



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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16th April 2023

10.45am Service - Local Arrangement

6.30pm Easter Offering at Russell Road Church

23rd April - 10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

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 16th April 2023

Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

Prayer

Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in April at Lakeside Church.



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.

Rev Patrick Evans Fundraiser

for the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust - 21st April - 4th May. Patrick is undertaking a sponsored bike ride of 871 miles across Europe. You can find more details on the flyers/sponsorship forms in churches or by following this link <https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/d-day-to-ve-day-charity-bike-ride/>, there is also a Just Giving page at - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/patrick-evans-1680245274175>, and you can access the flyer/sponsorship form at <https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Patricks-Sponsorship-Form-2023.pdf>. You can find out more about the work of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust at <https://saswtrust.com/>. Thank you for your support.

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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

Coronation Day Celebration

On Saturday 6th May we will be showing the coronation of King Charles III in the church lounge on the large television.

The day will begin with Tea/Coffee and breakfast pastries being served in the build up to the ceremony and tea and coffee served during the coronation.

After the Coronation, share in a picnic lunch in the garden, when we will toast the new King with some non-alcoholic fizz.

There will be a competition for guests to design and make their own crown or big hat for the day, also there will be a royal quiz with prizes for the winners of both.

So please put the date in your diaries and come along and enjoy this historical day.



Dear Friends

In this Easter season we now have a few weeks considering the resurrection appearances of Jesus. I always feel sorry for Thomas, dubbed “Doubting Thomas”, for in reality all the disciples were doubting to begin with. Why didn’t history called Thomas “Courageous Thomas” for when he said to the disciples “let us also go [to Lazarus in Bethany], that we may die with him”. The disciples had just counselled Jesus against going because the people there had previously tried to stone him. Poor Thomas.

Resurrection in our human reasoning isn’t something we can comprehend, it shouldn’t happen, it cannot happen; can it? So when Thomas hears the disciples telling him what they have seen, no wonder he wants to witness it for himself!

Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

(John Ch 20 vs 27-29)

So we fall into the category of those who have not seen. We cannot have the experience of Thomas in witnessing the resurrected Jesus, for that we rely on Scripture and its first hand accounts from those who saw with their own eyes. The story affirms to us that Jesus is alive and we worship a supernatural God of resurrection.

How does this play out in our own lives? What is our experience of resurrection? I love the story Jesus told of the Prodigal Son. I imagine the Father felt he had lost his Son when he walked off with his share of the inheritance. For me this is, amongst other things, an example of resurrection power. In this Easter season I encourage us to look back over our lives for where resurrection has taken place, and to pray for those circumstances where resurrection is craved.

For blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

God bless

Patrick

