



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*4th February 2024*

**9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW**

**11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road Church (No Service Here)**

**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 4th February 2024*

Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11,20c; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

## *Prayer*

God our Father, whose Word has come among us:  
may the light of faith, kindled in our hearts, shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

## *Circuit Service Offering*

Our offering is for the Ukrainian Welcome Centre at Blundellsands Methodist  
Church.

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

Revised venue this month. 7.30am Tuesdays in February at Sacred Heart  
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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).



# WELCOME TO OUR WARM WINTER PICTURE HOUSE!

Free Film Fridays with hot drinks and snacks

9 February  
**THE DUKE**



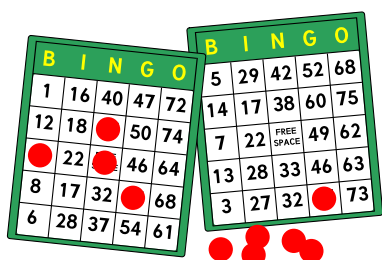
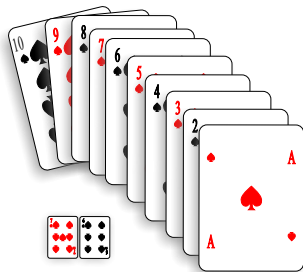
St John's C of E Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale  
Film Show 2pm Doors Open 1.45pm

## *Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure*

**Monday Social** – Taking place  
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Dear Friends

Our Circuit Service on Sunday morning focuses on the theme of a Justice Seeking Church, which will then flow through to a Circuit Lent Study each Tuesday for six weeks starting on Tuesday 6th February. This will be hosted by the Wesley Guild at Liverpool Road Methodist Church (PR8 4PD) between 7.30 and 9.00pm each Tuesday and is open to all from across the Circuit.

**Let Justice Flow** 'Let Justice Flow' is a six-week Bible study based on the ministry of the Old Testament prophet Amos and is particularly suited to Lent. The study raises the kind of deep and searching questions - What kind of God would allow such pain and suffering to occur in his world? Can God's people expect protection from natural or human-made disasters?

The study also addresses issues of social justice, which are present throughout the Book of Amos. These issues are then situated within our current time through the report 'A Justice-seeking Church'. The Methodist Conference of 2023 adopted this report and commended it to the wider Methodist Church (throughout Great Britain) for prayerful study and action. It is a response to our calling as Christians to explore what it means to act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God which is seen as integral to a Methodist way of life.

It is our aim that this study will challenge comfortable faith, whilst also feeding and nourishing those who seek to better understand their world and their place within God's creation.

**Who is Amos?** Amos lived some 800 years before the birth of Jesus. He lived during an era of great economic wealth and political stability. However, it was also an era of great income inequality. Whilst the rich lived sumptuous lives of affluence and splendour, the majority of the population lived in abject poverty.

It was a society which claimed to be deeply religious, but which failed to uphold decent values of justice. Amos received a calling from God to challenge the social and economic injustices that he saw all around him.

We hope you can join us which ever weeks you are available.

God bless

Patrick