



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

*2nd March 2025*

**10.45am** Local Arrangement Service

**9th March** - 10.45am Joint Communion & Parade Service with AVC led by  
Rev Patrick Evans  
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

*Image: Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)*

## **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 2nd March 2025*

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)

## *Prayer*

Lord God, whose glory shines upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, and whose nature is made known to us in the mystery of the cross: number us, we pray, among his faithful followers for whom nothing matters but the doing of your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Lent Group*

Six weekly sessions will be held throughout Lent at the home of Cynthia and Frank May (17 Everton Road, Birkdale).

They start on Monday, 3 March at 7pm on the theme of The Creed.

Everyone is invited.

Speak to Cynthia if you need directions or Lesley if you need transport.



# *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



## *World Day of Prayer 2025*

Friday 7th March

Holy Trinity C of E Church, Hoghton Street.

11am

Service written by the women of the Cook Islands.



## *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).

# CELTISH IN CONCERT

Join us for an uplifting evening of Celtic Christian music with acclaimed husband-and-wife duo Nigel Cameron and Julie Cameron-Hall (Celtish) at **Liverpool Road Methodist Church**. Their beautiful blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic music promises to create a memorable evening of worship and entertainment.

**Date: Saturday 8th March 2025**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Suggested donation: £5.00 on the door**

(In support of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust)

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Celtish's inspiring musical ministry!

Everyone welcome.



# *Growing in Trust*

Worrying is actually a way of preventing us from experiencing intimacy with God because it focuses on self. Worrying is so often about 'me', about what I fear what might or might not happen. It is a way of being tied to an imagined gloomy future of our own making, rather than being free to engage with the present moment where God meets us, where we can dwell until the Holy Spirit reveals the next step on the journey.

Constant worrying knocks us off balance, and undermines our sense of God's goodness and provision. God wants us to enjoy 'the glorious freedom of the children of God' (Romans 8.21b NIV). The good news is that one of the consequences of following Jesus, of allowing God into our deepest centre with all its fears and quirks, is that, as our trust grows, our worries begin to diminish and gradually we relinquish to Christ their power to hold centre-stage in our lives.

Our ability to trust God grows as our relationship with Him deepens, as we study and learn more about His character and faithfulness, and as we come to know for ourselves that we are precious in God's sight. It grows, too, as we practise letting go of our need to control our environment, to micro-manage events and people around us as a way of coping with our anxiety.

The movement away from worry to trust is often seen in the stories in Scripture such as Mark 6 verse 50 and Luke 8 verse 50.

Ernie

