



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



*24th November 2024*

**11am** Circuit Service at Leyland Road Church - No Service here

**6pm** Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**1st December** - 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Derek Bowker  
- 6pm CTiA Carols Around The Tree

*Image: 1 Samuel 1:4-20*

## **Mission Statement**

To share locally and globally in the whole Church's purpose of the worship of God and the care of people.

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# *Lectionary Readings 24th November 2024*

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25; Mark 13.1-8

## *Prayer*

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Next session Wednesday 27th November from 1.30pm till 3 o'clock - looking at key passages from Acts of the Apostles.  
Everybody welcome.

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

## *Circuit 9am Communion at PPW*

Starting in December, the circuit's early morning communion will now be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next service will take place on Sunday, 15th December

## *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).

# *Bags of Christmas Cheer*

As in previous years we are planning to provide Bags of Christmas Cheer. These bags will be given as gifts to those people who come to the Foodbank in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Each bag will have extra items of Christmas Fayre not provided in the usual bags of food from the Foodbank.

To make up the bags we would like donations of the following items.

- Christmas puddings (large or small)
  - Cartons or tins of custard.
  - Boxes of Mince pies.
  - Small Christmas cake portions.
- Yule logs or mini-cakes, (Christmas themed).
  - Tins of ham.
  - Savoury crackers.
  - Savoury snacks.
- Selection boxes or sweet treats.

Please leave any donations in the collection box in the lounge.  
Many thanks.



## *Christmas Coffee Morning*



We will be holding a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 7th December, 10.00am - 12.30pm.

There will be a Raffle and a Christmas themed quiz during the morning. We would be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes. Please pass any items to a church steward. Thank you.

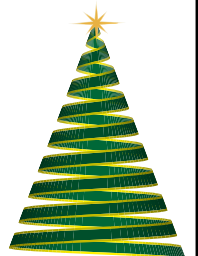
## *Churches Together in Ainsdale invite you to:*

Carols Around the Christmas Tree  
at Ainsdale Methodist Church

Refreshments served from 5pm onwards

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 6pm

Join us for Carols, Christmas Readings, and Reflections



# Praying with Scripture

*LECTIO DIVINA* or *SACRED READING* is a simple and ancient way of praying using Scripture. The idea is to slowly read aloud, preferably, a few verses from the Bible. Hearing them aloud helps us to be able to think about how we can apply them to our everyday lives, leading to a personal response in prayer and a gentle resting in the love of God.

There are 4 parts to this rich discipline:-

1. *LECTIO*: Read the passage aloud slowly enjoying the words as Psalm 119 v 103 says, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."
  
1. *MEDITATIO*: Mediate, or in other words, think deeply about the words, making connections with our own life journey, seeing which thoughts come to mind as we reflect on them.
  
1. *RATTIO*: Express our response to *God* with our voice. This might sound a bit strange, but it means talking or singing, and why not even dancing as we tell the Lord what is in our heart and expresses our love for Him.
  
1. *CONTEMPLATIO*: Contemplate which means sitting in silence, resting in God, not striving, just trusting that in the depths of our being that God is at work, bringing healing and refreshment.  
May I suggest that you have a go at this using Psalm 139 verses 13-18  
13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.  
15 My frame was not hidden from you. When I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.  
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.  
17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!  
18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

Bon courage!

Ernie