



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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12th November 2023

10.45am CTiA Service on the Green

6.30pm Circuit NPNP Service at Liverpool Road

19th November - 11am Circuit Service at PPW (No Service Here)

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 12th November 2023

Amos 5.18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13

Prayer

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Bible Study

Next session is on Monday, 20 November, from 7pm till 8.30pm, when we will be looking at Mark Chapter 12.
Everybody welcome!

Christmas Fair

Saturday 25th November 11am-2pm at Leyland Road Church Hall
Cakes, Chocolates, Plants, Toys, Gifts, Books, Christmas Stall etc
Bacon/Sausage Barms, Soup & Refreshments Available

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in November at Lakeside 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.

Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

Guitar Lessons: 10.00 - 12.00

Fit 4 Life: 10.00 - 11.00

Gardening Club: 10.00 - 11.00

Games Afternoon: 13.00 - 15.00

Family History: 13.00 - 15.00

Technology Support: 13.00 - 15.00

Advance Booking is Essential for Family History
& Technology Support

Tuesday

Ukulele: 10.00 - 12.00

Tai-Chi (Chair based): 11.00 - 12.00

Music for All: 13.00 - 15.00

Tai-Chi: 14.00 - 15.30

Wednesday

Indoor Bowls: 13.00 - 15.00

Table Tennis: 13.00 - 15.00

Thursday

Art & Craft: 10.00 - 12.00

Gentle Gym: 9.45 - 10.45

Gentle Gym: 10.50 - 11.50

Friday

Needlecraft: 10.00 - 12.00

Singing for All: 12.45 - 13.45

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

LUNCHEON CLUB

Operates Monday to Friday

Eat With Us Here at 12.00 noon

Home Deliveries Arrive Between 12.00 - 13.00

Please book in advance. Menu updated weekly, see website.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 10.00 until 14.00

CHARITY SHOP

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10.00 until 14.30



Dear Friends



The set reading for this Sunday is often unused because of Remembrance Sunday. The disciples have asked Jesus “what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” As part of his answer in Matthew Ch 25 vs 1-13, Jesus tells a parable about ten virgins who are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom (Jesus) who will open the door to the wedding banquet (heaven). They have lamps to guide them from where they wait, and on into the banquet hall. It takes much longer than expected for the bridegroom to arrive. They fall asleep and their lamps extinguish. Five wise ones had the foresight to bring jars of extra oil with them, five foolish ones had no extra oil. When the bridegroom arrives five are able to proceed directly into the banquet while the other five have to buy some oil and then ask for the banquet door to be opened, with the bridegroom saying “I don’t know you”. Jesus then says

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” (Matthew Ch 25 vs 13)

I know, we need to be hypervigilant. To be in a permanent state of hypervigilance is unrealistic and unhealthy, it brings about a state of increased anxiety. How does this marry with other elements of Jesus’ teaching?

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew Ch 11 vs 28-30)

It is not an issue they had fallen asleep, sleep is good and we need it. Perhaps the concern of Jesus is that we don’t consider what we need to sustain our faith through our lifetime. The five wise virgins had started with the end in mind. They had prepared for the potential of the long haul. Perhaps Jesus is saying that the objective of our whole life is to be known and counted as his, and when we start each and every day with that understanding, we no longer need to be hypervigilant, we can rest in the lightness of his yoke.

God bless

Patrick

