



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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14th April 2024

10.45am AAW Service with Ainsdale Village Church

6.30pm Circuit Service at Lord St West Church

21st April - 10.45am Service led by Richard Cowan

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 14th April 2024

Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48

Prayer

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Study

We're meeting again to look at the way the first Christians went from 120 witnesses of the resurrected Jesus to a global church, as told in Acts of the Apostles.

Anyone who wants to follow this exciting development of the early church is invited to come fortnightly on a Monday evening from 7 till 8.30pm.

The next meeting is on Monday 22nd April when we'll be looking at Acts chapter 2.



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.

Gavin Calver

Head of the Evangelical Alliance: Speaking in Southport 21st April 6pm

The Community Church are thrilled to announce that they are able to host Gavin Calver visiting the northwest to speak to churches across the region on Sunday 21st April at 6pm. This is for anyone and everyone who wants to be stirred in their faith and inspired in bringing the Gospel to their community. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. The event is free to attend and all are welcome!

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Margaret & Geraint Davies in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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Dear Friends

“Possibility beyond the probable is the nature of Christian Hope.”

(Stephen A Cooper - Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Franklin & Marshall College, Pennsylvania).

A friend when battling a life threatening illness would often say *“fear the worse, hope the best”*. I find hope to be so important, it's one of the most precious commodities I think I possess. Where would I be without it; I'd be hopeless.

In the Christian faith, hope takes on a very different dimension. Whilst difficulties exist, there is the everlasting hope, the eternal hope. However difficult things can be, our Christian hope helps us to see the world through a different lens. Life may seek to condition us that various situations are probably going to turn out for the worse because we've been conditioned to anticipate this; perhaps as a self defence mechanism so that we won't be disappointed.

This may have been how the disciples felt after the crucifixion, although they hadn't anticipated the birth of Christianity, with Hope at it's core, was about to burst forth and that possibility beyond the probable was the new kid on the block.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost...

...Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

(Luke Ch 24 vs 36-37 & 45-48)

For us as individual Christians and collectively as the Church, have we become stuck in the world view that the probable will happen or are we hopeful that the possible will prevail, for through the resurrection it already has. I wonder if I stop and pause enough to appreciate the occasions when the possible has prevailed, to see life through resurrection lenses. May we be open to be startled by God moving among us.

God bless

Patrick