



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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27th November 2022

10.45am Service led by Keith Trencher

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road

**4th December - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans -
Communion**

6pm - Carols Around The Tree

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 27th November 2022

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Prayer

Lord our God, keep us your servants alert and watchful as we await the return of Christ your Son, so that when he comes and knocks at the door he may find us vigilant in prayer, with songs of praise on our lips. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Noah's Ark Play Group

Every Friday 1.30 -3pm in the hall.
Babies to school age plus carers!
No booking necessary.



Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. 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.

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

All are welcome at our Annual General Meeting to be held on 29th November at 1pm in the church. Why not come along and meet our new General Manager Helen Stanbury? Refreshments provided. (Please note that only Stakeholders will be able to vote at the meeting. If you would be interested in becoming a Stakeholder please see Gill Hemmings for more information)



Sale of Cards

Many of you will remember David Halstead who was minister here in the 1980s. He has produced a range of greetings cards, some with photographs and some with prints of his own paintings, to sell in aid of the Methodist relief and development charity All We Can. These are available now in the left transept in church.

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

Mondays

10am-11am - Fit 4 Life Class
12 noon - Lunch

Tuesdays

10am-11am - Ukulele Class
12 noon - Lunch
1pm-3pm - Music for All
2pm-3.30pm - Tai Chi

Wednesdays

12 noon - Lunch
1pm-3pm - Games Afternoon (Indoor
Bowling, Table Tennis)

Thursdays

9.45am-10.45am - Gentle Gym Class 1
10.50am -11.50am - Gentle Gym
Class 2
10am-12 noon - Art Class
12 noon - Lunch

Fridays

10am-12noon - Needlecraft Class
11am-12pm - Forever Fit Class
12 noon - Lunch
12.45pm-1.45pm - Singing for All

Chapel Café is open Monday,
Wednesday & Friday - 10am-2pm

For any lunch bookings please call the
ALL Office.
01704 574838

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Christmas Coffee Morning



and

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Saturday 3rd December, 10.00am - 3.00pm

Come along and see an exhibition of work by local
artists and maybe purchase a Christmas present



Christmas Raffle

Festive refreshments will be available

Dear Friends

The picture below is the image for the Methodist Church national Advent and Christmas campaign for 2022. "There is Room - Christmas for Everyone".

It seeks to demonstrate the Methodist Church as an open, welcoming and inclusive place for all. Through the lens of a Methodist Way of Life, it aims to encourage and support anyone who wants to find out more about Christian faith and the Methodist Church.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

In the Christmas story, we are made acutely aware that there was no room for Joseph and Mary to rest when they arrived in Bethlehem, in the more traditional places reserved for hospitality in Jewish culture. This meant they had to use other spaces which were available.

Jesus' birth changed everything and made room for us in God's Kingdom. As part of the Methodist Church, we seek to demonstrate our open, inclusive and welcoming nature by saying to all people, 'There is Room' for you.

As I consider the three churches I am privileged to serve, I think how appropriate the "There is Room" strap line is, not just at Christmas but all year round. As churches we have provided room for various organisations, who in turn welcome people from various strands of life, often vulnerable people who may frequently find there is no room for them.

To name just a few...at Ainsdale, hosting Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure, Boys Brigade, Octave Choir, Foodbank and Warm Space. At Bescar Lane, hosting the Post Office and the Thursday Coffee Morning. At Birkdale hosting The Food Pantry, Birkdale Community Hub and Library, Facets, Girls Brigade, and Warm Space.

We always need to make sure these organisations feel welcome, and we don't let them feel uncomfortable given the power of ownership that we have. For each individual of these organisations, every interaction is an opportunity to let all know that they're precious.

God bless
Patrick

