



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



14th December 2025

10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Rodney Hoyle

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

21st Dec - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

- 4pm Candlelight Carol Service

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 14th December 2025

Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 1.46b-55 (Magnificat); James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Prayer

God of mercy and power, whose Son rules over all, grant us so to live in obedience to your holy will, that at his appearing we may be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



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Key Dates Christmas & New Year

21st December

10.45am – Morning Worship with Communion

4.00pm – Candlelight Carol Service followed by refreshments

25th December

10.30am – Christmas Day Worship

28th December

10.00am – Worship at Ainsdale Village Church

11th January

10.45am – Covenant Service with Communion

25th January

11.00am – Churches Together in Ainsdale

Covenant Service at St John Stone

Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure



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

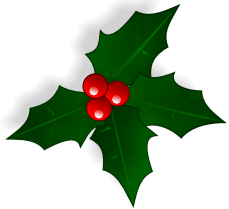


CHARITY SHOP

Monday to Friday: 10.00 until 14.00

Any enquiries or bookings please call the ALL office 01704 574838.

Christmas Events - Churches Together in Ainsdale



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.



On the second Sunday of Advent, I asked some children how many sleeps it was until Christmas Day. One young girl boldly declared "18 SLEEPS"; looking at me as if to say "are you for real, doesn't everyone know that!" Can you remember how it felt as the days of Advent seemed to drag by. As we get older we wish there were more sleeps until Christmas given all that still needs to be done.

The Epistle reading for the third Sunday of Advent includes the following advice as we wait upon the Lord:

*Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.
(James Ch 5 vs 7 & 8).*

How do we wait? How patient are we?

Pope Leo XIV, when asked to describe his spirituality, guides people to the small booklet by Brother Lawrence titled "The Practice of the Presence of God".

The book consists of notes of several conversations and letters written by Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, a lowly and unlearned man, who, after having been a footman and soldier, was admitted a Lay Brother among the barefooted Carmelites at Paris in 1666, and was afterwards known as Brother Lawrence. His conversion took place when he was about 18, when he was observing the natural order. It is written, *"that in the winter, seeing a tree stripped of its leaves, and considering that within a little time the leaves would be renewed and after that the flowers and fruit appear, he received a high view of the Providence and Power of God, which has never since been effaced from his soul"*. This encouraged him, as he encourages us, *"that we should establish ourselves in a sense of GOD'S Presence, by continually conversing with him."*

Are we patient in the waiting? As we observe the natural order what do we see, as we continually converse with God what do we hear?

God bless

Patrick