



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

26th October 2025

10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

2nd Nov - 10.45am Communion, Memorial & Pastoral Visitors Dedication
Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

Image: Psalm 84.1-7

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 26th October 2025

Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; Psalm 84.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14

Prayer

Lord of creation, you give new strength to our faith.
Grant that we may recognise your presence in all life and history,
and face our trials with serenity and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ. Amen

Bible Study

Our next meeting is Monday, 3rd November, 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.



MWiB Liverpool+ Region

Rev'd Nicola Langton-Miller is guest-speaker at the
Autumn Gathering at Moreton Methodist Church (Near to the station)
on Monday 3rd November 2025
(11am-3.15pm)

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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.

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

THE SERVICES WE OFFER



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

Guitar Lessons: 10.00 - 12.00

Fit 4 Life: 10.00 - 11.00

Gardening Club: 10.00 - 11.00

Monday Social: 13.00 - 15.00

Family History: 13.00 - 15.00

Technology Support: 13.00 - 15.00

NB. Family History & Technology Support are
One-To-One Sessions. Advance booking essential.

Tuesday

Ukulele: 10.00 - 12.00

Tai-Chi (Chair based): 11.00 - 12.00

Music for All: 13.00 - 15.00

Tai-Chi: 14.15 - 15.45

Wednesday

Indoor Bowls: 13.00 - 15.00

Table Tennis: 13.00 - 15.00

Thursday

Art & Craft: 10.00 - 12.00

Vital Motion: 9.45 - 10.45

(Chair-Based)

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(Chair-Based)

Friday

Needlecraft: 10.00 - 12.00

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES



LUNCHEON CLUB

Operates Monday to Friday

Eat With Us Here at 12.00 noon

Home Deliveries Arrive Between 12.00 - 13.00

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



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

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.

Exploring our Image of God

Jesus asked his disciple Peter, 'Who do you say that I am?' (Mark 8:29) — and sooner or later, that same question will be asked of us. Our image of God can be shaped by our upbringing, our storehouse of Scripture or stories from our faith tradition, our experiences of the power of our caregivers and teachers, the doctrines and customs of a particular faith community, our individual and corporate religious/spiritual experiences, representations of God/Jesus in the media, arts or literature, and whether we have suffered abuse or trauma. Each person's image of God is complex and unique.

Imagine Jesus asking you, 'Who do you say that I am?' How would you respond?

Our answer to this question is affected not only by our formative experiences but also by major life events such as birth, migration, grief, and death, which have particular power to shape or challenge how we look at God.

If our faith is to have the tough integrity which can respond to suffering without saying platitudes; if we want to be able to trust the loving care of God in the midst of tragedy, we have to have the courage to look at our image of God.

What is your current understanding of where God is when 'bad things happen to good people'?

Years ago, Viktor Frankl, a Jewish psychiatrist and author of *Man's Search for Meaning*, witnessed people being hanged in a concentration camp. Someone near him muttered, 'Where is God now?' and, from another prisoner, Frankl heard the words,

'He is there, hanging on the gibbet.' Somehow that prisoner had come to see the vulnerability of our Father God, who chose the way of powerlessness and pain, experiencing what it can mean to be fully human.

His Son Jesus shows us that love in His life and death — a love that risks undefended openness to life with all its beauty as well as its suffering, a love that remains with us now, through thick and thin, as the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

Ernie