



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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3rd December 2023

9am Circuit Service at PPW

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

10th December - Joint AAW Service with AVC led by Nigel Mawdsley

- 6pm CTiA Carols around the Tree

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 3rd December 2023

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Study

Next session is on Monday, 4 December, from 7pm till 8.30pm,
when we will be looking at Mark Chapter 13.

Everybody 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 or email: suehughes23@yahoo.co.uk

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Richard Atkins in memory
of Evelyn's birthday.

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.

Offertory Envelopes

The Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available for collection. They are on a table in the Church Lounge.

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.

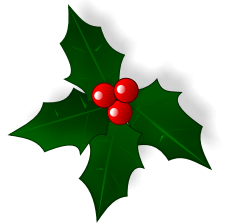
Donations of items for the food hamper can be left in a box by the organ.

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!



Christmas Events in Ainsdale



Wednesday 6 December

Advent Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 7pm

Saturday 9 December

Carols round the Community Garden Christmas Tree at the Village Church at 4pm

Ghostlight Christmas - A Variety Show at The Village Church at 7.30pm
Tickets £10 (Tel Secretary 07986 489738 or email ghostlight@outlook.com)
Includes a complimentary drink. Licensed bar - festive snacks

Tuesday 12 December

Advent Taize Prayer at 7pm at St John Stone Catholic Church

Saturday 16 December

Nativity Trail and Christmas Coffee Morning 11am-1pm at the Village Church



Dear Friends

I recently went on a guided walk hosted by Ainsdale National Nature Reserve. The Reserve is the piece of land from the costal road at its junction with Pinfold Lane running south to Fishermans Path in Freshfield, and from the railway track running west to the beach. It was a beautiful bright crisp day and people had travelled from around the Mersey region to come and visit what is on our doorstep. One lady had moved to the area from the hills of Yorkshire which she misses, although she has been won over by the grandeur of the vistas she now views each day.

If you are unable to take a walk through Ainsdale woods, then you maybe interested in a recent radio recording from Clare Balding as she discovered them for the first time (you can listen via the following link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001rgxv>).

What struck me was how much human intervention there has been in the Reserve over hundreds of years. As an example, many of the very large sand dunes on the edge of the beach were made even bigger by the Victorians, who built them up and grassed them so that the land behind could be protected for agriculture use (where today Shetland cattle graze). The pine trees are a relatively new introduction from Mediterranean areas. What seems random, is being carefully and sensitively managed, although nature is always in charge. As an example the sand dunes are forever moving inland and indigenous plants always seem to win out in the end as they reignite the landscape. So it begs the question...who is in charge? Humankind or Mother Nature (i.e. God), or are we seeking to live corroboratively with God, guided by his lead?

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

(1 Corinthians Ch 6 vs 19-20).

God bless

Patrick

