



December 2024

News



From your Superintendent

Dear Southport Circuit

Minister Appointment

I am delighted we are able to announce the appointment of a new Minister from September 2025, Rev Chris Humble. Chris has been Superintendent Minister in the West Durham Circuit since 2017 having previously served for ten years in York, and ten years in Grimsby & Cleethorpes, and prior to that in Amersham and Leeds. Chris will be joined in Southport by his wife Judith. Confirmation will follow as to whether Chris will take up the role of Superintendent Minister from his arrival or from September 2026.

Circuit Services

From this month, the 9am Circuit Communion held at PPW will take place on the third Sunday of the month. In addition, on the first Sunday we have Sunday@6 for 11-18 year olds and the home of Dominic and Rachel Bray; on the second Sunday we have a more reflective service normally at 6.30pm at Liverpool Road; and on the fourth Sunday at 6.00pm we have Raising Praise at Leyland Road.

Christmas Online Circuit Service

This will be available from Tuesday 24th December 2024 and can be accessed at <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/christmas>.

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

We say farewell to Jack Watson, Circuit Safeguarding Officer at the end of the year who is going to be the Safeguarding Officer for the Lancashire Plus area for the new District. We thank Jack for his

endeavours these last few years. We are currently recruiting for a replacement Jack, but in the meantime any Circuit Safeguarding queries should be raised in the first instance with Shirley Potts, Circuit Steward.

Save the Date -

**Day of Music & Prayer,
Saturday 22nd February 2025**

We welcome to the Circuit Paul Critchley from Presence Worship in Stoke-on-Trent where he has been part of their major citywide prayer movement over the last decade. Paul has a heart to encourage and mentor worshippers and musicians, following a call to be a worship Father for the generation that is now and is to come. You can find more details about Paul on his Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@PaulCritchley/videos>. Further details to follow.

Finally, I hope and pray you have a blessed Christmas.

God bless

Patrick



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CIRCUIT REFLECTIVE ADVENT SERVICE



**at Liverpool Road
on Sunday
8th December
at 6.30pm
Speaker**

**Revd Caroline Ainger
Mission Area Lead
and Deputy Chair
for Liverpool Plus Area**



**At Leyland Road
Methodist Church**

on

**Sunday 22nd December
at 6.00pm**

**when we lift our thoughts,
prayers, our voices
and concerns
to God**

in worship and fellowship

ALL WELCOME

QUIET DAY

At PPW

Led by Rev Sue Calveley

On Saturday 11th January

At 9.30am until 1.00pm

**An opportunity to start the year with
some quiet space and time with God
with wonderful input**

Please bring your own lunch -

Coffee and tea provided

£10 donation invited to cover costs

Expressions of interest to:

stppw.office@gmail.com





Formby Methodist Church & Formby Civic Society

A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY

A Celebration in Carols and Flowers

Sing favourite carols and hear their story, demonstrated in floral displays

Liz Broad
(Formby Flower Club)
Alastair Gillies
(Formby Methodist Church)

Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm

**Formby Methodist Church
Elbow Lane L37 7AF**

Refreshments, including mince pies, at the interval!

Entrance by donation at the door
(including entry into a draw to win one of Liz's creations!)



LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday 1st December
Memorial Service
to remember loved ones
at 3pm,**

led by Rev Peter Lyth.

**Please send names which you
would like to be read out to:**

lordstreetwestunited@gmail.com

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, KEW

COFFEE AFTERNOON

30th November 2024

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Coffee,
mince pies
and cakes
and raffle
Just £3.50



Cornerstone Christmas Brunch on 7th December 10.30am-1.00pm



Christmas at Formby Methodist Church

23 Nov 3.30

Christmas Footsteps

30 Nov, 1 st & 8th Dec

Christmas Tree Festival

5 Dec.7.30

Christmas Tapestry

14 Dec, 4.30

Christingle & Cake

Christmas Eve 4.30

Family Nativity



Christmas Fair

**Saturday 30th November
11am-2pm**

Leyland Road Church Hall

**Cakes, Chocolates, Gifts,
Christmas Cards etc**

**Bacon Sausage Barms,
soup & refreshments**

A LITTLE BIT OF Christmas Joy

Thursday 5 December 2024

Carols, music, food, craft and festive
wellbeing for the whole community

The Salvation Army Band, along with other
performers, will lead us in a selection of
traditional and modern Christmas carols

Festive stalls inc. hot drinks, mince pies,
free children's crafts, cake, hotpot and more

Real Alpacas courtesy of Natterjack Alpacas

Sponsor a Christmas Light for a loved one



Gates open 4:30pm programme begins 5pm

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Southport Together

**Churches Together in Ainsdale
invite you
to:
Carols Around
Christmas Tree**

**Join us for
Carols,
Readings
and
Reflections**



**Sunday 1st December 2024
at 6pm
at Ainsdale Methodist
Church
Refreshments served
from 5pm onwards**

**Christmas Coffee Morning
At Ainsdale Methodist Church
On Saturday 7th December
10.00am
to
12.00 noon
Raffle & Quiz**



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**Warmly welcome you
to the 2024**

Annual Memorial Service



Remembering our loved ones in a service of Hope and Light

Join us for an evening of music, thought, reflection
and remembering in the comforting environment of
Leyland Road Methodist Church for our annual
memorial service followed by light refreshments

**Leyland Road
Methodist Church
Sunday 1st December
6pm**

All donations will be split between
Leyland Road Methodist Church and
Derian House

