

Weekly Motices 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 Motices

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



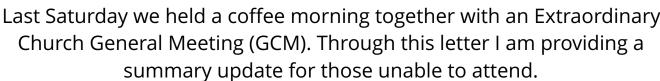
We rejoice in Your love; made known to us by Your son Jesus Christ.

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



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 that 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

