



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

15th February 2026

9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW

10.45am Service led by Nigel Mawdsley

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

22nd Feb - 11am Circuit Service Here

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: Matthew 17.1-9

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 15th February 2026

Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9
(Year A - Ordinary 6)

Prayer

You alone, O God, can satisfy our deepest hunger, and protect us from the lure of wealth and power. Teach us to seek your kingdom above all else, that we may know the security and joy of those who put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

Bible Study is continuing on a fortnightly basis, with the next session taking place on Monday 23rd February at 7pm at Cynthia and Frank's (17 Everton Road). All are welcome.

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

Ash Wednesday

Please join us in the Memorial Hall next Wednesday (18th) at 10.00am for prayers themed around Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.



Churches Together in Ainsdale Lent Course

Week 1

2.00 pm: film screening of "The Greatest Showman"

Thursday 19 February at St John's Anglican Church. Everyone welcome!

Sunday 15th February Interfaith Lecture

3pm at Holy Family RC Church, Brompton Road PR8 6AS

The Most Reverend John Sherrington (Archbishop of Liverpool)

Ash Wednesday 18th February

7.30pm Circuit Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at PPW.

Raising Praise

Please note that the next Raising Praise was missing from the preaching plan.

The service will take place on Sunday 22nd February at 6.00pm at Leyland Road Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome.

General Church Meeting

There will be a General Church Meeting after the service on Sunday 1st March to discuss the redevelopment of the church buildings. A letter of explanation is enclosed. Please do attend this important meeting and share your views on the way forward. All are welcome.

Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices, please advise Lucy Lloyd on 01704 536648 or email lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk Thank you.

Dear Friends

Have you ever had your view of someone fundamentally transformed? In 1939 my father was 23 and of prime age to be called up with no good excuses as to why he couldn't. He served from 1939 through to 1946, although only saw his first action on D-Day. It certainly appeared to me that he was a reluctant soldier given he wouldn't talk about it. He preferred to live in the present and look towards the future. He was a humble introvert, always promoting fairness, supporting the underdog and despising injustice.

After he died we came across his first passport issued on the 4th June 1937, which showed soon after he had travelled to Aachen in Germany. At no time had he ever mentioned visiting Germany before the war. Every seventh year there is a Christian pilgrimage in Aachen called the shrine trip. Normally a 100,000 pilgrims attend, in 1937 there were 800,000 pilgrims.

In 1937, the Nazi press warned against taking part in the shrine trip: "Anyone who marches with the so-called procession, which today is nothing other than a demonstration against the Third Reich, is consciously joining the ranks of the separatists and child molesters, the perjurers, the traitors." That year's shrine trip went down in history as the "pilgrimage of silent protest". Upon returning home he joined the Territorial Army. These revelations fundamentally changed the way I saw my father, my view of him was transformed. He wasn't called up as a reluctant soldier after all, rather his innate sense of justice drove him to protest in Germany and then go to war.

At the scene of the transfiguration, the disciples Peter, James and John got to see Jesus in a new light, literally, when Jesus was joined on the mountain by Moses and Elijah, and God spoke. This transformed their understanding of who Jesus was. He wasn't just another prophet, he was both human and divine. Peter's inclination was to put up three shelters for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Jesus didn't want to be contained or constrained, for having already predicted his own death his mind had turned towards Jerusalem, so forward they travelled. There was a fundamental change in the outlook of those disciples, they could not un-see what they had seen nor unlearn what they had learned. Through their experience of the transfiguration they saw the divinity of Jesus.

What have been our experiences of Jesus, when our understanding of him has moved from being a historical figure in the bible, to knowing his transformative love in our own lives.

God bless
Patrick