



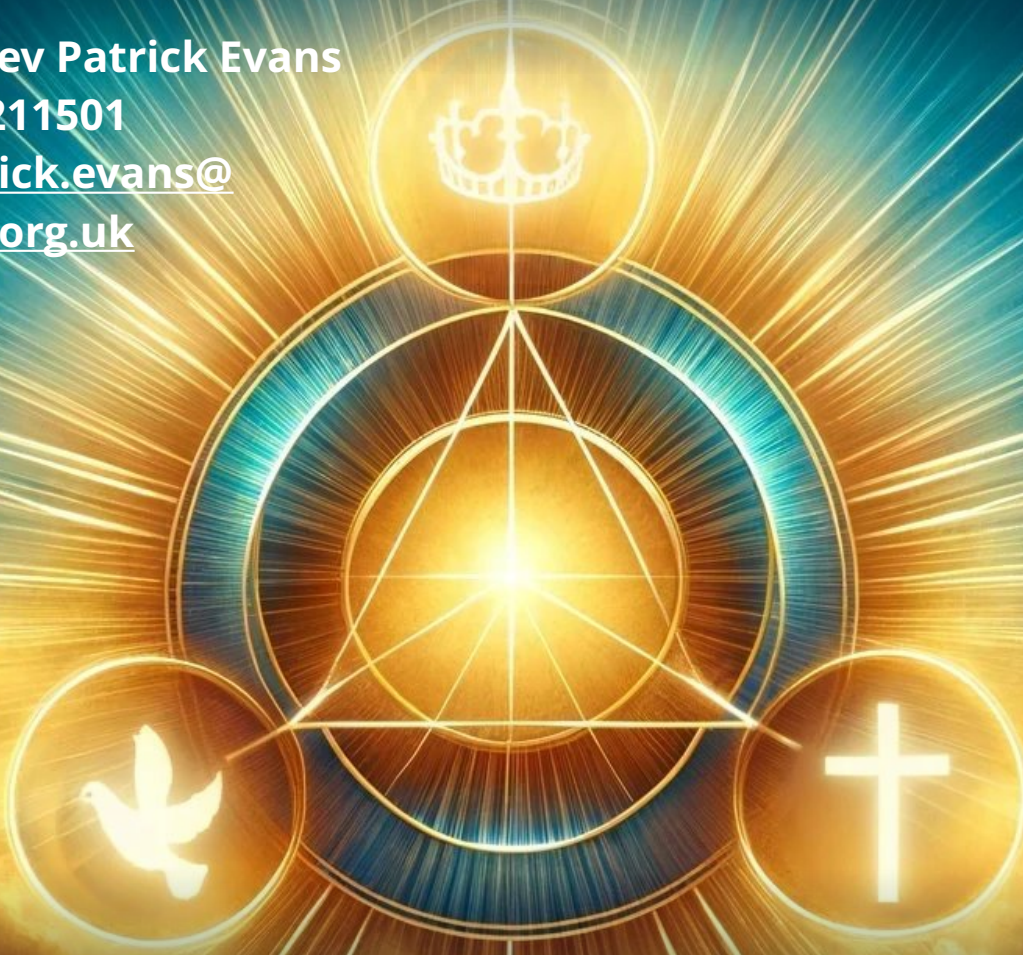
Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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26th May 2024 - Trinity

10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

2nd June - 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 26th May 2024

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

80th D-Day Anniversary Celebrations

Join Us on Thursday June 6th as we pay tribute to the achievements and sacrifices of those who took part in the largest seaborne invasion in history. This, along with associated airborne operations, marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe.

On the Day:

10.00 am - National Celebrations Live-Streamed on TV

10.45 am - Commemoration Service in the Church

12 noon - Two Course Wartime Themed Lunch

1.00 pm - Sing-along to the Songs of the Era

1.45 pm - 'Remember then,' Wartime Britain Quiz

LUNCH: Bookings only. Call us on 01704 578583

Members £6, Visitors £7

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.

D Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Service.

On the morning of Thursday June 6th we will be holding service in church at 10.45am 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.

Coffee Morning

10am -12noon Saturday 1st June 2024

During the Coffee morning, and ahead of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on the 6th June, Rev Patrick Evans will be talking about his D-Day to VE Day Bike Ride that he undertook in 2023 (presentation starts at 10.30).

All are welcome.



Thank You

Barbara and Brian send their heartfelt thanks to all our friend at AMC who have shown such loving concern for us and our son Rob during his long illness. Your prayers have surrounded and carried us. Many thanks for your kind messages and cards of sympathy following his recent death. Love and God bless. Barbara and Brian.

Dear Friends

“Are ye dancing?” “Are ye asking?...”

As I have been preparing for Trinity Sunday, I came across this prayer in the Methodist Prayer Handbook.

*Eternal and glorious Trinity, for whom we thirst and long;
for ever let us desire your light,
seek your face and
wrap ourselves in the robe of your majesty and love. Amen.*
Catherine of Sienna (c. 1347-1380)

I invite you for a time to live with this prayer, perhaps for a few minutes as part of a quiet time, or maybe longer as you journey through a day or the week. How does it speak to you, do the words resonate with you, where does it take you?

Catherine was a mystic with a strong sense of the presence of the divine in union with us. I love the economic way in which Catherine chooses her words, whilst they are expansive enough to enabling us to dwell deeper upon them.

“Trinity” replaces the word “God” in the prayer. This acknowledges God is three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Catherine thirsts and longs to experience all aspects and manifestations of the Trinity; and asks that this craving for the Trinity will be forever.

Matthew Ch 4 vs 16-17 says, *“The people who live in darkness have seen a great light, and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned”*. In Colossians Ch 1 vs 15 Paul writes, *“And He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation”*. And God the Son humbled himself and made his dwelling amongst us, and as his disciples we seek to be Christ-like. We are assured that we do not toil alone for *“when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”* (John 14:26).

Some call the “trinity” the “divine dance” to which we are invited to join

“...I’m asking” “then I’m dancing”.

God bless

Patrick