



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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7th April 2024

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Communion Easter Praise Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

14th April - 10.45am AAW Service with Ainsdale Village Church
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Lord St West Church

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 7th April 2024

Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

Prayer

Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bags of Easter Joy

Thank you to everyone who donated to provide items for the bags of Easter Joy, that were given to families who attended the Foodbank before Easter. These bags were provided in addition to the Foodbank bags they received. Single persons were given Easter eggs.

Thank you once again and for your continued generosity in supporting the work of the Foodbank throughout the year.

Brian Davey



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 May 1st - Psalm 46 - Rev Ben Dyer

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Cynthia & Frank May in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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Dear Friends

During Holy Week the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have joined 140 leaders worldwide in stating that they cannot be silent as people continue to die in Gaza by military assault, lack of adequate medical care, hunger, and disease. They write "The people in Gaza face starvation as a result of the daily bombing and ground invasion by the Israeli military and the shutting off of basic life sustaining services to more than two million people. We repeat our call for a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire and welcome the UK Government's support for this call at the UN Security Council on Monday 25th March. We urge the UK Government to follow this up with assertive action to protect the lives of the people of Gaza."

An extract from the statement of the 140 Christian leaders reads "As Christians around the world prepare to commemorate the final suffering in the earthly life of Jesus Christ during Holy Week, we stand in solidarity with all in the Holy Land who suffer. During Passion Week, Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox alike engage in prayer, reflection, and repentance. We repent of the ways we have not stood alongside our Palestinian siblings in faithful witness in the midst of their grief, agony, and sorrow. Christian witness and engagement with the world must be marked by faithfulness to God, love of neighbour, and mercy toward those who are suffering and in need. For the Holy Scriptures teach, "Uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." (Psalm 82:3).

We, as global Christian leaders, stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Palestine and around the world and say the killing must stop, and the violence must be brought to an end. We ask world leaders to exercise strong moral courage to bring an immediate end to the violence and to open a pathway toward peace and an end to the conflict. We call for a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire where all combatants lay down their weapons and Israeli hostages and Palestinian political prisoners held without the due process of law are released. Immediate and adequate humanitarian assistance must be provided for the more than two million Palestinian people in Gaza who have such desperate needs. We support efforts toward a negotiated settlement that addresses the core causes of the current crisis and brings an end to the decades-long violations of the rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with international law, such solutions must advance security and self-determination for all Israelis and Palestinians."

God bless
Patrick