

From your Superintendent

News

May 2025

Dear Friends

I hope you've had a blessed Easter Day. We awoke on Easter Monday to the news that Pope Francis had died. The Methodist Church issued a statement, part of which says:

The Methodist Church in Britain receives with deep sadness the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, and gives thanks for his life and Christian witness... Methodists join in these days in prayer and sympathy with our Catholic sisters and brothers, who have lost their Holy Father, recognising the pain that this brings. Methodists will also offer prayers in the days ahead for the Catholic Church, as she navigates this period.



This moment brings into focus once more, that despite being different denominations, "we believe in one

holy catholic and apostolic Church". These familiar words came from the Council of Nicaea, and this year marks the 1700th anniversary of its first council. The outcome of the Council was the Nicene Creed which is the most widely-accepted creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including our own. It is a reminder of the common faith we share, both with Christians around the world today and throughout history.

As I reference Pope Francis, I wonder if some feel it is inappropriate to do so given the schisms in the Church. This reminds me that the Church in so many ways is like a normal family, and by normal I of course mean dysfunctional! Like so many families we find from time to time relationships are strained with things we disagree with. Equally we can be drawn together when tragedy strikes. When one part of the Church hurts, we all hurt, when one part of the Church rejoices, we all rejoice.

At our Circuit Service on the 4th May at Leyland Road Methodist

Church, we will celebrate the gift that is the Nicene Creed. As the Methodist Circuit in Southport, we are reminded we are gathered from individual churches, into Districts and the Connexion. Locally we are one with our ecumenical friends, both locally and globally. In this anniversary year of the Nicene Creed, may we more than ever recognise all we share in common, rather than that which may seek to divide us.

God bless

Patrick

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Calling All Singers

Want to sing and rejoice
in the Circuit Choir
at the Circuit Service
on Sunday 4th May?
Then come to Choir practice
at 7.30pm on
Thursday 2nd May at
Leyland Road Methodist
Church,
all are welcome.

Favourite Hymns - Born in Song

Methodists are well known as enthusiastic singers, in choirs and congregations. Singing is still an important means of learning about, sharing and celebrating our faith.

As a Circuit we are gathering a list of our favourite hymns and songs, and we'd love to know what yours are. We will then use this to help inform our worship across the Circuit and at Circuit events. We will publish the top twenty hymns... Where will yours feature?

Please can you let us know by Tuesday 20th May as follows:-

- Complete the form overleaf and pass it to a Minister or Church Steward.
- Complete the form and post or pop it into the Circuit Office to: Margaret Sadler, Circuit Administrator, Leyland Road Methodist Church, Leyland Road, Southport, PR9 9JQ.
- Email your top five hymns to margaret@southportmethodist.org.uk

**CORNERSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH
BRUNCH**

**SATURDAY
31ST MAY
10.30 -1.00**



**Lord Street West
United
Church**

**Saturday 3rd May
at 10.30am
The theme is
Here comes the Sun
(the moon and the stars..)
All the family
Are
WELCOME**



**At Leyland Road
Methodist Church
on Sunday 24th May
at 6.00pm
when we lift our thoughts,
prayers, our voices
and concerns
to God
in worship and fellowship
ALL WELCOME**

**LORD STREET WEST
UNITED CHURCH**

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

MONDAY 7th July

At 2.30pm

With

A musical selection

by

The Revd Peter Hughes

Including refreshments

In aid of the

LSW Refurbishment

(A collection will be taken)

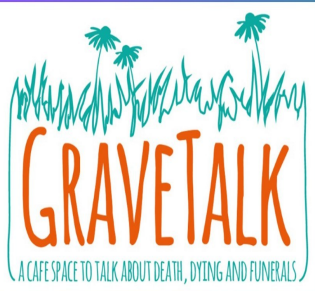
ALL WELCOME

**Painting Pottery
Sessions**

Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Open to children aged 4-12 years and their parents, there's no need to book - just come along and have fun! These sessions are designed for Southport young families and will take place on the **4th Saturday of each month from March to October, running from 1:30pm to 4pm.** They are completely free of charge.

For more details, please contact **Caroline Broadhurst** on **07967 971484.**



Friday 9th May

2pm

PPW Lounge

Scarisbrick New Rd PR8 6QF



The truth is we are all going to die. But nobody wants to say anything. GraveTalk is a chance to talk about death, think about your funeral, ask questions, air your thoughts. For people of all faiths and doubts. There will be tea, cake and relaxed, informal conversation. It will be hosted by Rev Rachel Bray and reps from Moisters Coop funeral care on Sefton St. We'd love you to come along.

**If you're thinking of coming, please email stppw.office@gmail.com to help with an idea of numbers but this is not essential*

MY FAVOURITE HYMNS & SONGS

(please state the first line of the hymn/song and if you want, the hymn number and hymn book title - thank you)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

