



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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12th March 2023

10.45am Service with Ainsdale Village Church led by Rev Patrick Evans - AAW & Communion

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road

19th March - 10.45am Service led by Cynthia May

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 12th March 2023

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer Time

On Monday 13th March, The Southport Area Schools Worker Trust will be holding a prayer time at Scarisbrick Baptist Church in preparation for their 'Mission Impossible' Easter Outreach Event. All are welcome to attend.



Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



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

Mothering Sunday

During the Mothering Sunday service we will be thinking about what we have inherited from our mothers or whoever gave us care growing up. You are invited to bring something to share, an item or memory that reflects this.
Cynthia



Exploring the Inner Life

A short lent course at Victoria Centre, Sussex road. Wednesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th March. 7.30pm
Led by Rev Graham Turner.
All Welcome.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in March at Leyland 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

Vocal Group

Brenda is re- starting vocal group
at church starting on Tuesday
14th March at 2pm
in preparation for our Easter
services

If you already have VG blue song
files please bring them along.
Everyone is welcome. Please do
come and join us.

Minutes

The minutes of the General
Church Meeting on 25th February
will shortly be available on the
Church website. For anyone
needing a paper copy please ring
Jane Maude on 01704 579958
after 13th March.

Churches Together in Ainsdale Lent Course

Every Wednesday during March at 2pm at the Village Church.
We hope you will all enjoy this course. Each week is free-standing so
don't worry if you can't make every session.



Dear Friends

Have you ever felt you're on the outside looking in. Perhaps when everyone else is doubled up in laughter at a joke, whilst you're struggling to work out what the joke was. It could be something far more significant, such as being a woman in a man's world. This week's lectionary reading is the Samaritan woman coming to the well in the quietness of the searing heat of the mid day sun. She is approached by, God forbid, a Jewish man. And to make things worse he engages her in conversation. Captivated that he would speak to her and with their encounter, the woman returns to her people saying, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

Many organisations, and the Methodist Church is no exception, are having a big push on being inclusive. For information about The Inclusive Methodist Church you can follow this link <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/> , or if you do not have internet access please feel free to contact me for more information.

The Inclusive Methodist Church material covers many important areas such as race, gender, disability, age to name just a few. One element that is not listed is theological differences, especially on those areas where the Church holds in tension contradictory positions. Many institutions have fancy notices saying "all are welcome", which is great, although sometimes through our words and actions we can exude a vibe of exclusive reality. Can this also be the case on theological matters? It would be so much easier if we could have the church of "Patrick Evans" (or substitute your name for mine); where only our own personal theology is "right" and everyone else is wrong! As an alternative, may we seek to understand each other, not always having to agree. May we be an inclusive church, allowing differences not to exclude anyone, so that all can be on the inside, and where God's inclusive love can be known for all.

God bless

Patrick

