



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

JUSTICE

5th October 2025

10.45am Communion, Church Anniversary & Gift Day Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

12th Oct - 10.45am Joint Parade Service with AVC led by Lesley Goddard
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

Image: Habakkuk 1.1-4

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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Lectinary Readings 5th October 2025

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your hand to help and defend
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Thank you

A donation to the building fund has been gratefully received from Donna and
Roger.

AGM

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

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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 October at Canning Road Church.

The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir

Coming to Leyland Rd Methodist Church, Southport, Wed 8th Oct '25 at 7pm

Search Pearl of Africa for tickets on

www.Ticketlab.co.uk

07973823395

£10 adults / £3 children includes refreshments

Inter Faith Week 2025

'The week aims to strengthen interfaith relations, increase awareness of different religious and non-religious communities, and foster greater understanding between people of diverse beliefs.'



INTER FAITH WALK

16 November 2025, 2pm.

with Southport's civic and faith leaders.

Meeting at Southport & District Reform Synagogue,
Princes Street, Southport, PR8 1EG
Gathering and welcome 2pm for light refreshments,
then a prompt start to walk at 2.20pm

walking to be welcomed at

Christ Church

124 Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1AA

walking to be welcomed at

Southport Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre,

102a Sussex Road, Southport, PR9 0SL, to continue our
social.

Total distance 1.4miles, total walking time about 1 hour

**We come together
in Southport
stronger in our unity**



**An opportunity to
socialise with those
of other faiths.**

Both celebrating and being sad, or lamenting are integral parts of human life. We celebrate great feats of courage or endurance; we have funerals to grieve the dead and lost. We parochially shout for joy when England wins the Ashes and, globally, mourn the passing of famous people such as Queen Elizabeth II or Elvis Presley.

As Christians our celebrations usually far outnumber the times of liturgical lament. Only Good Friday, All Souls Day and national Remembrance Days find their way into the Church's calendar, days when the Church stops and we mourn together, binding our hearts to our Lord in his agony, and remembering those who have suffered pain and loss in previous years. On a personal level, we often hesitate from talking about losses on any scale; many losses are hidden from other people: infertility, failing faculties, dreams dashed, or relationships buried in the silence of indifference. Circumstances may require us to get on with life and it seems easier not to think about the awfulness of a death or accident or the effects of a natural disaster. However, if we do not take the time to deal with our pain, when the next loss occurs its effect is often intensified, as old grief is reopened and salt rubbed into its rawness.

Lamenting, in the Bible, is shown to be part of the way people stayed connected with God — no matter what happened, they told God how they felt — disillusioned, abandoned, puzzled, they may have been — but silent, never! The Psalms include the whole range of human emotion and provide a way to express our longing for connection with God in the midst of daily struggle or tragedy. This was life-giving for the Hebrew people then, and is still for us today. Though we may enter a wilderness experience, when our world falls apart, we can still keep talking to — or shouting at — God. We can be REAL in sharing our words and feelings, instead of putting on a brave face.

We can say together Psalm 13, which begins,

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day long?

May we then continue in brighter times to also say Psalm 13 v 6,
"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me."