

From your Superintendent

News

How do you pray?

This is a questions I've been asked twice in the last few days, once from some long standing Methodists and the other time from the Year 5 class of Kings Meadow Primary School in Woodvale. On both occasions there were preconceived ideas about what prayer should be.

I find we often have angst about our prayer life because we feel we don't pray often enough, or our minds drift off onto other issues, or we don't use proper prayer language - like what we should! If any of this resonates with you, or you just want to find out some more about prayer, then I'm delighted the Circuit is offering the space for you to explore. I perceive prayer is a personal act between us and God, and we get hung up on the "rightness" of prayer to the detriment of strengthening our relationship with God.

Leyland Road Methodist Church
Saturday 22nd February

10.30 am

All Age Workshop!
Dive into living
in God's Presence

6.30pm

Praise
Uplifting songs
stories



Presence Event
**A Day of
Connection**

led by Paul Critchley from
www.presenceworship.com

No need to book, just turn up on the day.
Everyone welcome!

On Saturday 22nd February, drop into the Circuit Presence Event - A Day of Connection, being held at Leyland Road Methodist Church.

We will be joined by Paul Critchley, who, in 1997 with his wife Tracy, began "Presence" after a very clear word for Paul to be an usher of God's people into His presence.

Paul writes, "God has given us an amazing journey here in our home town of Stoke-on-Trent, where we have been part of our major citywide prayer movement over a decade and now helping to bring leadership to beacon of prayer."

As well as continuing to lead, 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.

On the 22nd February, join us for a workshop from 10.30 -12.30, which will be a time to share stories and learning from one another in a welcoming space. We'll focus on practical tips for bringing prayer into our daily routines, helping us feel closer to God and to each other.

From 6.30pm to 8.30pm we will have a time of praise and worship. Join us for uplifting songs, heartfelt testimonies, and sandwiches and drinks will be available at 6.30pm.

God bless,

Patrick

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**RAISING
PRAISE
RAISING**

**At Leyland Road
Methodist Church**

on

Sunday 23rd February

at 6.00pm

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

in worship and fellowship

ALL WELCOME



London Marathon

**In a moment of madness,
I agreed to run the London
Marathon for Christian Aid.**

Yes 26.2 miles

How hard can it be? Very, as it happens. No one told me you couldn't run it in instalments! I would really value your encouragement on wet and cold nights training, so please sponsor me if you can. My fundraising page is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/
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medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/marie-anne-kent-1732551019605?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

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Many thanks for all your support

Marie-Anne





VACANCY

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding is a priority for the Southport Methodist Circuit. Within the Circuit we have nine churches with over 500 members.

We have a 4 hour per week permanent position for a person to be the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, at an hourly rate of £16.

Hours of work will be flexible to meet the needs of the circuit.

We are looking for knowledgeable and experienced safeguarding enthusiast with a passion for maintaining safe spaces within our churches and associated activities.

Your knowledge of safeguarding policy and procedure are essential as you work closely with the Circuit leaders, Church Safeguarding Officers and the District Safeguarding Officer.

You will administer and lead on the delivery of all aspects of Safeguarding policy, practice, and record keeping. Recent experience will be important as you deliver training, update and maintain confidential records, and enable our churches to deliver a high standard of safeguarding. You will work flexibly both in the delivery of your working hours and the location of your work and will need your own transport.

You will be required to have a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check and must promote the safeguarding and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable people within the circuit.

This post is open to all however, the role requires a sympathy with the values, aims and ethos of the Methodist Church.

To express your interest and for further information please e-mail: Margaret Sadler on margaret@southportmethodist.org.uk

Closing date for applications is **Sunday 16th February**

Cornerstone Methodist church Hall

**Fellowship
Pea and Pie Supper
Saturday 15th February
at 5.00pm**



Tickets £10.00
(Including Apple Pie & Cream)

Tickets available from:

Stan: 07970 225067

Mike: 07976 511678

Joyce: 07964 387376

CIRCUIT SERVICE

Sunday 21st February 2025

**At St. Philip & St. Paul
with Wesley
At 11.00am**

**We will be joined by our young
people to learn more about
3-Generate**

CIRCUIT EVENING SERVICE

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY

at LIVERPOOL ROAD

METHODIST CHURCH

at 6.30pm

When our theme will be

LOVE

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.



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METHODIST DISTRICT**

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