



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



11th January 2026

10.45am Communion & Covenant Service with Ainsdale Village Church led by Rev Martin Abrams

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

18th Jan - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW
- 10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

Image: Matthew 3.13-17

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 11th January 2026

Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

Prayer

Eternal Father, at the Baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Study

Bible study will start again on **Monday, 12th January, at 7pm** at Cynthia and Frank's (17 Everton Road, Birkdale).

We'll be looking at the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament. Why study Hebrews? As you read this letter you quickly become aware that its author just loves Jesus Christ.

We all experience times when we stop feeling like that - when we are following Jesus out of duty instead of delight.

At those times it is easy to look over at someone or something else and think, "That looks better." But the book of Hebrews shows us that Jesus is better. Everyone is welcome to this new fortnightly study session. If you need a lift, have a word with Lesley and if you would like a study handbook, see Ann.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

Church Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January at 2pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th to 25th January 2026

Churches Together in Ainsdale will be marking this annual event by inviting everyone to join our friends in other churches in their mid-week prayers on the following dates:

Monday 19th January - Ainsdale Village Church at 10.30am


Tuesday 20th January - St John Stone RC Church at 10am

Wednesday 21st January - Ainsdale Methodist Church at 10am

Thursday 22nd January - St John's C of E at 10.30am

Friday 23rd January - Woodvale Chapel at 2pm

CTiA will celebrate the renewal of their Covenant on **Sunday, 25th January**, with an ecumenical service at **11am** in St John Stone Church. All our churches will be represented and formally sign a pledge that we will continue to work together as Christians to share and celebrate our faith.



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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.

January is now upon us. It is so called because the Roman god Janus had two faces; one looked backwards over the past year, the other looked forwards. As Christians, we might look back over the past year with thankfulness for the blessings received, and look forward in hope to what lies before us.

For those of us who drive a car, we sit at the steering wheel with our eyes fixed through the windscreen at what lies ahead on the open road, but we also have a rear-view mirror with which to look backwards to see what is behind us. This helps us to navigate more safely: we can better judge our position in relation to other vehicles on the road, and two wing mirrors allow us to see more clearly what lies at each side of us. We rarely travel on roads alone.

Winston Churchill famously said, "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see." Unlike many of our contemporary leaders, he had a very keen sense of history.

As we move forward into 2026, we do so conscious of our shared past and with a desire to discern what God may be calling us to in the future. Across our churches, there are hopes, questions, and possibilities before us, and we seek to approach these thoughtfully and prayerfully as we continue the journey together.

Underpinning all these hopes is prayer, and I am thankful that prayer undergirds all our thinking, planning, and decision-making.

So please continue to pray as we move forward into this new year.

With every good wish for 2026,

Christopher Humble