



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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31st March 2024 - Easter

10.45am Easter Communion Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

7th April - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am Communion Easter Praise Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

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 31st March 2024

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8

Prayer

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. 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 April at the Community Church.

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

Worship at Ainsdale Village Church

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

Easter Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we gather in Your presence this Easter, we are reminded of Your infinite love and the miraculous resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In this season of renewal and hope, we pray for Your grace to renew our spirits and guide us in paths of love and service.

Bless this congregation with unity and peace, and instill in our hearts the true meaning of Easter. May we embody the love, sacrifice, and victory of Christ in all that we do. Fill our community with Your light, and let that light shine through us to the world.

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.

Dear Friends

I have a beautiful cherry tree at home that is now in full blossom; the autumn and winter death is replaced by new life. The branches of the tree offer a canopy just above head height. The fragrance under the canopy transforms the experience to another level. It takes a few moments to appreciate the sweet fragrance, for your mind is confused for a few seconds as it works out where the sensation of the fragrance is coming from and whether you are just imagining it. Then your mind catches up as you stand in awe as the fragrance continues to sweep over you.

As we approach the Easter story I am struck by how it must have felt for those first witnesses of Jesus. Their senses must have been totally confused because at first they did not recognise Jesus. Why would they, he had died in front of their very eyes! It took their brains some time to catch up with what they were experiencing.

I love and value the assurance that Peter gives regarding Jesus' life, death and resurrection as he preaches the gospel in the book of Acts.

*"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
(Acts Ch 10 vs 39-41).*

You haven't smelt the fragrance of my tree, you haven't seen the risen Christ, but trust me that the fragrance is real, and trust Peter and all of the other witnesses that the resurrection is real. Trust yourself as you reflect on the resurrection transformation of what felt like hopeless circumstances that you have witnessed in your life. Your experience is as real as the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. May we be witnesses to God's resurrection power.

God bless

Patrick