



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

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*30th April 2023*

**9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church**

**7th May - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW  
- 10.45am Service led by Keith Chambers**

## **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 30th April 2023

**Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10**

## Prayer

Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be made whole; and lead us, that we may be with you; for you are alive and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## Bible Study

Starting on Monday 15th May at 7pm in the church lounge, we will look at Mark's gospel. Everyone is welcome.

Bring whatever version of the bible you use and if you have a commentary bring that as well.

We'll read the first couple of chapters together and talk about what it meant for Mark's readers who might have known Jesus - and what it means for us today.



## 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).

## Rev Patrick Evans Annual Leave

I am currently on annual leave returning on Wednesday May 10th. If you need to contact a Minister during my absence, until 2nd May contact Rev Peter Lyth on 01704 211919 or at

[peterjlyth@gmail.com](mailto:peterjlyth@gmail.com), and from 3rd May contact Rev Marie-Anne Kent 01704 513128 or at [marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk](mailto:marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk). You can follow my travels blog at <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/patrick/>.



## Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



# *Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure*

## **Mondays**

10am-11am - Fit 4 Life Class  
12 noon - Lunch  
1pm-3pm - Games afternoon which includes Cards, Dominoes, Jigsaws, Bingo, Quiz.

## **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.**



I wonder what your memories of the last coronation are, if you are old enough to remember. I remember the Silver Jubilee. My class won the competition to collect old newspapers and so got to ride on the special Jubilee double decker bus to the school picnic where we were given a commemorative teaspoon. A teaspoon much appreciated by 10 year olds (not)! Although I have now discovered that the Archbishop will pour holy oil from the ampulla into a spoon, and anoint the King Charles III on the hands, breast and head, a tradition goes back to the Old Testament and the anointing of Solomon by Zadok the Priest. Where's that teaspoon when you need it?

In fact, the spoon the Archbishop will use is the oldest item in the crown jewels and dates from the 12th century. The oil comes from the Mount of Olives, pressed outside Jerusalem and consecrated in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. It was on the Mount of Olives that Jesus wept over Jerusalem: "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." Nothing has changed.

Thy Kingdom Come, is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. To know the Jesus we name as the Prince of Peace. As tensions rise in Jerusalem, as we wait for the anticipated spring offensive in Ukraine, as we see the violence in Sudan, Yemen, Syria, may we join our prayers together for peace. As we share the good news of Jesus with friends and neighbours, may we also be good news for the world as we work for peace and justice. One way we can do this is by supporting Christian Aid who work with the world's poorest people and campaign to change the systems that keep people poor – the things that are often hidden from our eyes. You can make a donation using a Christian Aid envelope.

As the Carolean era begins – let us consecrate ourselves to the work of God's kingdom -our hands, our hearts and our minds, so that all the world may rejoice (start the music to Handel's Zadok the Priest .... Long live the King.... Amen, amen, alleluia, alleluia, amen, amen).



Marie-Anne