



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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23rd June 2024

10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church led by Nigel Mawdsley

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

30th June - 10.45am 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 23rd June 2024

1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13;
Mark 4.35-41

Prayer

Creator God, in the beginning your word subdued the chaos and in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and to make all things new. By that same power transform our fear into faith that we may have courage to follow in the way of your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

The next session will be in the Lounge on Monday, 24 June, 7-8.30pm, when we will be looking at Acts chapter 6.
Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed

Can you volunteer some time? A few hours per week? The Hospice Africa Ainsdale Charity Shop (207, Heathfield Road, PR8 3HE), looking for cheerful, willing volunteers to help in its charity shop. This charity shop is part of Hospice Africa UK, which directly funds 3 hospice sites in Uganda for those who cannot afford to pay for medical care. It was founded by a Liverpool Doctor, Dr. Anne Merriman who wanted to bring compassion and care to those forgotten by society who were experiencing chronic pain.

If you are interested in joining our friendly team, please pop into the shop for an application form or contact me directly at merrimanm2@gmail.com.

Alternatively leave a message on 01695 578209. Thank you.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

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If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.



What a Wonderful World



Concert Supporting
The Alzheimer's Society
By
Octave Choir and Guests

Saturday 29th June 2024

7:30 pm

Ainsdale Methodist Church Hall

Tickets £7

From 07798 707231
suehughes23@yahoo.co.uk



Strawberry Cream Tea £5

Thursday 27th June 2-4pm At Formby Methodist Church in aid of Girls Literacy Project (AGLIT) in Southern Malawi.

Southport U3CA Choir

Invite you to join them to celebrate their 10th anniversary with a concert featuring their favourite songs

Friday 5th July 2pm

Doors open 1:45pm Christchurch, Lord Street, Southport Tickets £4
Free refreshments and raffle included

Dear Friends

Next Sunday, 30th June, will see the ordination of Phil Robinson at the Methodist Conference in Leeds. Many will remember Phil candidated from Leyland Road Methodist Church, having come to Southport to be their Youth and Family Worker. Phil now serves in the Banbury Methodist Circuit and will be ordained at Bradford Cathedral. Earlier in the day at 10.45am Phil will be received into Full Connexion as part of the Conference Worship. I will include a link for this in next weeks notices for those who wish to watch it online live or on catch up. Please hold Phil, Jules and Zoe in your prayers at this time.

Although we worship in our own churches, I find it helpful and encouraging to be reminded that we are part of a larger connected community, the Connexion. This sense of being connected makes a difference to how the Methodist Church as a whole is structured. At its heart is an understanding of the Christian community as the 'body of Christ'. Just as a human body contains different limbs and organs that depend on each other, so we should be close and caring enough to feel each other's pain and delight. We should put the good of the whole body before our own individual needs. John Wesley said,

“Do not allow yourself one thought of separating from your brothers and sisters, whether their opinions agree with yours or not.”

Whether it be in a local Church, a Circuit, District or Connexion, there will inevitably be issues that arise where our opinions differ. Was it ever so; Paul wrote extensively to the early church regarding how we maintain our unity in spite of our differences.

This weeks epistle reading is 2 Corinthians Ch 6 vs 1-13, and it ends with these words:

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

God bless

Patrick