



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## Sunday Worship

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*Easter Sunday*

*9th April 2023*

**10.45am Joint Service with AVC including Communion led by Rev Patrick Evans**

**16th April - 10.45am Service Local Arrangement**

**- 6.30pm Easter Offering at Russell 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 7th April 2023

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10

## Prayer

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.



## Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Sue McBride.



## 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](mailto: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-](https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Patricks-Sponsorship-Form-2023.pdf)

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can find out more about the work of the Southport and Area Schools

Worker Trust at

<https://saswtrust.com/>. Thank you

for your support.

**SASW**trust

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has donated money and items to the Foodbank. Your kind donations have meant we have been able to provide more than a dozen bags of Easter goodies to families who have come to the Foodbank, this is in addition to the normal food parcels they receive. Once again many thanks and a happy Easter from all at Ainsdale Foodbank.



## 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.

# EASTER

## Family Fun Day



Activities for children  
and grown ups!

FREE Community Lunch  
(served 12:30pm-1:30pm)

Fundraising stalls

Arts & crafts

Easter egg hunt



Everyone welcome!

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023, 12PM-3PM

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT COMPASSION ACTS (01704 264505)

OR AINSDALE LUNCH & LEISURE (01704 574838)

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Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure Registered Charity Number 1129183  
Southport Methodist Circuit Registered Charity Number 1134383



Dear Friends

Have you ever been a witness to an incident for which you have had to give evidence. I've been a witness on a few occasions at Employment Tribunals. One time I was cross examined for over a day. All the parties were taking time to understand the case and get to the truth. In Holy Week we see that for expediency the truth can be manipulated.

*Jesus answered Pilate, "The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

*"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. (John Ch 18 vs 37b-38a)*

"What is truth?" is a question often posed to us, whether it be through news stories (as examples an ex-President or a Royal Prince), or between two squabbling children both with chocolate around their mouths saying they didn't eat the Easter Egg on Good Friday! What is truth; what do we believe?

And so we come to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, with the good news that there are accounts of what happened. Not just one but by multiple eye witnesses. As written in the book of Acts...

*Peter said, "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts Ch 10 vs 39-42)*

We have not needed to see with our own eyes, rather we have the first hand accounts of those who saw the resurrected Jesus with their own eyes. They witness to the truth.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God bless

Patrick

