



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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10th March 2024

10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Cynthia May - Mothering Sunday

17th March - 10.45am Service led by Lesley Goddard

**24th March - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - Palm Sunday
- 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.

Lectionary Readings 10th March 2024

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 103.(1-7),8-13; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Prayer

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches Together in Ainsdale

Lent Safari 2024

This years Lent Safari will take place at the following venues:-

Wednesday 13th Mar 10am - Ainsdale Methodist church

Wednesday 20th Mar 10am - Ainsdale Methodist church

All are welcome.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

Worship at Ainsdale Village Church

When we worship at the Village Church from April onwards, the services will now be at 10am.

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.

St Peter's Church
Green Lane, Formby
L37 7DL

AMADEUS
THE CHAMBER CHOIR

Friday 15th March

7:30pm

In aid of Cancer Research

Name That Tune



Tickets: £5

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or by using the QR code

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FULLY FUNDED Sessions Available

 Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

has secured funding to support older adults to take part in social activities until the end of March.

Support comes in the form of

Monday Social

Taking place every Monday

12.00-3.00 pm

INCLUDES:

Two Course Lunch, Tea/Coffee, Cards, Board Games, Bingo and Quiz



Completely 'FREE' for ages 65+

Places Limited - Advance Booking Essential

CALL US on 01704 574838

to secure your place

Ainsdale Methodist Church, Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 3NQ
registered charity 1129183

Mother's Day

This Sunday, in honour of Mothers Day, we'll have flowers displayed in Church. Feel free to bring along a card or use one of the blank cards provided near the flowers to share a message or remember a loved one.

Circuit Lent Bible Study

Our Study of the Book of Amos is taking place between 7.30 and 9.00pm on Tuesdays in the New Room at Liverpool Road Methodist Church. All are welcome to any of the sessions...upcoming studies are:-

Tue 12th Mar - Hope for a better world led by Rev Patrick Evans

Tue 19th Mar - Easter Praise led by Local Preacher Brian Simmons

Dear Friends

As I write I'm with the probationer ministers from the North of England who have gathered for their annual retreat. I attend as District Probationers Secretary. A couple of things have struck me.

Firstly, whilst I know we are struggling to appoint a new Superintendent Minister from September 2024, there are excellent Probationer Ministers who will be ordained in the next couple of years. Whilst this doesn't help our immediate predicament it does bode well for the future. There was a reduction in those entering training around the Covid years, although I understand those applying to commence training from this September has increased significantly. We continue to pray for our own situation.

Secondly, what an amazing role our churches, and you as congregations play in promoting social justice. Rachel Lampard has been leading the retreat and you may remember Rachel from when she preached at our recent Circuit Service on the theme of "a Justice Seeking Church".

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah Ch 6 vs 8)

Part of me sinks when I hear of yet another Methodist initiative with everything else that is going on. A key element of Rachel's message has been to encourage us to look at what churches are already doing regarding social justice, and to value it as that, rather than try and start a new set of initiatives when people are already stretched.

Perhaps too often we beat ourselves up for what we are not doing rather than celebrating everything we are doing. Just one example of how we are a Justice Seeking Church is how we use our resources. We have some great facilities in our buildings (despite their challenges), and every time we make these available to the community it provides a place for those to who would otherwise be isolated.

As we look around our churches and congregations, let's celebrate all that promotes the heart of God for social justice.

God bless

Patrick