

1st June 2025

10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Martin Abrams

8th June - 10.45am Parade Joint Service with AVC led by Nigel Mawdsley **-** 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

Image: John 17.20-26

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 1st June 2025

Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17.20-26

Prayer

Lord of Hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, even your Son, Jesus our Redeemer; for he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Bible Study

All are welcome to the next session looking at Nehemiah 4.1-23 at 7pm on Monday 9th June meeting at 17 Everton Road, Birkdale.

See Cynthia or Lesley for more information.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



MWiB Summer Gathering

The event will take place at Ormskirk Methodist/UR Church, Derby Street, L39 2DE on **Wednesday 4th June 2025**.

Doors open at 11:00am, with the gathering beginning at 11:15am and concluding at 3:10pm. Drinks will be provided – please bring along a Bible and a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome – especially if it's your first time!

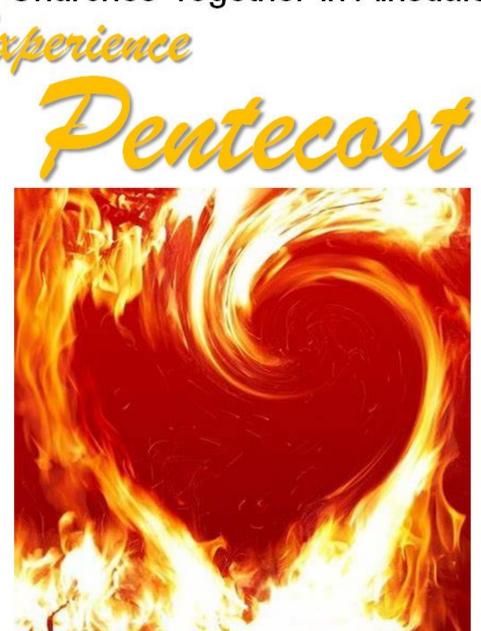


Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Edna Skinner in memory of David.

Churches Together in Ainsdale



Join us on Sunday 8 June 2-4pm Ainsdale Village Church

for a short service with lots of bubbles, followed by fun, games, cake decorating and other activities for all ages

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.

Dear Friends

Have you seen the TV programme "Sort your life out"? It's where a family home has become a burden with so much stuff. A team comes in, takes all their possessions and displays them in a giant warehouse and the family is instructed to dispose of at least half of their belongings. The satisfaction is in seeing how liberated the family are when they can return to their home and flourish once more.

As reported in last weeks Circuit News I'm going away on a bike ride for a few weeks, and can only take what will fit into two pannier bags. The dining room table is covered with stuff for the journey, but I know already it's not all going to fit. I'm asking myself is that item absolutely essential, is the burden of its weight worth the benefit it brings.

When sending out the seventy, Jesus said; 'Travel light. Comb and toothbrush and no extra luggage.' (Luke Ch 10 v 4 - The Message)

Later Jesus asked them,

'When I sent you out and told you to travel light, to take only the bare necessities, did you get along all right?' 'Certainly,' they said, 'we got along just fine.' (Luke Ch 22 v 35 -The Message)

I sense for me, 'travelling light' is actually a spiritual practice, both physically and emotionally, requiring regular attention. I carry a lot of baggage in one form or another, and much of it doesn't help the journey.

When cycling long distances I find my world closes in, for each day will bring an unexpected challenge of its own, forcing me to focus on what's immediately in front of me. As this happens my world then begins to open up as I see the joy and delights of living simply with God.

Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it?...If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? (Matthew Ch 6 vs 26 & 28 - The Message)

God bless you on your journey,

Patrick