



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

*28th September 2025*

**10am** Service at Ainsdale Village Church

**6pm** Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**5th Oct** - 10.45am Communion, Church Anniversary & Gift Day Service  
led by Rev Patrick Evans

*Image: Luke 16.19-31*

## 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 28th September 2025*

Amos 6.1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

## *Prayer*

Father of all, you gave your only Son, to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Our next meeting is Monday, 6th October, in the church lounge. We will continue fortnightly on a Monday from 7 to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

## *Church Council*

Church Council meeting Wednesday 1st October at 2pm.

## *AGM*

Annual General church meeting - 5th October after morning service. All are welcome to attend but only Church Members can vote.

## *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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).



# *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

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

## *A Generous Gift in Remembrance*

The church has gratefully received a donation of £1,000 from the will of the late Richard Atkins who is sadly missed by our congregation.

## *Southport Islamic Society Mosque Open Day*

Hosted by the Light Foundation & Southport Mosque

Sunday 5th October 2025

3:00pm – 6:00pm

102a Sussex Road, Southport PR9 0SL

An afternoon of friendship, good conversations, and gratitude – celebrating community and togetherness.

All welcome – free event.

## **Afternoon Tea**

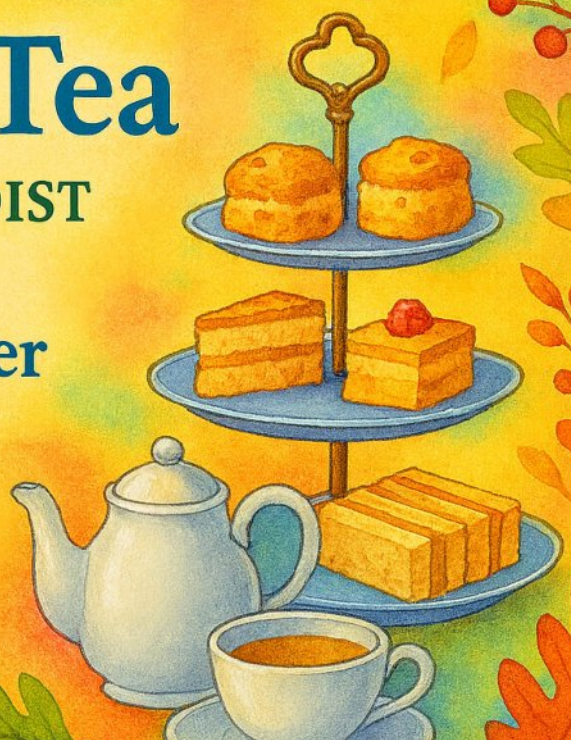
**AT AINSDALE METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Saturday 4th October**

**Tickets £10**

**2pm-4pm**

**All proceeds to the Church  
building fund**



Dear Friends

“Waste not want not” is a phrase I can remember from childhood. Its meaning is that if you use something carefully and without extravagance, you will always have enough and never be in need.

*“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John Ch 10 vs 10).*

Jesus reminds us that we should no longer be overwhelmed by sin and those things that create a barrier between us and God; rather we are released by his abundant grace for it overflows, it will never run out.

With the autumn equinox having just passed, it certainly feels like a new season. Many have already or soon will be celebrating harvest. Some crops have had an abundant year like the plums, pears and grapes in my garden, whilst farmers have had low yields on other crops due to the lack of rainfall and exceptionally high temperatures. A frequently used Harvest bible passage is the feeding of the 5000.

*Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.  
(John Ch 6 vs 11).*

From an insurmountable problem of how to feed 5000 people, there was an abundance of food so that everyone had as much as they wanted (not just as much as they needed!). What really struck me on reading the story again is the next verse.

*“Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”  
(John Ch 6 vs 12b).*

When there is an abundance of a commodity the price for it decreases, and in our minds we probably devalue it and worry less about wastage. We are not told what they did with the twelve baskets that were gathered together? As they travelled on or returned home, surely they would have shared it with those they met. Often after church events, and especially wakes, we take the food that is left over to the week-day foodbank at Shoreline Church, or the Soup Kitchen at weekends.

When we have received an abundance of blessings from God, as much as we have wanted, especially his grace, do we in turn gather up the excess pieces and share God’s abundance and grace with those we meet as we continue on our journey?  
God’s abundant grace is precious, let nothing be wasted.

God bless  
Patrick