



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*22nd October 2023*

**9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church led by Rev Patrick Evans**

**6pm Final Firefest Celebration at Leyland Road**

**29th October - 10.45am Local Arrangement Service**

## **Mission Statement**

*To share locally and globally in the whole Church's purpose of the worship of God and the care of people.*

# *Lectioary Readings 22nd October 2023*

Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9,(10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

## *Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *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).

# Free Concert Octave Choir

Invite you to an

## Act of Remembrance

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

7:00pm

Ainsdale Methodist Church Hall

Songs for Remembrance a "War Time"  
singalong

Refreshments available after the concert  
in the lounge

Donations appreciated for SSAFA

(Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families  
Association)

## Discounted Classes!

From NOW until the 11th of January 2024 Living Well Sefton  
will support YOU to keep active during the colder months.

Support is in the form of funding to provide  
discounted access to two of the fitness classes at



**Discounted session price £2.00**

Includes tea/coffee and healthy snacks



### Gentle Gym

with Joan Ward

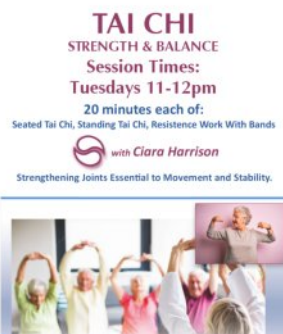
Session Times: Thursdays

9.45 - 10.45am or

10.50 - 11.50am

Chair-based exercise class:

Great for improving posture and balance,  
and suitable for people with reduced mobility



### TAI CHI

STRENGTH & BALANCE

Session Times:

Tuesdays 11-12pm

20 minutes each of:

Seated Tai Chi, Standing Tai Chi, Resistance Work With Bands

with Clara Harrison

Strengthening Joints Essential to Movement and Stability.

to book your place

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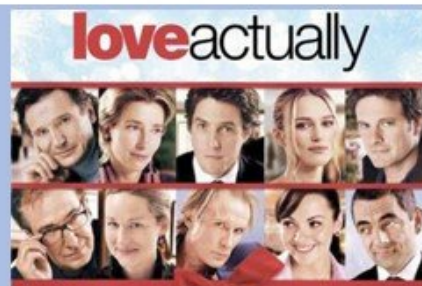
Stay Supple, Keep Moving  
& Beat the Chill!



## WELCOME TO OUR WARM WINTER PICTURE HOUSE!

**Free Film Fridays with hot drinks and snacks**

**10 November**  
**LOVE ACTUALLY**



St John's C of E Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale

Film Show 2pm Doors Open 1.45pm

## *Autumn Bible Studies*

Autumn Bible Studies/Discussions focussing on the Pixar Movie Wall-E  
last session Wednesday at 2pm at Ainsdale Village Church on 25th October.



Dear Friends

I am sure that we all feel overwhelmed by the images coming out of the Middle East. As I write, Joe Biden has visited the area where the diplomatic effort resulted in a planned meeting with the king of Jordan, the president of Egypt and the Palestinian president, although the hospital bomb has resulted in its cancellation. Whilst a convoy of 20 aid trucks will pass into Gaza is positive, given 2 million people are in need this feels woefully low.

We can feel helpless as we look on. What difference can we make?

A prayer on the Methodist Church website relating to the conflict reads:

*Loving God, I see the news and I am afraid. Violence is spiralling out of control. I don't know what to think or feel. The temptation to fall into hatred, or despair feels very close at hand. Help me to remember that nothing in all creation can separate me from your love that I know in Jesus. May your perfect love for me cast out my fear and free me to discern what is mine to do amidst the chaos of this suffering world. Amen*

I find the last line helpful; to “discern what is mine to do amidst the chaos of this suffering world”. As Christians we are called to be peacemakers and reconciler’s. That is what Jesus came into the world to do, to reconcile us to God, to one another, and to leave us with his peace. Paul writing to the church in Thessalonica says:

*And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.*

Whilst we may currently feel overwhelmed by the news and feeling helpless as to what we can do, may we discern what is ours to do where we are. Wherever that may be, as followers of Jesus we are called to be imitators of him as we to work for reconciliation and peace.

God bless

Patrick

