



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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24th April 2022

10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**1st May - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans -
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 24th April 2022

Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you promised before you left us that you would give us peace. Help me today to walk in the peace that you promised. Let your peace override any of my fears, anxieties, or worries and help me to walk in the stillness and comfort of the rest that comes from your peace. I thank you today for your great peace and I face today knowing that you are with me and so is your peace. Amen.



Raising Praise

The next Raising Praise will be this Sunday April 24th, 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.

Easter Offering

Each year we support Methodist Women in Britain through the Easter Offering envelopes. This year we have found many of the envelopes are faulty, being already sealed, so for the next 2 weeks a basket will be available in the porch for your donations.



Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



PPW Spring Fair

Saturday 30th April 11am-2pm
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley Church.

Come and join us for refreshments, cakes, home-made stall, new to you clothes, plants, toys and much more.....



Queen's Jubilee

At Liverpool Road Methodist Church we're celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 3rd June from 11am onwards. You are warmly invited to join us for indoor and outdoor activities. Babies through to great grandparents welcome!



the prayer course

The course will commence on Tuesday 26th April from 7-8.30pm at Leyland Road Methodist Church. It will run for 8 consecutive Tuesday evenings.

This is suitable for everyone and anyone to encourage us in our own prayer life and help us to grow closer to God.

It is especially hoped that those involved in prayer ministry and pastoral care will attend this course.

If anyone would like to chat about or or have more information please speak to Sonya or Ann Hall.

Sonya 07824 398263

Ann 07946 384199

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

Charity Shop Now Open!!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
10am-2.30pm

Good quality donations welcome!



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in April at
Lakeside Church.



Dear Friends



Anxiety and stress can be debilitating, and from time to time we all suffer from it. The causes can be many and varied, a change in circumstances perhaps, a lack of control over future events that results in us catastrophizing.

As disciples of Jesus we can sometimes think we should not have such struggles.

This though is to deny the gospel. Following Jesus' death, the disciples were terrified, so much so they locked the doors of the house they were in, fearful of what the ruling authorities would do to them. Jesus then appears. He knows of their anxiety and stress, grief ridden and worried about what lay ahead. "Peace be with you" he says.

The word for peace used here is 'eiréné' which means one, peace, quietness, or rest. It can also mean wholeness or peace of mind. Jesus uses this word because he wants to settle and calm their emotions. He said the phrase twice in that encounter and again when he appeared a week later to them with Thomas now present.


What might Jesus be speaking into your heart and mind today with the words
"Peace be with you?"

Jesus uses peace to address the disciples fear in the here and now. He recognises their fear as real and understandable, he does not undermine it as trivial. He speaks that greeting of peace to them, as he does to us today. Jesus pursued the disciples. They had locked themselves away in fear and Jesus breaks in. Jesus is therefore using his peace with purpose, to seek to move the disciples beyond their immediate predicament and into the future.

Again Jesus said, *"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*
(John Ch 20 vs 21).

Jesus' peace does not seek to leave us trapped where we are, rather it seeks to support us, in moving us beyond the moment, with Jesus present with us throughout.

I pray that whatever you may be facing, you will know that Jesus is greeting you with the words, "Peace be with you."



God bless
Patrick

