



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## *29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday*

**10.45am** Service led by Lesley Goddard

**Maundy Thursday** - 6.30pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev  
Patrick Evans

**Good Friday** - 10.45am Service at Lord St West Church

**Easter Sunday 5th April** - 6.15am CTiA on the Beach  
- 9am Service of Holy Communion  
- 10am Refreshments  
- 10.45am Service led by Rodney Hoyle

*Image: Matthew 21.1-11*

### **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 29th March 2026*

Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54 (Year A - Palm Sunday)

## *Prayer*

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## *Flowers*



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Eunice Collum in loving memory of her husband Hugh.

## *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.

## *Safeguarding Foundation Training*

A face to face foundation module safeguarding training course is taking place on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 1.30pm at PPW on Scarisbrick New Road, Southport.

If you would like to book on, please email Debs Attwater on [safeguarding@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@southportmethodist.org.uk) or tell your church's safeguarding officer. Thank you



## 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**

For more details contact Rita on 07838 103310 or  
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## *Easter Services*

This Easter we gather together for moments of reflection, hope, joy and celebration. You are very welcome to join us at the following services:

### **Maundy Thursday 2nd April**

*6.30pm* Communion Service

### **Good Friday 3rd April**

Lord Street West warmly invites you to join them for their *10:45am* service.

### **Easter Sunday 5th April**

*6.15am* CTiA on the Beach

*9am* Communion Service

*10am* Refreshments, hot cross buns and croissants served

*10.45am* Service

## *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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk) Thank you.

Dear Friends

As we enter Passion Week, we look towards the cross. Even in the midst of unimaginable pain and suffering, Jesus offered forgiveness.

*When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

*(Luke Ch 23 vs 33-34)*

At our acts of worship we have a prayer of confession where we confess our sins to God, which is followed by an assurance of forgiveness. From the Methodist Worship Book:

*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. This is his gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven'. **Amen. Thanks be to God.***

In the Lord's Prayer we pray:

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

From the cross Jesus sets the highest standard of forgiveness which personally I can find hard to follow. My head knows to forgive, although my emotions often lag way behind.

In the town of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania in 2006 there was a shooting at an Amish school. A father from outside the Amish community killed six children before killing himself. Later that day leaders from the Amish community went to visit the dead man's wife. Remaining in her home she was too scared to face them. Her father met them on the drive of their home, and she could see from the window that it was not a conversation of hatred, rather one of reconciliation; they offered forgiveness, knowing she and her family would be grieving, just as members of their community were.

Amish forgiveness of grace is the unconditional, rapid, and often collective choice to forgive. It focuses on letting go of anger and loving enemies rather than seeking vengeance. Forgiveness is seen as a choice to act with love rather than an immediate emotion. The Amish often express verbal forgiveness first, allowing time for emotional healing to follow.

This Passion Week, may we know the assurance of God's forgiveness, and in turn may we be able to forgive those who sin against us.

God bless, Patrick

For more information on Amish Grace, listen to Sideways on BBC Sounds at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002snhy>