



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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3rd March 2024

9am Circuit Communion at PPW

10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6.30pm Circuit Service at Lord St West

**10th March - 10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Cynthia May
(Mothering Sunday)**

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 3rd March 2024

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Prayer

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches Together in Ainsdale

Lent Safari 2024

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

Friday 8th Mar 2pm - St John's C of E church

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

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THE CHAMBER CHOIR

Friday 15th March

7:30pm

In aid of Cancer Research

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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 5th Mar - Visions of judgements and justice led by Local Preacher Colin Fyles

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

One of our hopes for the season of Lent may be to draw closer to God; well as Christians surely that is our continuous desire. If you're in any way like me (heaven help you!), then you drift away from God and have to haul yourself, or be hauled, back to God. We may call this becoming more "righteous", although this word can have negative connotations. It can sound as if we are flaunting our 'righteousness' in front of others, and it no longer becomes what righteousness is meant to be which is being in a right relationship with God. Rather it becomes centered on our own ego and how we appear to others. In the process God becomes marginalised when he should be centre stage.

Thomas Merton, sought to draw closer to God by seeking to un-know who he thought he was, in order to become who God created him to be. He writes:

"All sin starts from the assumption that my false self, the self that exists only in my own egocentric desires, is the fundamental reality of life to which everything else in the universe is ordered. Thus, I use up my life in the desire for pleasures and the thirst for experiences, for power, honour, knowledge, and love to clothe this false self and construct its nothingness into something objectively real. And I wind experiences around myself and cover myself with pleasures and glory like bandages in order to make myself perceptible to myself and the world."

In this understanding we become an image of what we perceive the world would have us be. Do we ever stop to ask ourselves whether we wanted to become what everyone else would have us be? Merton continues

"The real 'I' is just simply ourselves and nothing more. Nothing more, nothing less. Our self as we are in the eyes of God...Our self in all its uniqueness, dignity, littleness, and ineffable greatness: the greatness we have received from God our Father."

Grant, Lord, that I may know you so that I may know myself. Amen.

God bless

Patrick