



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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28th January 2024

9.45am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

4th February - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road Church

11th February - 10.45am AAW Joint Service with AVC led by Lesley Goddard

- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

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 28th January 2024

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

Prayer

God of heaven and earth, whose power is made fully known in your pardoning mercy: ever fill us with your grace, that, entering more fully into your promises, we may come to share in the good things of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

Our last session for the time being will be on Monday, 5 February, 7-8.30pm, when we will be concluding Mark's Gospel with Chapter 16 - the Resurrection of Jesus.

Raising Praise

The next Raising Praise will be this Sunday 28th January, 6.00pm at Leyland Road. All welcome!



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.

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9 February THE DUKE



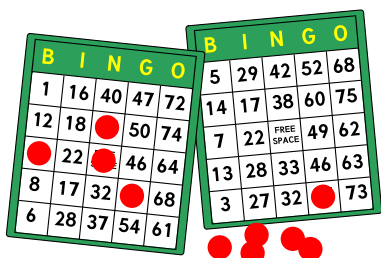
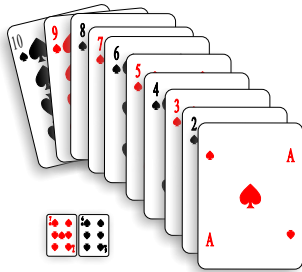
St John's C of E Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale
Film Show 2pm Doors Open 1.45pm

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Dear Friends

As I write this we are coming towards the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th January). Each year Churches Together in Britain and Ireland provide resources to aid reflection (if interested you can find them at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf>). This year the churches of Burkina Faso have provided the resources as they invite us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

They use the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke Ch 10 vs 25-37). I am sure we know the story well, that when a man is attacked by robbers, a priest and a Levite pass by on the other side whilst a Samaritan goes to his aid. Then Jesus asks...

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Luke Ch 10 vs 37-38)

From this I wonder if the story should be titled the Parable of Mercy. A dictionary definition of mercy states, "if someone in authority shows mercy, they choose not to harm someone they have power over, or they forgive someone they have the right to punish."

We are called by Jesus to go and do likewise. We remember that we receive the mercy of God and through this experience we are empowered to share mercy with others. Others is all embracing, it has no boundaries. As churches and Christians, our energies are often focused inward within our own congregations and denominations. We can become trapped in focusing on our differences and being critical of nuances between us, that we fail to show mercy to one another, let alone to "others" within the wider world.

Wherever we find ourselves worshipping, may we be known by the mercy we offer to all.

God bless

Patrick