



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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18th December 2022

10.45am Service cancelled
6pm - Carol Service

24th December - 11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion at
Liverpool Road Methodist Church

25th December - 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration

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 18th December 2022

Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

Prayer

All powerful God, let the splendour of your glory rise in our hearts like the dawn, that the darkness of night may be scattered and the coming of your only Son may reveal us as children of the light. 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.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in January at Liverpool Road Methodist Church.



Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.

Preaching Plan Changes

Please note the service on 15th January will be the annual Covenant Service (with communion) and will be held in the chapel. The service on the 1st January will not be a communion service and will be held in the lounge.



Thank you

Thank you for the lovely Church Flowers which I received recently and for all the get well messages too.

They have all been much appreciated.

I look forward to being back with you all soon, Thanks again, Sue

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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

Is This YOU?

Creative • Imaginative • Supportive

Could you inspire the people around you to confidently embrace their own abilities?



The wonderful Sarah, who runs our Thursday art sessions, needs an assistant to support her. The class has expanded in number, leaving Sarah spread a little too thin.

If the above resonates positively, and you are available between **10 am** and **12 noon** on **Thursday's**, then Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure might be an excellent fit for you!

No teaching qualifications necessary... a gentle personality, creativity, energy, enthusiasm and the desire to support people to do well is what's needed most.

Interested?

Give ALL a call any week day between 9.30am and 3pm for a chat.



Tel. 01704 574838
Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

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Two Million over 75s in UK Digitally Excluded!

In Ainsdale a massive 31% of the population is over 65 (as opposed to an average of 18% nationally)

So... What can WE do to help?



Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure plans to resume digital support sessions on Monday afternoons from the end of January. We can help take the anxiety out of the everyday tech many of us take for granted.

Our current team of 1 needs some support.

If you are good communicator, able to explain in simple terms, and can get around digitally (computer, tablet, phone) with ease, **YOU** could be just the person we need.

Let 2023 be the year we turn grimaces into smiles!

Step 1. Call us on 01704 574838 TODAY



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Dear Friends

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

(Ephesians Ch 5 vs 25-27 - NIV)

What does it mean for us to be a radiant church? A lick of bright paint maybe? Paul wasn't directing his comments to a Property Committee, rather he is writing to "God's holy people in Ephesus". Imagine he was writing to us, God's holy people in Ainsdale encouraging us to be his holy people, to be his radiant church. With Christmas approaching, we will be connecting with many others. Do they see us as a shining example of a radiant church? When they do what is it they see; when they don't, what change is needed so we are able to radiate?

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

John Ch 1 vs 14 - The Message)

I love this version when it says Jesus "moved into the neighbourhood". The NIV version says "he made his dwelling among us". Both are wonderful, although for me the word "neighbourhood" illuminates the human element of Jesus, that in many ways he was a regular Joe, living within a regular neighbourhood.

Today we are the regular Joe's in our neighbourhood, able to be transformed through the divine Spirit into the radiant church. To be transformed we need to make room for Jesus, so that we can radiate in our neighbourhood. This does not mean doing more and more, tiring ourselves out so much that we cease to radiate and become glum and gloomy.

May we make room for Jesus to dwell richly in us, so that his love radiates in our neighbourhood.

God bless you this Christmas, with much love



Patrick