



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*28th April 2024*

**10am** at Ainsdale Village Church

**6pm** Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**5th May** - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am Communion 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.*

# *Lectioary Readings 28th April 2024*

Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.25-31; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

## *Prayer*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## *Bible Study*

The next session will be looking again at Acts Chapter 2 on Monday, 6th May from 7 until 8.30pm.

We'll be in the Lounge. Everyone welcome.



## *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.

## *Thank You*

Colin and Brenda would like to say a very big Thank You to all our friends at AMC for all the prayers, messages, calls and flowers we received, when Colin was in hospital for most of March.

He is home now and making progress each day. He will undergo more treatment until the end of June but we continue to feel your support and kindness and we are very grateful.

## *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

When we bought our first house a friend embroidered a scene depicting a street made up of different houses with the words, "a house is built by human hands, a home is built by human hearts". At its best a home is a place of sanctuary and retreat, a place where we can feel totally secure and at peace with ourselves and those we may share our home with.

We are blessed to have a beautiful garden and it is wonderful to see the treasures that lie within it come to life. Last year the grape vine had an abundant crop, hanging with weighty bunches of grapes.

*I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more...Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. (John Ch 15 vs 1-2 & 4-5 - The Message translation)*

A more traditional bible translation may use the phrase "abide in me as I abide in you", rather than "make your home in me just as I do in you". I especially like the use of the word "home". We talk of places being a "home from home", that is a place where we feel as comfortable as we do at home. We have some friends who we stay with occasionally overnight; their hospitality is so easy and relaxed that it truly becomes our home for a time; we hope they feel equally at ease with our presence. Jesus wants us to feel at home in the security and peace he offers. How hospitable are we towards Jesus? Are we as comfortable abiding in the home of Jesus as we are in our own home? Have we any grafting or pruning to be done?

God bless

Patrick