



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

## **Sunday Worship**

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*29th January 2023*

**10.45am Service led by Rev Sonya Marshall**

**5th February - 9am Circuit Service at PPW**

**- 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans  
including Communion**

### **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 29th January 2023

**Micah 6.1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12**

## Prayer

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Join us to mark Holocaust Memorial Day

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



## Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



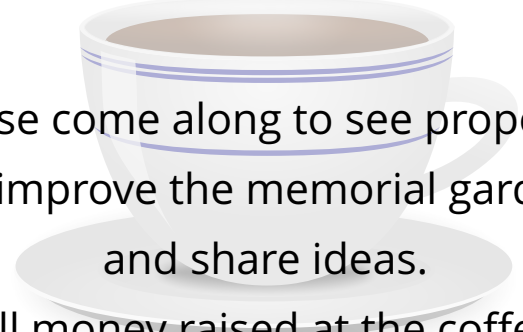
## Church Notices

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).

## Coffee Morning

**Saturday 4th February**

**10.30am-12 noon**



Please come along to see proposals to improve the memorial garden and share ideas.

All money raised at the coffee morning will go towards the garden and a new lawn mower to ensure the gardens are well maintained.



## 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).

# *Bereavement Journey Course*

*Course Start Date:*

*Monday 27th February  
7pm-9pm (6 week course)*

*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

*Contact Sally Eyes on*

*[sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk)*

*or phone 07743 660155*



## *Safeguarding Training*

**Foundation** – Friday 17th February at 12pm at PPW (This course will be around 2.5/3 hours long)

**Advanced** – Friday 3rd March at 9.30am at Leyland Road (This course will last until 2.5/3 with a half an hour/hour lunch break)

To book into the Foundation training please book in with Jack Watson, CSO at the email or phone number below

[Safeguarding@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@southportmethodist.org.uk) or 07444 101130

To book into the Advanced training please book in with Gillian Downey, who is the district administrator, her contact details are below

[admin@liverpoolmethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@liverpoolmethodist.org.uk)



## *Digging Deeper*

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am Leyland Road Church Lounge

Next session

**Feb 1st - The Benefits of 'Fasting' as a Spiritual Discipline**  
**Speaker - John Sutton-Smith**



Dear Friends

***How can we be convincing if we are divided?***

I am preparing this letter on the 25th January which is the final day in the Week of Prayer for Christian unity. The stimulus for the week comes from Jesus' words to his disciples.

*'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John Ch 17 vs 20-21)*

If we rely on the national news to inform us about the state of Christian unity then we would probably be disheartened. Taking this week as an example, we have observed the tensions within the Anglican Communion to maintain unity whilst considering the issue of same sex marriage. In any given week the spotlight can fall on any denomination.

As I look at the diaries of the churches I serve, I am struck by the Christian unity that is taking place which years ago may never have been entertained.

In Ainsdale last Sunday, the Methodist Church were delighted to join the congregation of Ainsdale Village Church (itself a Baptist/URC partnership) for our weekly Sunday service. We are sharing two joint services a month on a six month trial basis.

In Scarisbrick, Bescar Lane Methodist Church have been sharing some services for a significant period of time with St Mark's Anglican Church. This week the Church Council at Bescar Lane voted unanimously to write to St Marks to request that we seek to enter a formal partnership arrangement.

In Birkdale this coming Sunday morning, it is the turn of Liverpool Road Methodist Church to host the quarterly joint service to which the parishes of St James, St Johns and St Peters are invited.

When the spirit of unity it is a movement at a local level it is a powerful witness within our communities. May our witness be convincing in its unity.

God bless

Patrick

