and to our Christian practice:

Scripture - We seek to discover the word of God through reading the Bible.

Tradition - This is the wisdom and creativity of Christians over time and across the world.

Reason - To the best of our ability we need to think things through in the light of reason.

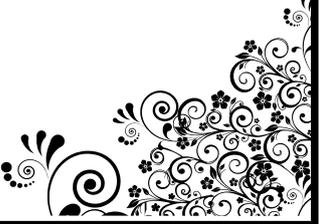
Experience - Methodism particularly stresses the importance of our own experience of God's grace working in our lives. We gain wisdom and maturity from life experience.

We read scripture through the lenses of our experience, and reflect on our experience through the lenses of scripture. If we are not careful, this in itself can lead to conflict; for why can another person not see what I see? Well this is understandable because our experiences are so significantly diverse. I would understand if the old people in Kyiv had got frustrated with the young people prioritising monetary possessions ahead of priceless values.

When Jesus was with his disciples during the last supper he said:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John Ch 16 vs 27.

God bless



Patrick