



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



*30th November 2025*

**10.45am** Service led by John Venables

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

**7th Dec** - 10.45am Service led by Lesley Goddard

- 6pm Carols Around the Tree

## **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 30th November 2025*

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

## *Prayer*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## *Bible Study*

Our last bible study this year will be on Monday 1st December in the church lounge from 7 to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in December at Lakeside Church.

## *Margaret Crawford Funeral*

Many of you will remember Margaret Crawford who came to church recently with the Chaplain from Connell Court. Sadly Margaret passed away a couple of weeks ago. Her funeral will be held in church on Friday 5th December at 1pm.

## *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).

# *Carols Around the Christmas Tree*

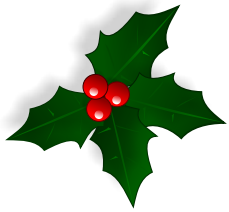
Join us for Carols, Christmas Readings  
and Reflections

**Sunday 7th December 2025 at 6pm**  
at Ainsdale Methodist Church

Refreshments served from 5:15 onwards



## *Christmas Events - Churches Together in Ainsdale*



### **8th December**

7pm in Sacred Heart R C Church - Taizé Prayer Service

### **18th December**

7pm in Sacred Heart R C Church - Advent Holy Hour

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and include reflections on  
some of the Advent gospels

### **20th December**

4pm 'Blue' Christmas Service at Ainsdale Village Church.

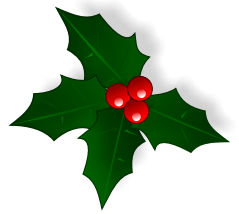
This is a reflective service for anyone who may enjoy and look forward to being  
with family and friends at Christmas or may be alone and feeling sad.  
Christmas can bring back memories of sharing it with loved ones we have lost  
or who are no longer able to be with us.

We may struggle with the cost of living, unemployment, anxiety or just feel  
'down'. Whatever the reason, this service is designed to bring comfort and  
hope for the future.

### **24th December**

10 - 10.30am Christmas Eve carol singing at the Co-op.

This is an informal half hour of bringing traditional carols to staff and last-  
minute shoppers at our local store and, we're told, is much appreciated.







# Christmas Afternoon Tea

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## Key Dates Christmas & New Year

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.30am	Coffee Morning
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	11.00am	Circuit Service at Leyland Road
7 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	Carols Around the Tree (in the Lounge) Refreshments served from 5.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00pm	ALL Christmas Lunch – tickets from the ALL office
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning
21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.45am	Morning Worship with Communion
	4.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service followed by refreshments
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Christmas Day Worship
28 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Worship at Ainsdale Village Church
11 <sup>th</sup> January	10.45am	Covenant Service with Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> January	11.00am	Churches Together in Ainsdale Covenant Service at St John Stone

Sunday 30 November marks the start of the season of Advent. The word Advent comes for the Latin meaning coming, the coming of the Lord; and so we get the familiar Advent refrain "Come Lord Come". Traditionally Christians have used the days leading up to Christmas to prepare, to get ready. Just think for a moment of facing the task of decorating a room. Before you can apply the paint or hang new wallpaper you need to strip the surfaces of the old paint, perhaps smooth the rough surfaces, removed the old coverings so the walls are ready to receive their new covering that you have carefully chosen. To just stick the new on top of the old would be possible but it wouldn't feel right, it would be less than perfect. We are, of course not perfect and the colour of violet or purple for vestments and decorations during the season of Advent denotes a period of repentance as we seek to deal with the things in our lives which get in the way of our preparation for the feast of Christmas.

The same is true for us as we prepare for Christmas, the spiritual preparations are as important, if not more so than the buying of presents, wrapping of gifts, writing of card and the putting up of decorations.

So, as we prepare for Christmas may we use the days of Advent to prepare ourselves, to make the rough places in our hearts and minds smooth (to use an analogy from the prophet Isaiah) so there is no hindrance for the Lord's entry when he comes. To help us prepare we will light a new Advent candle each of the four Sundays of Advent as we watch and wait with all God's people with hope, peace, joy and love in our hearts. Our lectionary readings help us focus for the journey by drawing on the themes of God's people, God's prophets, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary and their roles in pointing us towards the one who comes.

As we contemplate the world's conflicts and divisions may we pray for peace and work for peace, building peace in our own areas of influence as we await the coming of him who is the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

So I wish you a thoughtful Advent as you prepare and reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming among us.

Grace and peace,

Chris Humble