



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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13th March 2022

10.45am service - Local Arrangement

20th March - Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - Holy 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 13th March 2022

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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.

Ukraine

This week there will be a further opportunity to donate to All We Can in support of the people of Ukraine. Collection baskets will be in the porch & by the organ.



Take time

Zoom course continues Thursday 17th March at 6.45pm. In person course continues Tuesday 15th March 1.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist Church.

For more details or to join please contact Sally on 07743 660155 or sallyeyes21@live.co.uk



Evening Service

This 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 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.



Gift Day

Sunday 20th March will be our Gift Day, when we are invited (and definitely not obliged), to make a one off donation to the Church. Our regular weekly giving pays for our standard running costs from ministry to maintenance and everything in-between. Occasionally we have an out of the ordinary significant expense that we need to finance, and this year we are seeking donations towards new projection equipment in the church. Special envelopes will be provided in church next week (and will be available for a couple of weeks thereafter). As always, thank you for generous support, not only financially but in all the different ways you contribute to the life of our fellowship.

Dear Friends

When in the midst of adversity, travelling through a difficult time, it can feel inconceivable that better days will follow. We may struggle with depression or anxiety, and it can feel as if the dark clouds will never lift, perhaps that no one is covering our back or everything is against us. For when we suffer severe depression, which on occasions can be joined with suicidal thoughts, it is hard to believe that it won't always feel this way.

That better days will follow can be hard to believe, even though our rational self and experience of life wants to tell us those better days will come. This does not negate the trauma we experience as we travel that may permanently scar us, rather how do we live with a hope beyond our predicament.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter we are reminded of Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Could he see beyond his death to a better tomorrow?

In this week's set reading (Luke Ch 13 vs 31-35), the passage commences with these verses...

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal."

Currently when I read the bible it is through the lenses of Ukraine. I liken Herod to Putin, and the predicament of Jesus to President Zelenskyy. In his speeches, Zelenskyy is well aware of the vulnerability of his own life, although is able to rally himself and his people with a day, sometime in the future, when Ukraine will be restored? Jesus' goal did not stop at Jerusalem, rather it punched through it to the third day, the day of resurrection and restoration.

I hope and pray that in whatever predicament you find yourself, you will be comforted that despite the pain and anguish of today, restoration in whatever form will one day come.

God bless

Patrick



*Prayer for
Ukraine*

**Thursday 17th March 2pm
at Leyland Road Methodist
Church**

All Welcome

Ukraine Crisis Appeal

Leyland Road Drop Off Times:

Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm/2pm-6pm

Sundays 1pm-5pm

Items Needed:

**Painkillers, Cotton Dressings, Bandages, Wipes,
Dry Food, Tins & Nappies.**

**No clothes, toys or blankets at the moment
please.**