



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*12th May 2024*

**10.45am** Joint AAW Service with AVC led by Rev Karen Jobson -  
(Chaplain at North West Ambulance Service)

**6.30pm** Circuit Easter Offering Service at Formby Methodist

**19th May - 10.45am** Service led by Eirlys Jessop - Christian Aid Theme

## **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 12th May 2024*

Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

## *Prayer*

Eternal God, you have given all authority in heaven and on earth to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we may never lose the vision of your kingdom but serve you with hope and joy; through him who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Next session is at 7pm on Monday, 20 May when we will be looking at Acts Chapter 3.

Everyone is welcome to this informal group in the Lounge.



## *Pentecost Prayer Service*

All the Ainsdale churches are invited to this special service at 6pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May, when we will celebrate together God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

## *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).

## *D Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Service.*

On the morning of Thursday June 6th we will be holding service in church to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day. We would like to include any stories or the names of any family members who played any part in the day. You may wish to share a brief description of the part they played in the service, or just have their name remembered in our prayers.

Should we have a number of stories and names we would like to create a display with the stories on and a list of the names to be remembered. For further information or to pass on any names or stories please see Brian Davey.

## *Circuit Records Audit*

The Southport Methodist Circuit keeps our member and adherent records up-to-date to ensure accuracy. As part of our annual audit, we're reviewing these records.

If you have provided an email address, you'll have received a consent request. If you haven't or prefer not to use email, please contact your pastoral secretary to update your information.

For any questions about your data, contact Martin Maynard at 07973 223394 or [webmaster@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@southportmethodist.org.uk)

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

Big Brekkie & Cake Stall - Saturday 18 May

Lesley and Ann are eagerly and urgently waiting to hear from anyone who will bake a cake or make jam etc for the Cake Stall at the Village Church on Saturday 18th May.

This is a Churches Together in Ainsdale event to support the life-saving work of Christian Aid world-wide. Please come for breakfast (10am-12noon) and enjoy the morning. If you can help that day we'd be doubly grateful!

Dear Friends

It's Christian Aid week (12-18th May) and one of its themes is "Becoming One".

In this weeks gospel reading (John Ch 17 vs 6-19) Jesus prays for his disciples ahead of his arrest and execution. In chapters 16 and 17 Jesus speaks of the sorrow, loss and persecution that will come to those who follow him, but he also promises comfort (through the Spirit), love, peace and joy for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer that *'they may be one, as we are one'* (verse 11) directs us to consider the extraordinary love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus prays that his followers may be united by a bond that is like the unity of God's own self. Where we are tempted to draw dividing lines, Jesus' prayer tells us that our purpose is connection.

This reading also points ahead to Jesus' death. God's love for us is so great that God became human, even to the point of death. It is with this great love that God reaches out to us, inviting us to form our own loving communities. We can respond to God's love by showing love for one another, serving one another with care and compassion.

### **A Prayer for Christian Aid Week 2024**

Loving God, help us to hear the voices of those enduring extreme poverty.

It is hard to listen to stories of pain.

Show us how compassion for others can bring healing and fullness of life for all.

Help us to understand that we are one through your love, for every human being is loved by you, beyond measure.

Loving God,

you call on us to build your kingdom of justice, mercy and truth.

It isn't a task for the faint hearted.

When we lose our sense of purpose, fill us with faith.

When we doubt or throw up our hands in despair, fill us with hope.

When we pass by our neighbour as though we did not know them, fill us with the love that turns us back and takes us to their aid.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

God bless

Patrick