



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## Sunday Worship

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*15th January 2023*

**10.45am Covenant Service in the Chapel led by Rev Martin Abrams**

**22nd December - 9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church  
- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road**

### **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 15th January 2023

Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

## Prayer

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service, strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).

## Sunday 22nd

Reminder our Service on the 22nd will be a joint Service at Ainsdale Village Church at the earlier time of 9.45am.



## G:Force Gospel Choir

**Love Train Valentines Concert  
Tuesday 7th Feb 7pm at Ainsdale  
Methodist Church**

**Tickets £5 on the door.**

Formby High School Music Department Supporting the RISE Charity (it provides days out for children who are carers to adults and for children who have been bereaved or suffered trauma).



## Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in January at Liverpool Road Methodist 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



## *Join us to mark Holocaust Memorial Day*

Holocaust Memorial Day is the international day to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, and the millions of people murdered under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

**Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Sunday 29th January 2023  
1.30pm at Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport**



**HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1**



Dear Friends

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge.*

Please receive the above paragraph with my heartfelt good wishes.

Whilst it is part of the opening exhortations of Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth (1 Corinthians Ch 1 vs 3-5), they do replicate what I sincerely want to express to you.

This sounds like a prelude to me seeking forgiveness for something (or everything)! It's not; in part because I'm probably well beyond that point. Only a few verses on, in verse 10, Paul writes...

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

Ah, the penny's dropped, Paul was just buttering them up in the opening lines for the sucker punch that was to follow from verse 10 onwards. Well, I think the "*Grace and peace to you...*" sentences are not there just to butter people up. Rather they are there to remind them (and us), of the significant context in which we are allowed to be, a context where grace abounds. Paul offers grace (and peace) to people "*from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*". Paul understands himself as a vessel, a conduit for God's grace; and there can be nothing more valuable than such grace. Paul further reiterates his thanks to God for the grace God has given that community. Such grace is not a gift to be put on the mantel piece like an ornament that we no longer see after a while, rather it is like a never ending supply of fine garments, one that we are never to be without ourselves, and the rest that we are to freely give away to others.

Grace and peace to you,

Patrick

