



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*5th May 2024*

**9am** Circuit Communion Service at PPW

**10.45am** Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

**12th May** - 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

## **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 5th May 2024*

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

## *Prayer*

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; 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*

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.

## *Sing-along Concert*

*with*

**The Roundelay Choir**

**7pm Monday 13th May 2024**

St Patrick's Church Hall

35 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TJ

*Collection in aid of motor neurone disease Refreshments & Raffle*

*Free Entry*

## *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 May at Shoreline Church.

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Gill & Rob Hemmings in memory of Joan & Jim Hemmings (Rob's parents).

## *Circuit Easter Offering Service*

Sunday 12th May 6.30pm at Formby Methodist Church.

A warm welcome awaits you, hope you can join us.

## *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

Is being a Christian a “walk in the park”, i.e. something that is very easy to do, and usually pleasant? I wonder what those on the outside looking in perceive it to be? Some may say they couldn't keep to all the rules, others that they are not good enough. Perhaps people think of all the things they cannot do, and wonder where all the fun would be in their lives. I wonder how we project the Christian faith to others? Two of the readings this week include the following verses, and what struck me was the references to the word “commandment(s)”.

*For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. (1 John Ch 5 vs 3 & 4a)*

I find the passage above really helpful; *“his commandments are not burdensome”*. Have I/we made the Christian faith burdensome? Have I/we made the church burdensome? I'm sorry to say that in response to these questions I think sometimes I have and do. This is from two perspectives. Firstly, from focusing on my own ego and the needs this drives in me; needs that are not necessarily aligned to God's will. Secondly, from not keeping my faith simple as gifted to us by Jesus in the words below.

*If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*  
*(John Ch 15 vs 10-12)*

As we seek to love others as Jesus has loved us, we focus on how Jesus was a servant leader. Jesus understood that for our struggles in this world to be lessened, we must mutually accommodate the needs (not necessarily the wants) of others. In so doing we find our joy returning as we journey through life.

God bless

Patrick