

Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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26th June 2022

10.45am Service led by Shirley Potts

6.00pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road

3rd July - 9am Circuit Service at PPW

- 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - CTiA

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 26th June 2022

1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

Prayer

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Flowers

Flowers this week have been kindly donated by Gill Hemmings in memory of her parents Winnie and Peter Fearnside.



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.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



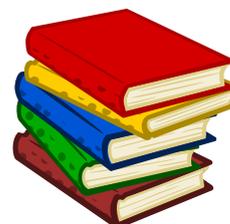
Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in June at St James Church, Birkdale.



Books

Many of you will remember Ken Hooton. Over many years as a Local Preacher he built up a large collection of books. The family have offered these to the circuit so that anyone who would like to may have any that are of interest. If you would like to have a browse, the books will be on display in the church at Ainsdale from 9.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday until 17th July (access via the Lounge).





Methodist Women in Britain
Afternoon Tea

Saturday 16th July at Leyland Road Church
Coffee Lounge

4pm-6pm

All Welcome!

In aid of The Whitechapel Centre which helps
homeless people and families.

Suggested donation £5

Please call 01704 536648 to book.

Dietary needs available if arranged when booked.

*Vacancy -
Circuit
Administration
Manager*

We are recruiting for the
above position, details of
which can be found at
<https://southportmethodist.org.uk/jobs/>, or alternatively
contact Rev Patrick Evans
on 07813 211501 for an
information pack and
application form. Deadline
for applications is Friday 1st
July 2022.

**LAZY SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA
AINSDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2.00- 4.30 pm**

ADULTS £10.00

*** INCLUDING A GLASS OF PROSECCO**

CHILDREN (UNDER 12) £7.00

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT
WENDY PARRY 01704 578214

Vegetarian or gluten free option

Please advise when booking

*Soft drink alternative available





Dear Friends



Paul Wright.....

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians Ch 5 vs 13-14 & 22

What does it mean to be free? Many look forward to a time when they have more freedom to do what they want. Perhaps those who have retired know the benefits of this, of not being a slave to the timetable and agenda of others. A Methodist Minister who is coming up to retirement recently commented that he was looking forward to continuing his ministry in retirement, with the freedom to do the things he felt called to do rather than what he had to do (meetings featured heavily in his expiation of the latter!).

Perhaps we think of freedom as being free from responsibilities, which is why we look forward to and enjoy holidays, when just for a week or two some of the normal demands of life are put on hold. I don't think such freedom from responsibility is what Paul had in mind. As humans we are created to live in community with mutual interdependence with one another. Paul encourages us to pursue a way of being that is not indulgent to ourselves, rather that is life giving to those around us. We have the freedom to choose.

Freedom can sometimes afford us the opportunity to take responsibility rather than forego it. As an example, if in conflict with another, who makes the first move? We can choose to put up barriers and the pain remains, or, if it is safe to do so, we can go to the other in prayerful vulnerability, with our heart in our hand to seek reconciliation. Whether our approach is reciprocated is not important; what is important is that through the Spirit we have the freedom to choose a more fruitful path.



God bless, Patrick

