



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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17th March 2024

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 17th March 2024

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-12; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

Prayer

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches Together in Ainsdale Lent Safari 2024

This years last session of the Lent Safari will take place on:

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in March at the Cherish Centre.

2024 Ecumenical Study Course & Discussion

Digging Deeper - A Journey Through the Psalms

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 11.30am (coffee from 10am)

Leyland Road Church Lounge

Next Session Apr 3rd Psalm 8 - Fr Chris Thomas



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Sue & Tom McBride in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

If anybody would like to make a donation for the flowers for Easter Sunday it would be very much appreciated.

There will be a box available for any donations.

Thank you.

Circuit Lent Bible Study

Our Study of the Book of Amos is taking place between 7.30 and 9.00pm on Tuesday in the New Room at Liverpool Road Methodist Church. All are welcome. Our last session is:

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

Dear Friends

Who would have thought the taking and sharing of a family photo on Mothering Sunday could create such a furore. What are we to make of this?

I wonder whether the picture was pretty much as we saw it and Kate was just trying to make it, in her eyes, absolutely perfect? If that is the case then what are we telling ourselves and those around us, especially the children in the photo? Are we saying only perfection is good enough to be seen and shared, and anything our eye may judge to be a blemish that's out of place needs to be corrected? In so doing are we losing sight of the importance of things being genuine? Who sets the bar that something is good enough versus being in need of modification? Do we lose a sense of perspective when it comes to reality? Thank God that Jesus asks us to come just as we are.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew Ch 11 vs 27-30)

We on the other hand may feel we need to physically, emotionally and spiritually be always "putting our face on". I imagine royalty, always susceptible to the click of a camera and media, scrutiny, feel this far greater than we do. I wonder how much time Kate took to photoshop a photo that was genuine and already good enough (some people would say she didn't take enough time!). Was her time worth the investment, was she trying to make something appear perfect for the critical eye of the outside world, or in the photo were her beautiful children already a representation of perfection as seen through the eyes of God?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." (Philippians Ch 2 vs 3).

God bless

Patrick