

# 25th May 2025

**10am** Service at Ainsdale Village Church **6pm** Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**1st June -** 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Martin Abrams

Image: John 5.1-9

#### **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 25th May 2025

Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10,21.22-22.5; John 5.1-9

#### Prayer

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 2:9 - 3:32, at 7pm on Monday 26th May, meeting at 17 Everton Road, Birkdale.

See Cynthia or Lesley for more information.

# Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

### Celebration of Pentecost / 2 Cathedrals Walk-Pilgrims of Hope

On Sunday, 8th of June at 3pm - 5pm, walk with us in a powerful celebration of Pentecost, as we journey together between Liverpool Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Starting at Liverpool Cathedral this symbolic walk unites all communities in faith, reflection and joy. Come and be part of this special tradition!

#### Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure



Operates Monday to Friday
Eat With Us Here at 12.00 noon

Home Deliveries Arrive Between 12.00 - 13.00

ase book in advance. Menu updated weekly, see website.



Monday to Friday: 10.00 until 14.00

CHARITY SHOP

Monday to Friday: 10.00 until 14.00

Any enquiries or bookings please call the ALL office 01704 574838.



#### MWiB Summer Gathering

Join Methodist Women in Britain for a meaningful day filled with worship, fellowship, and updates on projects Stick 'n' Step and The Crossing Point. Our guest speaker, Deacon Denise Creed from North Wales, will be leading us on the theme "Living in God's Grace", which will include a creative shellcraft activity as part of the session.

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!

#### Date for your Diary

**Pentecost Service** - outside Ainsdale Village Church on Sunday 8th June at 2pm.

More information later.

#### 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.

#### Aldersgate Sunday

Today is Aldersgate Sunday which marks one of Methodism founder John Wesley's own transformative experiences, as he felt God's love in a most personal and life-giving way during a meeting with other Christians at a church in Aldersgate, London. Wesley described the experience as his heart feeling "strangely warmed" and afterwards his relationship with God became more real and heartfelt. His brother, hymn writer Charles Wesley, had a similar experience on Pentecost three days before. He experienced "a strange palpitation of heart" which caused him to exclaim, "I believe, I believe!"

A Methodist Way of Life encourages us to develop 12 practices which help us encounter God. One of the practices is to notice God in Scripture and the world. On that Wednesday evening, Wesley met God in a new way as he listened to someone reading from a book about the biblical book of Romans.



God is there, ready and willing to meet you. It won't be exactly the same as the Wesleys' experiences, as God meets each of us differently, but who knows? You might have a feeling of God's presence and love like the Wesleys. You might see or hear something unbelievable, like the disciples in Acts 2. Or you might hear a call to plant a new faith community that will help other people have these kinds of encounters too.

Ernie

Taken from an article from the Methodist Church website

