



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



18th January 2026

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

25th Jan - 11am CTiA Service at St John Stone - No Service Here

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: John 1.29-42

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 18th January 2026

Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Prayer

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Study

Bible Study is continuing on a fortnightly basis, with the next session taking place on Monday 26th January at 7pm at Cynthia and Frank's (17 Everton Road). We'll be looking at Hebrews 2:1 - 3:6, 'A Great Salvation'. The story so far . . . Jesus Christ is supreme over all things - he is the ultimate revelation of God. Our response should be simple: to give glory to God and to worship Jesus Christ. All are welcome to come and explore this story further.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

Church Council Meeting

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

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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.

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.

Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club will be restarting after the winter break on **Monday 19th January at 10.00am**, meeting in the church lounge.

From then on, the group will meet every Monday at 10am, and we'd love to welcome some new faces as we begin preparing the garden for spring.

We grow a wide range of flowers, plants, soft fruits and vegetables, and no gardening experience is needed at all. You're very welcome to do as much or as little as you feel comfortable with — every pair of hands helps.

Please come along to enjoy some fresh air, friendly conversation, and time in the garden, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments afterwards. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just fancy a relaxed morning outdoors, you'll be very welcome.

Practising the Presence of God

In the seventeenth century, a French lay brother called Lawrence left behind a series of letters which give us a glimpse of someone in love with God. Whether at work in the kitchen or sandal-making, or in formal times of prayer, he 'practised the presence of God' by repeatedly turning his mind to God, in love all through the day.

Not only did this simple practice deepen Brother Lawrence's own connection with God. But it also enabled him to be a vehicle of God's grace to those around him. There was no division between sacred and secular, between leisure and work, for he did everything for the love of God,

Every time we turn towards God in this way, we too are practising the presence of God, welcoming God into our lives, our difficulties and our dreams. As we do this more and more often during the day, we build up the holy habit of awareness of God at the centre of our lives, part of all that we are and do. This inspires and supports us as we reach out to others. Instead of thinking God is far away and disinterested, we recognise that God is close at hand, nearer than our own breathing. With this awareness, our love for God, for our neighbour and for ourselves can steadily grow.

Ernie