



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



## *15th March 2026 – Mothering Sunday*

**9am** Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW

**10.45am** Service led by Rev Derek Bowker

**22nd Mar** - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

- 6pm Circuit Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

*Image: John 9.1-41*

### **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 March 2026*

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41  
(Year A - Lent 4)

## *Prayer*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to those who struck him and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## *Bible Study*

Bible study will be meeting weekly for the next two sessions on Monday 16th and 23rd March 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.

## *Churches Together in Ainsdale Lent Course*

### **Week 5**

2.00pm: "Never Enough"

Tuesday 17 March at St John's Anglican Church



# CaféJam

spread some song across your heart

Praise God through singing – café jam worship is café style, informal and for all those of any ability who love to sing or just listen.

Lots of cakes and drinks provided.

**When: Sunday 29th March 2026**

**Time: 6.30pm start**

**Venue: Ainsdale Village Church**

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## Coffee Morning

Saturday 21st March at 10.30am.

Come along on Saturday morning to enjoy some good conversation whilst enjoying tea, coffee and a selection of wonderful cakes. There will be an Easter themed raffle with the usual marvellous prizes!

We look forward to seeing you.



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

Dear Friends,

Recently the Bible Society revealed in a survey that there is something of what they called "The Quiet Revival" going on in Britain. Although church attendance figures across the board of our mixed economy of denominations in the UK are not what they were prior to the pandemic, statistics show a growing interest in Christian faith and church attendance is up, especially amongst 18-34 year olds, commonly known as Generation Z. Furthermore, this trend is more marked amongst young men than women. You may or may not have noticed this phenomena in your church, but it is happening. This should give us cause to be hopeful and rejoice. Amongst the churches at either end of the spectrum the evidence seems strongest, by which I mean those churches that are very clear about what they stand for. That having been said we had a Joint Confirmation service recently at PPW and eight people pledged commitments to discipleship building on their baptism. We also have a group still receiving instruction at Cornerstone ahead of Easter Sunday. Whether any of these folk might fall within the categories the Bible Society survey revealed I am not certain, but if there is a Quiet Revival going on let's praise God for that!

It is important that we make space for people who are exploring and seeking to journey deeper in their walk with God. We must never discourage questions.

As we head towards the last days of the season of Lent and into Passiontide may we receive all the blessings God has in store for us as we wait upon him.

Details of our Holy Week services are shown on the Plan.

Grace, mercy and peace,

Christopher

