



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



*25th January 2026*

**11am** CTiA Service at St John Stone - No Service Here

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

**1st Feb** - 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

*Image: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

## **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 25th January 2026*

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 Psalm 62:5–12, 1 Corinthians 7:29–31, Mark 1:14–20

## *Prayer*

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew all your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

## *Gardening Club*

Every Monday at 10am, meet in the church lounge. New faces are always welcome and no experience is needed. Enjoy some fresh air, friendly conversation and time in the garden, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments. Everyone is very welcome.

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

## *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).



# Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

## Heart-Beats

*12 weeks to a stronger heart*

A fun, interactive project demonstrating how movement, food and lifestyle can work together to improve heart health.

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Join us, and discover how looking after your heart can open up opportunity for a happier, more connected, enjoyable life.

Each week will include gentle to moderate exercises, from rhythmic movement and drumming to balance, strength and breathing activities, alongside a practical focus on a different aspect of heart health, such as blood pressure, salt, healthy fats, circulation or hydration.

FIRST SESSION:

**Monday 16th February – 10.00 am to 11.30 am**

Limited spaces available. For eligibility information and to secure your spot pop in to the Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure office or call 01704 574838

## Outsider Art - Creating Without Rules

*Guided monthly sessions inspired by remarkable artists*



We are running a new monthly series of creative sessions inspired by outsider Artists – people who made extraordinary work without formal training, often later in life, and often while living on the margins of society.

Each session focuses on one artist and a simple, accessible way of working with pens, pencils, paint, or collage. You'll be guided step by step, but with plenty of freedom to work at your own pace.

These sessions are about: trying something new without pressure, learning for enjoyment, not qualifications, meeting others over creativity and lunch

You don't need confidence, or experience – just an open mind.

**Taking Place: Last Friday of each month. Creative session followed by a light lunch. £3.50 per session (thanks to partial funding)**

Limited Spaces:

Advanced booking essential each month (first come, first served)

**Starting: Friday 27th February 10.30 am**

**Call us on 01704 574838**

Dear Friends

Whenever I write such a letter as this, I could always start it by saying we live in “strange or unprecedented times”, and it would always fit with what was going on in the world at that juncture. This is no less so than in the times we currently live. We can become exasperated, feel hopeless, and we may also lose confidence in the future. Jesus could have said exactly the same in his day and age.

*What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes Ch 1 vs 9)*

Jesus comes from having being tempted in the wilderness to hear that John the Baptist had been arrested; and that didn't finish well.

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” (Matthew Ch 4 vs 17)*

The Kingdom of Heaven is the ever-expanding sphere where God's will is done, both spiritually within individuals and ultimately across the entire world through Christ.

Jesus then goes and calls his first disciples; just ordinary folks from a variety of backgrounds. The hearts and minds of these individuals were transformed through their relationship with God the Son.

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (Matthew Ch 4 vs 23)*

The disciples were crucial to proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. As with Jesus they offered hope to the people who encountered them; all this through disciples, folks just like you and me. We have the hope that comes from the resurrection of Jesus, and we have the experience of how our lives have been transformed through God. This is the hope we offer to a world lacking confidence, exasperated and losing hope.

May we in the love that we offer to others, help the world glimpse something of the kingdom of God, for despite what happens in the world, our God reigns, loves each and everyone of us, and continues to transform lives.

God bless

Patrick