



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

# **Sunday Worship**

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*5th March 2023*

**9am Circuit Service at PPW**

**10.45am Service led by Colin Fyles**

**12th March - 10.45am Service with Ainsdale Village Church led  
by Rev Patrick Evans - AAW**

**- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool 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 5th March 2023

**Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17**

## *Prayer*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Lent Taketime*

Thursdays at Leyland Road Church  
3pm-4pm. Concluding on 30th  
March.

A chance to relax, hear a story, feel  
close to Jesus, have a drink and a  
biscuit with time to share if you  
wish.

All welcome.



## *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.

## *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.



## *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



## *Prayer for March*

Loving Father,

We rejoice in Your love; made known to us by Your son Jesus Christ.

We know through His teachings how You value us, how the hairs on our head are numbered and that You know us by name. Through Him we know that we are forgiven and free from all our sins.

Above all heavenly Father, we know that your love is endless, and nothing can stand in it's way; nothing can keep it from us. Let us show this by encouraging others through sharing our faith with those who are searching.

Amen.



Dear Friends



Last Saturday we held a coffee morning together with an Extraordinary Church General Meeting (GCM). Through this letter I am providing a summary update for those unable to attend.

The Church Council have met twice since the start of the year. There are many positives regarding our church fellowship such as our unity, openness of mind to new possibilities, our wider community links, especially through Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure, and our ecumenical relationships, most notably with Ainsdale Village Church. There is also some challenges, namely a declining membership, older age profile, reduced number of volunteers (currently we have only one Property Steward) and increased governance.

We also have some challenges regarding our building. There is some significant works to be carried out in the chapel both in the short and longer term which will cost significantly more than our current £58k of reserves (and in its current layout the chapel is in reality only suitable for services). The Church Council have made four recommendations and whilst the GCM is not a decision making body, the Church Council wanted to gauge the views of the wider Church community through a GCM. The recommendations are

- Develop and strengthen community relationships (ALL and beyond).
  - Approach Ainsdale Village Church with a view to formalising our relationship together, beyond the current 6 month trial of some shared services.
    - Investigate shared governance across the Circuit churches.
- Conduct a feasibility study to make the current chapel suitable for both worship and other activities by creating a multi purpose area (which may or may not involve replace the existing building).

The Methodist Church nationally have some grant funding available for such building related studies.

One of non negotiable is that the Memorial Garden must be left intact. This is not consecrated ground, so if the site were ever sold in the future there is the risk that the memorial garden may cease to be. We will investigate how this can be preserved in perpetuity.

If you would like any further details regarding these matters, please talk to me or a Church Steward.

God bless  
Patrick

