



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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14th January 2024

**10.45am Joint AAW Service with AVC led by Rev Sonya Marshall
4pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Methodist Church**

21st January - 10.45am Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

**28th January - 9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church
- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church**

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 14th January 2024

1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51

Prayer

Living God,
in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

Next session will be at 7pm on Monday, 22 January when we will be looking at the last section of Mark chapter 14 - the arrival of Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Circuit Service

In Conversation with The Revd David Hardman Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem

Sunday 14th January At 4.00pm at Liverpool Road Methodist Church



***A time to find out more about the complex situation in Palestine and Israel
and to pray for justice and peace
(Light refreshments)***

***For more information contact the Circuit Office On 01704 264775 or email
admin@southportmethodist.org.uk***

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.

Annual Leave - Rev Patrick Evans

Patrick will be away from Thursday 4th January returning on Sunday 21st January. If you need to contact a Minister during this period, please contact Rev Sonya Marshall on 07824 398263 or at sonyatolley@icloud.com.

WELCOME TO OUR WARM WINTER PICTURE HOUSE!

Free Film Fridays with hot drinks and snacks

**9 February
THE DUKE**



St John's C of E Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale
Film Show 2pm Doors Open 1.45pm

Prayer for January

Glorious Heavenly Father we approach your mercy seat remembering all you have done for us over these past 12 months, all the ways you have guided and taught us, the times you have given us strength and support, the occasions you have especially surrounded us with your love and compassion.

We come now anticipating the year ahead, knowing that you will always be watching over us through it, constantly working out your purpose in our lives, looking to lead us into a deeper understanding of your love. Father help us to love you with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

We ask that you would strengthen us, inspire us, equip us and lead us forwards in your service, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Dear Friends



Happy New Year to you all. Firstly an apology; I had hoped to do some visiting in the lead up to Christmas but Covid had other ideas. I was going to offer some Christmas cake as I visited, although for those who were in Church on New Years Eve it was shared with the congregation over coffee after the service. I had called the cake a peace cake because it included fruit from the lands of Israel and Palestine. The cake was to come with the prayer below. Most conflict ends in some form of negotiated settlement when the participants realise that the war has become futile and neither side will attain the victory they sought at the beginning. The prayer is written by Ruth Harvey, leader of the Iona Community.

God bless

Patrick

*Dear Lord,
we pray for a round table –
a united nations negotiating table;
a number 10 oval office table;
a communion kitchen table –
any such sacramental table.
A table where the corners have been replaced by curves,
and where the stuff (and word) of life is
blessed and sent around
(like the salt and the spice)
where the holy spirit loops the bend to rest –
these are holy round tables: places of reconciliation.*

*For reconciliation to come around,
give us grace, good Lord,
to notice our stolid square-ness;
then so much more grace
to embrace the complete 'round' in ourselves.*

*Where rough edges have been smoothed;
where hard opinions have been softened;
we give you thanks that here
is the space for reconciling love.*

Amen

