



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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21st July 2024

11am Circuit Service at PPW (Marie-Anne's Leaving Service)

No Service here

28th July - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church led by Rev Hilary Smith

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

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 21st July 2024

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Prayer

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Date for your Diary

Ainsdale Village Church are having a 'Lazy Sunday Afternoon Tea' on Sunday 8th September, all are welcome. More details and ticket information to follow.



2024 Ecumenical Study Course & Discussion

Digging Deeper - A Journey Through the Psalms

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 11.30am (coffee from 10am)
Leyland Road Church Lounge
Next Session August 7th Psalm 73 - John Sutton Smith

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.



Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

Guitar Lessons: 10.00 - 12.00

Fit 4 Life: 10.00 - 11.00

Gardening Club: 10.00 - 11.00

Monday Social: 13.00 - 15.00

Family History: 13.00 - 15.00

Technology Support: 13.00 - 15.00

NB. Family History & Technology Support are One-To-One Sessions. Advance booking essential.

Tuesday

Ukulele: 10.00 - 12.00

Tai-Chi (Chair based): 11.00 - 12.00

Music for All: 13.00 - 15.00

Tai-Chi: 14.00 - 15.30

Wednesday

Indoor Bowls: 13.00 - 15.00

Table Tennis: 13.00 - 15.00

Thursday

Art & Craft: 10.00 - 12.00

Vital Motion: 9.45 - 10.45

(Chair-Based)

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(Chair-Based)

Friday

Needlecraft: 10.00 - 12.00

Singing for All: 12.45 - 13.45

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES



LUNCHEON CLUB

Operates Monday to Friday

Eat With Us Here at 12.00 noon

Home Deliveries Arrive Between 12.00 - 13.00

Please book in advance. Menu updated weekly, see website.



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Monday to Friday: 10.00 until 14.00



CHARITY SHOP

Monday to Thursday: 10.00 until 14.00

Dear Friends

In the aftermath of the First World War, Quakers distributed food and clothing to the people of Poland. One of the relief workers suddenly contracted typhus and died within a day. The only cemeteries were Roman Catholic and by Church law only Catholics could be buried there. So, the man's fellow workers buried their friend just outside the cemetery. The next morning, they discovered that during the night the villagers had moved the fence so that the cemetery included their friend's grave.

This week's epistle reading is from Ephesians Ch 2 vs 11-22, with Paul encouraging reconciliation between the members of the newly formed community who had come together from very different cultures, backgrounds and traditions, such as Jews and Gentiles.

Through Christ we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
(Ephesians Ch 2 vs 18-22)

The Quakers had no choice but to observe the Church laws. In turn, the Catholics observed the actions of the Quakers. Importantly they must have reflected on how it must have felt for the Quakers to be on the outside. Perhaps they thought about how it would be if the tables were turned; how would they feel if they had to bury one of their own outside the boundary of a Quaker burial site. Such reflection resulted in the hearts and minds of the Catholics being changed and they embraced the Quakers by moving the fence.

Paul reminds us that because of old ways and traditions divisions can come between us, but through Christ we are all within the boundary of his love and grace. So, can we see any fences that we need to move?

God bless

Patrick