



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## Sunday Worship

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*6th March 2022*

No service at Ainsdale - 11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road

13th March - 10.45am service - Local Arrangement

**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 March 2022

**Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13**

## Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in March at Shoreline Church.



## Raising Praise

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

## Circuit Service

This week is a special CIRCUIT SERVICE hosted at Leyland Road at 11am with guest speaker TREY HALL. All are welcome. This will be followed by an afternoon event. If you are unable to attend the morning service you can join online by the following link.

<https://southportmethodist.org.uk/sundayservice>



## Taketime

Zoom course continues Thursday 10th March at 6.45pm. In person course starts Tuesday 8th March 1.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist Church.

For more details or to join please contact Sally on 07743 660155 or [sallyeyes21@live.co.uk](mailto:sallyeyes21@live.co.uk)



## Evening Service

Sunday 13th March 6.30pm at Liverpool Road Methodist Church - Communion in the New Room.



## 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 2

2.00pm: "A Million Dreams"

Tuesday 8th March at Ainsdale Methodist Church.

### Week 3

2.00pm: "Come Alive"

Wednesday 16th March at Ainsdale Village Church.

### 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.

## Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

- Ukulele for beginners Tuesdays 10-11.00am
- Forever Fit chair exercise class Starts Friday 4th March 11.30am-12.30pm
- "Fish Friday"- a lighter lunch every Friday starts Friday 4th March
- Fit 4 Life with Ciara - Exercise class Mondays 10am-11am Starts Monday 21st March 2022. Any enquiries and to book please contact the office on 01704 574838

Also please support ALL with your co-op membership cards and The Tesco voting rounds until the end of March. Thank you.



Dear Friends

Lent is often considered to be a season of reorientation, when we draw closer to God and his ways for us and the world, especially when we have wandered off course. We remember the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness and resisted temptation. In giving something up for Lent or taking on a new practice, we too are invited to practice such self control and discipline.

Lent can therefore feel like a dour season, this year especially exacerbated by international events. We want to feel hopeful as we draw closer to God, although the news can make us feel as if all hope is lost.

Whilst we would never have wanted the war in Ukraine, can we manage to see any rays of hope? I can, it is in the response of the world to the atrocities we are observing. Like President Zelenskyy of Ukraine, I would like to see an even stronger international response, although the actions governments are realistically able to take is tempered by the understandable fear of the unpredictable response of Putin; how best can he be contained? The hope I talk about is in the response of people from across the world, in their compassion towards people they have never met, but who they considered to be their humanitarian brothers and sisters. This in itself is creating a season of reorientation towards what is most important; to live in a world where the life of every individual is valued, despite what a transitory dictator may seek to do.

*For the second test the Devil led Jesus up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendour to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works." Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness." (Luke Ch 4 vs 5-8, The Message Bible).*

God bless

Patrick

