



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*10th September 2023*

**10.45am AAW Service with AVC led by Tabz  
6.30pm Circuit Service Elbow Lane, Formby**

**17th September - 10.45am Harvest Service led by Rev Patrick  
Evans**

**- 4pm Circuit Celebration Service Bescar Lane**

## **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 10th September 2023*

Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

## *Prayer*

O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Bereavement Journey Course*

Start Date: Thursday 14th September 2pm-4pm (6 week course)

Leyland Road Methodist Church

Contact Sally Eyes on [sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk)

or phone 07743 660155

## *Bible Study*

Next meeting is Monday, 25th September, at 7pm in the Lounge when we'll be looking at the turning point in Jesus' ministry in Mark chapter 9 from verse 2.

Everybody welcome. You can pick up the story from here!

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Hilary Jackson celebrating our wedding anniversary & Margaret Davies for family anniversaries.

## *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).

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# Harvest Supper

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
2023 6pm start



## Hotpot, quiz and raffle

**Price: £10, ticket only - must be purchased before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**Tickets via Jan or Pete Holmes 07825 999551 or [peterandjan@gmail.com](mailto:peterandjan@gmail.com)**



Dear Friends

Well it doesn't feel like the end of summer, rather its what we would expect from the start of summer. It is though the beginning of a new Methodist year (1st September) and many of our groups and activities will be starting afresh.

Certainly Impact Xtra on Wednesday evening was busy (and excitingly NOISY!).

This time of year may remind us of our youth and starting a new school year, perhaps going to school for the first time (can you remember your first day at school?) or going to a new school. Were your school days the best years of your life, as is often stated? Then there are the teachers and support staff in our schools. Being married to a teacher I know the mix of excitement and trepidation applies not only to the children! Many of you within our congregation spent your careers in education, and I assume we all went to school.

This Sunday, 11th September, is Education Sunday, sometimes called Back to School Sunday. I'm not sure if Tabz will be focusing on this in our service. How though has education been important in your life. We sometimes see car stickers in the rear windows of cars that state "if you can read this thank the teacher". Would there be any stand out moments for you from the education you have received, or the teaching you have imparted. Hopefully we can all think of a positive!

A school report of one of my siblings stated "this child is thoroughly idle".

When we have family gatherings some 50+ years later this line is often repeated with much hilarity, although in fairness my sibling definitely wasn't idle as the rest of their life has proven. Do you still have old school reports, is there anything you still remember from them? Or perhaps you've written such reports; are there any lines that stand out in your memory?

As we journey through life then every day is a school day. As Christians we walk with Jesus. Remember the disciples calling him "Teacher". What have you learnt recently from Jesus your Teacher?

God bless

Patrick

