



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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24th March 2024 - Palm

10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - Palm Sunday

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Service at Ainsdale Village Church

Good Friday - 10.30am Service with AVC led by Rev Patrick Evans

31st March - Easter Communion Service 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 24th March 2024

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 11.1-11

Prayer

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Saturday 6th April 10.00am-12.30pm

Ainsdale Methodist Church

A coffee morning and plant sale will be held on Saturday 6th April to raise funds towards the church redevelopment and the gardening club to maintain the church gardens.

Come along enjoy some coffee and cake, have a chat and look around the garden now spring is here.

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.

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 Eunice Collum in memory of Hue's passing.

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.

Worship at Ainsdale Village Church

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

Dear Friends

So what is consuming your energy and attention at the moment? Perhaps you are a carer or supporting someone in need in some way, or you are the one being cared for; maybe the busyness of work is consuming you; you may have very practical issues, such as financial concerns or coping with day to day living; relationships may be strained or in need of reconciliation which may or may not appear realistic. We all come with a myriad of concerns.

As part of the 150th Anniversary of Formby Methodist Church I've just attended a fantastic concert including Voiceworks choir from Formby High School. As I was walking towards the church I was wondering where God was going to be within the evening.

The first song was "What I was made for" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpnTd9Dx2OM>). It reminded me that Jesus sometimes struggled with his calling, although ultimately, he knew what he had been made for. As he said himself, "the hour has come". We all have a calling, and as the Methodist Covenant Prayer reminds "some are easy, others are difficult". Jesus understands the difficulty in accepting a calling; he is with you in your calling.

Next came "Actions speak louder than words" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCTpeYiezm0>). For Jesus, whilst we read and listen to the words gifted to us in the bible for Holy Week, first and foremost it is our understanding of what he did for us upon the cross, rather than what he said to us. Be assured, that in your efforts to care, your actions are the most precious commodity you have, especially when all the words have been said.

Finally, they sang "I'll be there for you" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQp1_GfDhwQ). Jesus came to reconcile us to God, he came to be there for you. And so sometimes all we can do is be there for one another, holding each other in love and prayer. In so doing, in whatever you face, be assured this Holy Week, that Jesus is there for you.

God bless

Patrick