



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*21st April 2024*

**10.45am** Service led by Richard Cowan

**28th April** - 10am at Ainsdale Village Church  
- 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.*

# *Lectioary Readings 21st April 2024*

Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

## *Prayer*

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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](mailto: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!

## *Christian Aid Week: 12-18 May*

Churches Together in Ainsdale will be having a "Big Brekkie and Cake Stall" at Ainsdale Village Church (hopefully outside in the garden) on Saturday 18 May between 10am and 12 noon to raise funds for Christian Aid. We're asking for help with this and need volunteers to bake cakes to sell and/or to help on the day. Please make a note of the date and come for your breakfast. If you can help please tell Lesley or Ann who will be delighted to hear from you.

Also in Christian Aid Week we will have envelopes for donations. If anyone would like to deliver to a road locally (deliver only - not collect) please let Lesley know.



Dear friends,

How well are we known? Although we are cautious about how much we share with others about ourselves and our lives, we are known intimately by god.

The first six verses of the message version of psalm 139 reads;

*God, investigate my life;  
get all the facts firsthand.  
I'm an open book to you;  
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.  
You know when I leave and when I get back;  
I'm never out of your sight.  
You know everything I'm going to say  
before I start the first sentence.  
I look behind me and you're there,  
then up ahead and you're there too,  
your reassuring presence , coming and going .  
This is too much, too wonderful, I can't take it all in!*

The extent to which we are known and valued by god is beyond our comprehension. How do we value others and how are we valued by others as we travel through our Christian journey?

In the tv programme 'surgeons on the edge' I watch in awe at the extent of surgery that can be done particularly when reconstruction is involved. A large team work together for lengthy hours valuing each others contribution as they work towards the same goal, enhancing the life of the patient.

As individuals, and as a church, may we, as followers of Jesus Christ value all we meet. A crumpled, well used five pound note has as much value as a pristine new one, people likewise have the same value regardless of their background and circumstances.

Everlasting God

Fortify our hearts with honesty and truth

May we speak with confidence, fluency and faith

Thankyou for your sacrifice and unwavering love

May your great example bring a message of renewed faith  
and hope to all who seek it.

Amen

God bless,  
Sally Eyes