



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



19th October 2025

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

26th Oct - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: Luke 18.1-8

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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Lectioary Readings 19th October 2025

Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns, with you and the Holy Spirit, supreme over all creation, now and for ever.

Amen.

Bible Study

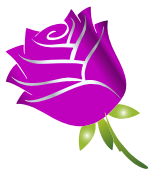
Our next meeting is Monday, 20th October, in the church lounge. We will continue fortnightly on a Monday from 7 to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

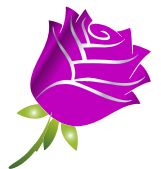
Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in October at Canning Road Church.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Margaret Atkins in loving memory of Richard.



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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.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 25th October, at 10.30am. The proceeds from the event will be used to purchase new Christmas decorations to provide a lovely seasonal display in the church.

Please come along and enjoy conversation and the usual tea/coffee and selection of cakes, plus a raffle.



**GHOSTLIGHT
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? QUIZ ? NIGHT



**SATURDAY 25TH
OCTOBER 2025**

AINSDALE VILLAGE CHURCH

DOORS OPEN | 7:00PM | QUIZ STARTS | 7:30PM

TEAMS OF 6 MAXIMUM!

Tickets: £5.00 per person

**To book please e-mail
Secretary.ghostlight@outlook.com**

Waking up to God

Is your cup half empty or half full? A simple question, but the answer can illustrate an attitude of optimism or pessimism, a tendency to look on the bright or the broken side of life.

Often this life attitude simmers below the surface. It is unconscious' or 'asleep' and as long as it remains so, it can exercise power over us, subtly controlling our expectations, until such time as we 'wake up', notice what's going on and examine the attitude before choosing to modify, accept or reject it.

The parable of the prodigal son concentrates on the gift of unconditional love, showing us the Fatherhood of God, but there is a clause in the story which is key to our understanding of 'waking up':

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's servants have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father ... (Luke 15.16-18)

Before the son can receive the father's love, he has to 'wake up' to his own reality, his own need of care, his longing to return 'home', even though his motives are mixed. He takes the first steps of self-knowledge and decides to turn back towards wholeness. The father's delighted welcome and the celebration the 'prodigal' had not expected, enable him to 'wake up' and realise how much he is loved.

Only you and God know your life circumstances and what you need at this point, but you can be sure that God is delighted when you set time aside to listen and be with Him. Having an attitude of hopeful expectation, paying attention to whatever touches your heart, catches your imagination, or makes you think, then anything, anywhere, anytime can be part of the way God will speak to you.

Whatever you expect from God, be assured that even a little given to you with love, will be more than you can imagine.

Ernie