



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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2nd June 2024

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

9th June - 10.45am AAW Joint Service with AVC led by Tabz

- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church
farewell to Rev Dr Sheryl Anderson Chair of District
(see circuit news about farewell gift donations)

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 2nd June 2024

1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23 - 3.6

Prayer

Faithful God, whose covenant love is new every morning: open our eyes to your wisdom and give us grace to keep faith with all your creation; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

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.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Mrs D Butler in memory of Bob, her husbands passing.

Patrick on Leave

Patrick is on leave from midday on Sunday 2nd June returning on Sunday 9th June. If you need to contact a Minister during this time, please contact Rev Marie-Anne Kent at marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk or on 01704 513128.

You are invited to the Liverpool District MWiB Summer Gathering

Wednesday 19th June 2024

11am Drinks on arrival - 11.30am Start - 3pm Conclusion

Emmanuel Methodist/UR Church

38 Derby Street, Ormskirk



Dear Friends

With a General Election pending, I share some reflections from the Joint Public Issues Team of the Methodist Church and its ecumenical partners.

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu observed, "When people say that religion and politics don't mix, I wonder which Bible it is they are reading." The Bible tells the story of God's intimate concern with how human societies are ordered and governed, and stresses the particular responsibilities of those with power to judge wisely, act mercifully, protect the vulnerable, speak truth, and uphold justice. Through the incarnation, Jesus immersed himself in the injustices and sufferings of the world and the political issues of his day.

Christians have an important role to play in elections: to love, to pray, and to vote. As we follow Jesus's commandment to love our neighbours, we must debate with kindness, ask questions, demand honest answers and be offended when truth is not offered. We are called too to listen to those on the margins, seek good news for the poor, and stand up for those who are vulnerable.

Parties and candidates will have their own carefully selected messages to share, which may not include the issues that we most care about. How can the scandal of foodbanks be ended? How can we avert climate catastrophe? How can we ensure refugees are treated fairly and humanely? You will have others. In playing our part in this General Election, we have the opportunity to raise these questions above the fog, and hold candidates accountable to providing solutions which work for the good of all.

A prayer for voters

Loving God, we face a choice. Be with us as we consider the options weigh the arguments and assess the claims and the candidates. But also prompt us to listen: to the voices on the margins to the cry of the earth and to those who reach a different conclusion to us. God, we pray that you would stimulate our minds stir our hearts and sanctify our choosing. Help us also to remember your command to love our neighbours both during and after this election.

Amen

God bless
Patrick