



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*15th October 2023*

**10.45am Church Anniversary Service led by Rev Sue Edwards**

**22nd October - 9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church led by  
Rev Patrick Evans**

**- 6pm Final Firefest Celebration at Leyland 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 15th October 2023*

Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

## *Prayer*

Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *General Church Meeting*

General Church meeting on 16th October at 2pm to discuss property issues in the church and our options for ways forward. All are welcome to attend.

## *Lord St West Memorial Service*

There will be a Memorial service on 5th November at 3pm at Lord St West for those who have lost loved ones over the past year, or who wish to remember someone who passed away before then.

Names of the deceased will be read out (if people let me know in advance) and an opportunity to light a candle in memoriam. There will be tea/coffee & mince pies after.

Peter Lyth

Names to [peterjlyth@gmail.com](mailto:peterjlyth@gmail.com)

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in October at Sacred Heart RC Church.

## *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

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Margaret Atkins in memory of Mike.

## *Autumn Bible Studies*

Churches Together in Ainsdale in association with Southport and Formby URC

Team Ministry Present:

Autumn Bible Studies/Discussions focussing on the Pixar Movie Wall-E

Wednesdays at 2pm at Ainsdale Village Church on 18th and 25th October.

What has a cute elderly robot have to teach us about God's Creation, love and other matters?

Come to these studies and find out!





Dear Friends

We have all been aghast at the images on our television screens from Israel and the Gaza strip. The events have caused me to reflect on my own understanding of the situation, with the feeling I could be better informed. Trying to find a balanced view is not always easy. If you feel the same then the following may be of interest.

Firstly, "Start the Week" on Radio 4 focused on Israel (available at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001r7ft>). The Editor of the Jewish Chronicle Jake Wallis Simons discusses his book "Israelophobia" in which he argues that throughout history Jews have been hated for their religion and their race, and that now anti-Semitism is focused on their nation-state. Then the journalist Nathan Thrall who has been reporting in Israel and Palestine for many years, discusses his book "The Day in the Life of Abed Salama" which reveals the every day life of Palestinians in one of the most contested places on earth.

Secondly, the United Nations website ponders "The Question of Palestine" (<https://www.un.org/unispal/history/>), and the associated linked pages give an enlightening resume of the history behind the conflict, in which Britain's role (plus that of other nations) is uncomfortably interesting.

***Statement on the escalation of violence in Israel-Palestine***

***From the Methodist Liaison office in Jerusalem***

*We are witnesses to the escalation of violence in the region and we call on the global Methodist people to continue to pray for peace and for an end to the violence.*

*Pray for those who have lost family members and livelihoods, the injured, for those who perpetuate violence and for world leaders that they may work for peace, the churches and all religious leaders and for those who work for peace in the region.*

*The situation is complicated, and we recognise the fear and sense of injustice that are felt, but we call on both sides not to resort to further violence and to engage in negotiation to establish a peaceful solution for all who live in the Holy Land.*

God bless

Patrick

