



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

## **Sunday Worship**

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*3rd April 2022*

**10.45am service led by Rev Ann Hall - Communion**

**10th April - Service led by Rev Martin Abrams - Parade  
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church - Communion**

**Mission Statement**

*To share locally and globally in the whole Church's  
purpose of the worship of God and the care of people.*

# *Lectioary Readings 3rd April 2022*

**Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8**

## *Prayer*

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Flowers*

Flowers this week have been kindly donated by Dot & Brian Davey in memory of loved ones.



## *Lent Course*

Last session - week 6 'From now on' 2pm Thursday 7th April at Sacred Heart Church.



## *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).

## *Hugh Collum*

It is with great sadness we announce the death of one of our members, Hugh Collum. Hugh died peacefully at home on Sunday 27th March. Please remember Eunice and the family, and all of Hugh's friends in your prayers. The funeral service for Hugh will be held at 1pm on Tuesday 19th April at Ainsdale Methodist Church, all are welcome.



## *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](mailto:sallyeyes21@live.co.uk)



## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

# Ainsdale Easter Services

**10th April Palm Sunday** – 10.45am Rev Martin Abrams  
(Parade)

**14th April Maundy Thursday** – 6.30pm Circuit Service at  
Leyland Road

**15th April Good Friday** – 10.30am Rev Patrick Evans

## **17th April Easter Sunday**

6.00am CTiA Service on the Beach

8.15am Rev Patrick Evans (Easter Communion)

9.15am Easter Breakfast - Please sign the list in the porch if you  
will be joining us.

10.45am Shirley Potts (Easter Celebration)

## *Last Session of The Bible Course*

The final meeting of our course will now take place at 2.15pm on Monday, 4th April, in the Lounge and Lesley Goddard will be leading. As usual, please come early for a cup of tea and a chat before we start. We look forward to rounding off this interesting course with Session 8: 'Revelation & Review'



## *Monday Fellowship*

On Monday 9th May 2.30pm at Lord Street West Church there will be a musical afternoon with Rev Peter Hughes. All welcome!



## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in April at  
Lakeside Church.



Dear Friends

I was asked this week what I felt was the most significant consequence of Covid, given we are two years on from the start of the pandemic. On the day in question I answered by saying it was the uncertainty that it has generated in people. I think I was especially reflecting on my observation of young people although it can equally apply to all ages.

Separately on the same day, unrelated to Covid, I read an article titled "learning to live with uncertainty", which stated:

*It's OK to feel uncomfortable about uncertainty. Rather than grabbing for certainty, we need to sit with uncertainty and recognise that it feels uncomfortable. By showing yourself compassion in difficult situations, you can reduce feelings of stress and anxiety.*

The article went on to recommend that we should ground ourselves when we feel uncertainty gets too much. One such way is to be aware of the present, to live in the moment. In this week's bible reading, Jesus is continuing his journey towards Jerusalem, tensions are rising, it was six days before the passover feast, and he is in Bethany with Martha and Mary:

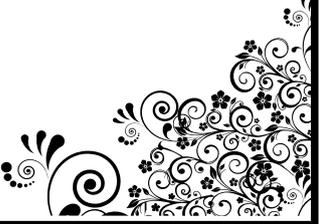
*Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

I imagine for a moment the tensions subsided as the fragrance overran their senses. Mary is criticised by some although not by Jesus, for he says:

*Leave her alone, it was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.*

In a time of uncertainty about the future, Mary grounds the household in the moment. Whatever uncertainties we face, may we be able to focus on Jesus in the present. For in an uncertain world, his gift to us is always certain.

*Jesus 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."*



God bless

Patrick