



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



21st September 2025

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Service led by Clifford Hill

28th Sept - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: Luke 16.1-13

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 21st September 2025

Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

Prayer

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

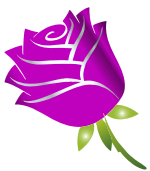
Bible Study

Our next meeting is Monday, 22nd September, in the church lounge, to look at Philippians Chapter 2.

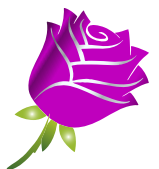
We will continue fortnightly on a Monday from 7 to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Margaret & Geraint Davies - family celebrations.

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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.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in September at St Patrick's Church.

Circuit Office

Following Margaret Sadler's retirement, we are commencing the recruitment of a Circuit Administration Manager. Until this appointment is made, Martin Maynard will provide Interim Circuit Administration Support. Many of you will know Martin from his work on the Circuit database (ChurchSuite), our IT systems, and from the videos we created during lockdown.

Please contact Martin in the first instance for all matters that you would previously have contacted Margaret. Martin will be working flexible hours and will be working remotely (i.e. not always based in the Circuit Office). To contact Martin please email admin@southportmethodist.org.uk or phone 07973 223394. Lucy Lloyd continues to work as both the Church Administrator at Leyland Road and providing Circuit support with Circuit Administration for things such as Church Notices.

Afternoon Tea

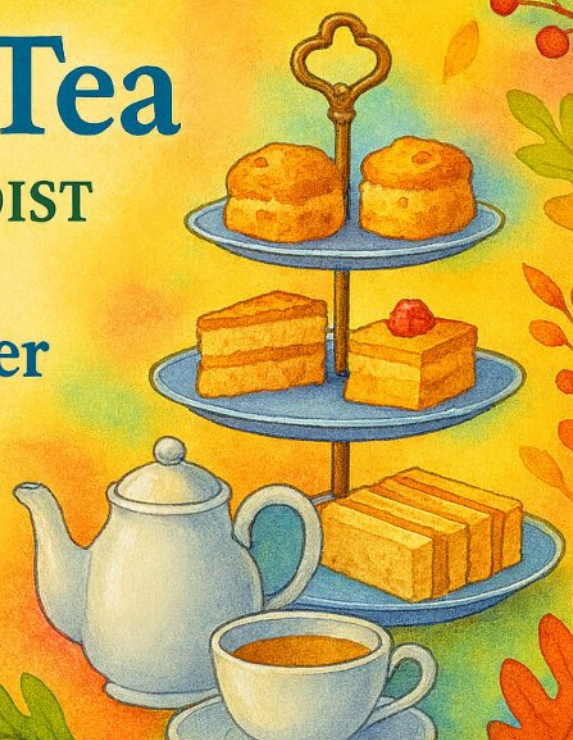
**AT AINSDALE METHODIST
CHURCH**

Saturday 4th October

Tickets £10

2pm-4pm

**All proceeds to the Church
building fund**



Silence and Solitude

Most of us live in a noisy world, 'surround-sound' no longer an advertising gimmick, but the harsh reality of contemporary life. Even a loud ticking clock can intrude into the space we want to hold open for God's goodness.

Solitude too can be elusive – the television, internet chat rooms and social networking can fill our minds and mimic connection with people we may never meet. Paradoxically, even a life of good deeds can keep us too busy to be aware of God. Although we may long for silence and solitude, for most of us does not come easily. When the noise around us stops, we may wonder, quite literally, what to do. We may find the silence evokes early feelings of disapproval, or rejection, even memories of punishment, which can catch the breath and revive difficult experiences from the past.

In our culture, solitude is often equated with loneliness or loss – the empty chair and solitary meals when a loved one has died or having no one to talk to when something has delighted or touched us.

Why are silence and solitude so important to spiritual growth? In essence because they encourage us to put everything aside so we may pay attention to God. As Elijah found when he escaped to the desert, silence and solitude enabled him to listen for the 'still, small voice' of God (1 Kings 19 v 12).

Instead of filling the space between God and us with a worry of words, we clear that space so God can reach out to us with the tenderness of a loving parent. Instead of having to keep up with those around us, or protect our position, we can just "be ourselves". By doing so, we engage in a different form of worship: we let go of our word-filled ego defences and, instead, choose to fast from words, accepting poverty of heart, making room for God to work deeply within us.

Ernie