



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*25th June 2023*

9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

2nd July - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.30am CTiA Tent Service on the Green

## 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 25th June 2023*

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.7-10,11-15,16-18; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

## *Prayer*

God of all power and truth and grace, you call your Church to love and praise. Inspire us with zeal for your gospel, and grant us boldness to proclaim your word, that we and all the world may praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Next meeting is on Monday 3rd July at 7pm in the church lounge when we'll be looking at Mark Chapter 6. Everyone is welcome to this informal group - come with your comments and queries.

## *Len Morris*

Congratulations to Len! Whilst Len hasn't been in Church as much as he would like, importantly his ministry to workplace safety has been his key mission field. Through his career Len has been a member of the British Occupational Hygiene Society. At their recent annual awards ceremony Len was presented with the Thomas Bedford Medal which is the Society's prime honour and is awarded to individuals to mark their outstanding contributions to the improvement of worker health protection. Well done Len for making workplaces so much healthier and positively affecting the working lives of so many people.

## *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).

# *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  
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

# *Russell Road Clothes Bank*



2nd Monday of the month 1pm-2.30pm.

**In need of girls summer dresses and tops aged 4-7yrs and summer clothing for boys aged 4-7yrs. If you can help to supply please contact Keith Chambers on 07933 641771.**

# *Digging Deeper*

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am Leyland Road Church Lounge  
Next session

**July 5th - Arguments for and against 'Same Sex' Marriage in Church.  
Speaker Rev Marie-Anne Kent.**



This week World Refugee Day is remembered on the 20th June.

The United Nations General Assembly launched this event in the year 2000. Since then the worldwide community has spent each 20th of June focusing on ways in which the lives of refugees can be improved.

Did you know Albert Einstein, the Nobel Prize Winner, well known for his scientific discoveries was a refugee? He was forced to flee Europe due to the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and fled to the United States.

Freddy Mercury, the lead singer of Queen was also a refugee. He was born on the Island of Zanzibar and was forced to leave with his family when a violent revolution destabilized the Island. The family moved to London where Freddy then met his band mates.

Jesus was a refugee. The flight into Egypt is a story recounted in the Gospel of Matthew.  
Matthew Ch 2 v 13-23

“An Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to flee to Egypt with Mary and the infant Jesus since King Herod would seek the child to kill him”

We cannot imagine how difficult it is, leaving all we are familiar with, due to it being unsafe to stay, to then have a long difficult journey, with a hope that we will be welcomed and be able to adjust to a new way of life in a strange land.

Kate Milner has written a beautiful children’s book called ‘My name is not Refugee’ which highlights some of these issues.

When I was Curate at Christ Church I had an Asylum Seeker from Zimbabwe, (whose brother had been killed by President Mugabe) stay in my house for eight years as we waited for his Asylum to be granted.

During that time I began to see how traumatic life was for him.

A respected bank manager in his own country, he was seen here as a parasite by many. He wanted to acquire a job to pay his way, yet was not allowed to work.

With no control over his life’s circumstances his self esteem plummeted and he soon struggled with depression. People often asked him to do jobs, but very few people took time to talk with him, to listen to him discovering who he really was.

I remember on one occasion he returned to our home and he was so excited because a gentleman on Liverpool Road had invited him into his house, (after my friend had been gardening for his next-door neighbour) . They sat talking for over two hours, drinking tea and eating chocolate biscuits. This simple act of kindness, being treated with dignity, meant so much to my friend and helped restore his self worth.

So this week let us take time to consider the 84 million people forcibly displaced from their homes and the 26.6 million refugees.

The theme for this years World Refugee Day is ‘Compassion’.

Our circuit service last Sunday explored the theme of showing compassion to ourselves and others. Let’s make it so!

Every Blessing  
Sonya x

