



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

4th May 2025

11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road Church - No Service Here

11th May - 10.45am Joint Parade & Communion Service with AVC led by
Rev Patrick Evans
- 6.30pm Circuit Easter Offering Service at Formby Methodist

Image: Acts 9.17-18

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 4th May 2025

Acts 9.1-6,(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

Prayer

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thank you

David Radcliffe has had a splendid 90th birthday and is most grateful for all the cards, gifts and promises to donate to Wateraid. He is particularly thankful for those good friends who made the Coffee Morning such a success.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

VE Day Memories

We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day during the week commencing 5th May. As part of the celebrations we would like to create a memory wall display, to include any personal memories or memories from family of the day in 1945. We would also like to display any artefacts from the time e.g. newspapers, photographs or other items of memorabilia. Please see Brian Davey or leave items for inclusion for the display in the ALL office.

Buffet Lunch

Book in advance please
Tel. 01704 574838
or pop into Ainsdale
Lunch and Leisure



JOIN US

ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY, FOR A DAY
OF REFLECTION, THANKS & CELEBRATION

THE DAYS SCHEDULE

- 10.30 am: VE Day Service in the Chapel
- 12 Noon: Fully-Funded (*FREE TO YOU*) Buffet Lunch
- 1 pm: 'War is Over' a Singalong
- 1.45 pm: Prize Bingo

EVENT OPEN TO EVERYONE



 Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

Ainsdale **Methodist Church** 

Venue: Ainsdale Methodist Church, Liverpool Road PR8 3NQ

BECAUSE... WORKING TOGETHER IS WHAT WORKS BEST

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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

I feel I'm getting worse with every passing day, for every time I leave the house I'm pacing around it five or six times. "Here we go", says my son, "what have you lost now?", as I frantically look for either a house key or my glasses, the right size clerical collar or my mobile phone etc. Having swept through the house for the umpteenth time, right there on the kitchen table are my glasses. They couldn't have been there all the time...could they? Either I'm losing it or family members are pranking me and placing my glasses on the table when I'm not looking. I drive myself to distraction. It's strange (and highly frustrating) what I see and what I don't see!

Saul, before his Christian conversion and change of name to Paul, persecuted and breathed out murderous threats against the disciples, seeking the authorities permission to imprison them. Then along the road to Damascus he encounters a great light and from above the voice of Jesus challenging him. Saul is blinded by the light and can no longer see. After three days, a disciple called Ananias is called by God to visit Saul, and this this their encounter...

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised." (Acts Ch 9 vs 17-18)

"Something" like scales fell from Saul's eyes. It isn't necessarily something physical that fell from Saul's eyes, rather metaphorically Saul's vision is transformed. His encounter with Jesus and Holy Spirit changes not only his vision but his mind and heart also, in fact his whole being. His new vision affects what he sees, how he sees it, and how he responds and behaves.

Lord, through your Holy Spirit, transform my vision to see the world through your divine lenses, so that my whole being is aligned to you. Amen.

God bless

Patrick