



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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26th November 2023

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

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

3rd December - 9am Circuit Service at PPW

**- 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Ann Hall
Followed by a Faith Lunch**

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 26th November 2023

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7a; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Prayer

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Faith Lunch

Please join us for a Faith Lunch after our service on Sunday 3rd December. This will also be our opportunity to say farewell to Gill Hulme who, as many of you will know, is moving away from Ainsdale.

Churches Together in Ainsdale

St John's C.E Ainsdale invite you to an Evening of Song with the fabulous Connected Voices Choir on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm
(Doors open 6.45pm - licensed bar)
Tickets £10 at the door or via their website: www.stjohnsainsdale.org
(£1 admin charge for online purchases)

Aglow International

Candlelight Ladies Group Invite you to an evening of Praise, Worship and Testimony At Leyland Road Methodist Church Coffee Lounge On Monday 11th December 2023 At 7pm Guest speaker is VERNON FULLER
Bring a friend and be blessed

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.

10 years of Ainsdale Foodbank

To mark the opening of a Foodbank at Ainsdale Methodist church, 10 years ago, in our service on 3rd December, we will be reflecting on the work of the Foodbank over the last 10 years.

Once again we are planning to make up 'Bags of Christmas cheer' any donations of items towards this would be gratefully received on the day.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December 10am-12pm

There will be a raffle and bring and buy stall.

Carols provided by the church Vocal Group.

Donations of items for the food hamper can be left in a box by the organ.

Also any other items suitable for the raffle are welcome!

Bakers this is your chance to shine! All contributions for the bring and buy on the day welcome!

Octave Choir Marshside Brass Band

Saturday 9th December 7pm
St Johns Church Ainsdale
In aid of Queenscourt Hospice
Licensed Bar

Tickets From Church £7

Mob: 07798 707231

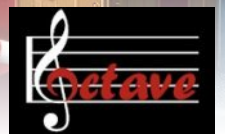
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Dear Friends



Last week I wrote about how we might prepare for the waiting season of Advent, and I begin by continuing on this theme with a couple of items that may interest you.

The Methodist theme for Advent and Christmas is “Out of the Ordinary - Scratch beneath the surface this Christmas”. Each day, from this Monday, 27th November, the Methodist Church will be sharing daily email reflections to which you can sign up at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/out-of-the-ordinary/>.

Iona worship and resources are valued by us as a local Church, and the Iona community are offering three opportunities to join them online for reflections on collects, writings and worship. More details are available at <https://iona.org.uk/advent-waiting/>.

For those who weren't able to be at the Circuit Service last week at St Philips and St Peters with Wesley, the service was led by a group of about 15 young people from across the Circuit who meet on a monthly basis (Sunday at 6), to talk about the issues that matter to them and reflect on where God is at work. Many of their issues are similar to those of other generations, although their priority order maybe different. As an example environmental issues figure heavy as the young people are of an age where they will have to live with the consequences of our time. During the service the host church were able to announce they have received the bronze level EcoChurch award. One of our objectives as a national church is to be Net Zero by 2030, and is something as a local church we are very much in the foothills of getting to grips with. The service very much focused on God's gift of creation.

The Methodist Church has some great resources to help us achieve net zero (see <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/environment-and-climate-change/>). If this is something you'd be interest in exploring further, please let me know. Every journey starts with the first step.

God bless

Patrick

