



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*7th May 2023*

**9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW  
10.45am Service led by Keith Chambers**

**14th May - 10.45am Joint Parade Service with Ainsdale Village  
Church led by Leslie Goddard  
- 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 7th May 2023

Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

## Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of 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, 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/>.



## Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Rob & Gill Hemmings in memory of Rob's parents Joan & Jim.



## 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

CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS  
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



Everyone is invited to join this seven session course based on the Gospel of Mark. Sonya highly recommends it and Christianity Explored has been run previously with great reception at Leyland Road.

We will specifically invite any newcomers to our church as it is a really sound introduction to who Jesus is, why he became one of us and what it means to follow him.

The course is also a great follow on from Alpha and it is open to anyone in the church community who would welcome a refresher in their faith through exploring Mark's Gospel together in an accepting and safe environment.

The course uses videos and discussion and is informal, interactive and very accessible to all.

We will begin on Monday 5th June at Leyland Road Church with a simple lunch at 12.30 (shared with visitors to Warm Space) and then the group session will run from 1pm-2.30pm.

The final session will be Monday 17th July.

The course will be facilitated by a team including Sonya, David Potts, Jean McKenna, Bob Hudson and Ann Hall.

If you would like to book onto the course please email Lucy on [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk) or ring 01704 536648 (leave a message ).

It would be good to have an idea of numbers in advance.

If you would like to just come for 1pm and not have lunch beforehand that's ok.



Dear friends,

When thinking about the biblical basis for mission we look to Jesus ' command to ' go and make disciples of all nations ' . These words from Mathew 28 comprise what we know as the Great Commission ;  
" and Jesus came and said to them , ' All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me . Go therefore and make disciples of all nations , baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . And behold , I am with you always , to the end of the age '

(Mathew 28 vs 18-20)

Jesus uses the word " all " four times ;

*all authority*

*to go to all nations*

*to communicate all his teaching*

*empowered by his presence all of the time ( always )*

What do the four 'alls ' mean for us ? Jesus spoke these words give us courage in the task . The burden isn't on us but on the One with authority . Jesus didn't call his followers to his mission , he called them to himself and sent them on mission . So if we're walking with Jesus this command is incumbent in us . As we go about our daily lives within the community, live and love like Jesus , be confident in his authority , abide in his presence.

During this month of May let us connect with nature and each other , embrace change and look to new beginnings and prosperity. As circuit stewards we had the privilege last week of meeting with stewards from Formby to prepare to welcome them into the Southport circuit . God is at work in new ventures as we journey through 2023 . Be encouraged.

God bless ,

Sally Eyes

