



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*8th October 2023*

**10.45am Joint AAW Service with AVC led by Lesley Goddard**

**6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road**

**15th October - 10.45am Church Anniversary Service led by  
Rev Sue Edwards**

## **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 8th October 2023*

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-15; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

## *Prayer*

Blessed are you, O Lord, blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Next meeting is Monday, 9th October, at 6pm in the Lounge when we'll be looking at Mark chapter 10.  
Please note the earlier start; we are trying to find a mutually acceptable time and have provisionally decided 6 till 7.30pm.  
Everyone welcome - come and follow Mark's account of Jesus' life journey.

## *Church Anniversary & Gift Day 15th October 2023*

We welcome Rev Sue Edwards who will be leading our Church Anniversary, which will also be our Gift Day. The proceeds of our Gift Day will go towards the two new recently installed boilers that serve parts of our buildings. Envelopes will be provided for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.  
Whilst we currently have £41639 of reserves, this is only marginally above the £38938 of reserves we seek to hold as per our Reserves Policy.

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

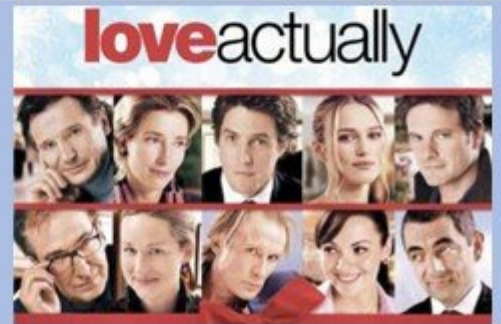
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If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).

# 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

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Barbara & Brian Biglands in memory of their son Michael's birthday.

## *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 11th, 18th and 25th  
October with the film shown on the 11th

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

World Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to unite behind the theme “Mental health is a universal human right”, with the aim to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health. The day is an opportunity to remember in prayer all those who struggle with depression, anxiety and similar psychological distress.

As well as praying, how else can we support and be supported? PeerTalk started in 2014 as a Methodist Church project, funded by a Connexional Grant. The charity hosts volunteer facilitated peer support groups for people who wrestle with poor mental health. Their vision is to establish:

- a UK wide network of volunteer facilitated peer support group meetings for people who experience depression and to offer support to their families.
- peer support group meetings to inform and equip individuals and communities to make a positive response to mental health issues.
- PeerTalk as a nationally recognised and trusted brand, offering robust and clinically credible community based support for people living with depression, anxiety and similar distress.

The seventeenth PeerTalk group is due to start soon at Thornaby Methodist Church near Stockton-on-Tees. You can find out more about PeerTalk at <https://peertalk.org.uk/>.

## **PRAYER FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

**Tuesday 10th October, 2023**

**(from Revd Gill Newton – President of The Methodist Conference)**

Compassionate God, you have created each one of us – body, mind, and spirit – and you care for every part of our being.

In our fragility and vulnerability, remind us that to you we are treasure, we are loved, we are enough, and we are never alone. At those times when anxiety, fear and confusion seem to overwhelm us, may your gentle presence bring peace and calm to our hearts and minds.

Help us to build a world where support for mental health is as important as support for physical health, where it is safe to be honest about the struggles we face and where everyone has access to the mental health care they need. In the name of Christ, Amen.

God bless

Patrick

