



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



22nd February 2026

11am Circuit Service Here

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

1st Mar - 10.45am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Patrick Evans

Image: Matthew 4.1-11

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 22nd February 2026

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11
(Year A - Lent 1)

Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

Southport World Day of Prayer

The Service for 2026 will be held at St. James' CE Church, 26 Lulworth Road, Southport PR8 2BQ on Friday, 6th March at 11am. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

All are welcome!

Please come and join us: we look forward to seeing you.

Churches Together in Ainsdale Lent Course

Week 2

2.00 pm: "A Million Dreams"

Wednesday 25 February at Ainsdale Village Church

Churches Together in Ainsdale

With the help of Shoreside Hookers CTiA are hoping to put out lots of little knitted/crocheted hearts in Ainsdale Village on Easter Sunday morning. The more there are, the greater the impact, so we are asking everyone who can to please knit or crochet a small heart. (There is a knitting and crochet pattern you can use in the attached link; printed copies in the church porch). The bible verse, John 3:16, will be attached to each heart to let whoever takes one know that each one of us is loved.

You can use any wool and any colour or combinations of colour. If you have spare wool please leave it in the box in the church porch for other people to use. You can leave your finished hearts there too or give them to Ann

Howard before 22nd March.

Thank you.

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. 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

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. The season is marked by Christians seeking to enter in to the journey Jesus makes for forty days and nights wrestling with the purposes of God and what it means to be obedient to his calling. We too are invited to share in this search. Amongst the many temptations lie the age-old temptations (see Matthew 4. 1-11)- to chose quick fixes and things we can buy or possess in order to try and bring us happiness and fulfilment. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger, but teaches that God alone can sustain; to bow to lesser gods in the search for worldly power, but he teaches God's kingdom is paramount; so we must assess whether we use our power wisely and well, for the common good; and he is tempted to make ridiculous choices that put God to the test. He taught us in the Lord's Prayer that we should ask "not to be led into temptation". Christian discipleship is about working out the forms of these ancient temptations in our contemporary setting. So, I wonder what you are going to do for Lent?

It may be that you are going to give some time to more prayer and Bible study, or to be part of a group that discusses matters of faith. If so, I wish you a fruitful season. Even if you are not sharing in this way you can pray and read your Bible at home and this I commend to you.

In ancient times Christians were prepared for initiation into the life of the Church during the days of Lent and some of our churches are doing this by way of Confirmation and membership preparation. Please pray for those who are making and taking these steps of exploration and commitment that they may be richly blessed.

May the God of all grace equip you with all you need for the life of faith.

Every blessing

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