



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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14th May 2023

10.45am Joint Parade Service with Ainsdale Village Church led by Lesley Goddard

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

21st May - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

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 14th May 2023

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.8-20; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

Prayer

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Study

This starts on Monday evening (15 May) at 7pm in the church lounge when we'll be looking at Mark's gospel.

Everyone is welcome - bring whatever bible version you have. Tea/coffee will be served.

(If a daytime Bible Study is more convenient, look at the details of a new course based on Mark's gospel at 1pm at Leyland Road Church starting on Monday 5 June.)

Next week is Christian Aid Week

You can help to support **Christian Aid** by offering to deliver (not collect!) some envelopes. Please tell Lesley Goddard how many you can take and she will suggest a local road.

Could you make jam/marmalade or bake a cake for the cake stall at the Village Church on Saturday 20 May? If so they will be gratefully received that morning when they're also serving a **Big Brekkie** from 10am till midday.

Come and enjoy the morning and support **Christian Aid**.

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

Circuit Choir

As you may be aware there is a circuit service on 18th June and so we are getting together a circuit choir for the occasion. The rehearsals will be on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.00-3.00 at Ainsdale Methodist Church when we will learn two or three items to contribute to the service. If you are interested in joining could you please let me know on cerimusic@hotmail.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord!

With best wishes Ceri Williams.

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.



Dear Friends

Christian Aid Week runs from 14th to 20th May, and the 6.30pm Circuit Evening Service at Liverpool Road Methodist Church this Sunday evening, 14th May, will focus on the work of Christian Aid.

Esther Saizi, 54, radiates joy and warmth from her home in Malawi. Esther grows some truly special pigeon peas on her farm - with them she can bake delicious bread, support her daughter's dreams, and give her adorable little grandsons a happy future. But she wasn't always able to support her family so easily.

For 10 years, Esther grew pigeon peas on her farm, but she could never secure a fair price for her crop. She was robbed in 2021 when Cyclone Ana washed away her crops. Esther then joined a pigeon pea programme run by Christian Aid's local partner (Nandolo Farmers Association) and started selling as part of a cooperative, she was able to sell the pigeon peas at a better price with a better market, and it provided financial stability.

Growing pigeon peas also helped her through the loss of her husband. Previously, they worked together on their land. When he fell ill, they spent time talking about how she could continue to grow the peas after his death. 'My husband was a teacher in everything thing that he did, therefore, we can continue his legacy.'

And not just for the day, but for the future. With the money she's making, Esther has been able to feed her family and support her two daughters, Ziwone and Rashida. She's been able to:

- buy tools for Ziwone's carpentry business
- pay for Rashida's school costs, the lodgings near her school, and a part-time tutor
- acquire a herd of 13 goats, who provide manure for her crops, saving on expensive fertiliser
- store her pigeon peas in a warehouse, safe from floods and storms

Through the cooperative and its equipment, Esther can bake pigeon pea flour bread and boost her income - and also make fish food, using a special machine provided by donations to Christian Aid.

Thank you for your support to Christian Aid.

God bless

Patrick

