

10.45am Service led by Lesley Goddard6pm Carols Around the Tree

14th Dec - 10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Rodney Hoyle - 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

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 7th December 2025

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

Prayer

God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Saturday 13th December 10.00am

Come along and enjoy some festive fun, at our final coffee morning of 2025. We will be holding our Grand Christmas raffle, along with a festive themed quiz and a house of bingo with some great prizes to be won.

A range of Christmas themed cakes will be on offer together with tea / coffee.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Join us for Carols, Christmas Readings and Reflections

This 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.

Ainsdale Methodist Church

Key Dates Christmas & New Year

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

Hope is the first candle we light on our Advent wreath this year. It reminds me of one of my favourite hymns, "In Christ alone my hope is found." However, sometimes we can doubt whether what we do during our lifetime is making any difference. Will the good fruit of love and justice I have borne really last?

Jesus gives us the answer to that question: Yes! If our life is connected by faith, hope, and love, we will bear "fruit that will last" (John 15:16). So, you and I do what we discern to be God's will for us in each moment; we do our duties as best we can, and we do them as much as possible out of a motive of love for God and others. God not only guarantees good, nourishing fruit from our labours, but fruit that, by His power, will last and nourish others in the years ahead.

No matter what your role is in your church or at work or in the local community, whether it's reaching out to a neighbour, a colleague, family, a friend or indeed a stranger, God promises that we will bear fruit and that is part of building the Kingdom of God.

As we look forward to Christmas and the New Year, may we open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit's leading in all we do. He is faithful and He will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5v24).

Ernie

