



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## *5th April 2026 - Easter Sunday*

**6.15am** CTiA on the Beach

**9am** Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Patrick Evans

**10am** Refreshments, Hot Cross Buns & Croissants Served

**10.45am** Service led by Rodney Hoyle

**12th April** - 10.45am Joint Parade Service with AVC & Formby led by Rev  
Brian Trudgian

- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

*Image: Matthew 28.1-10*

### **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 5th April 2026*

Jeremiah 31.1-6; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10  
(Year A - Easter Sunday)

## *Prayer*

Most glorious God, who on this day delivered us by the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and made your whole creation new: grant that we who celebrate with joy his rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *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

# Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday

Guitar Lessons: 10.00 - 12.00  
Fit 4 Life: 10.00 - 11.00  
Gardening Club: 10.00 - 11.00  
Monday Social: 13.00 - 15.00  
Family History: 13.00 - 15.00  
Technology Support: 13.00 - 15.00

NB. Family History & Technology Support are  
One-To-One Sessions. Advance booking essential.

### Tuesday

Ukulele: 10.00 - 12.00  
Tai-Chi (Chair based): 11.00 - 12.00  
Music for All: 13.00 - 15.00  
Tai-Chi: 14.15 - 15.45

### Wednesday

Indoor Bowls: 13.00 - 15.00  
Table Tennis: 13.00 - 15.00

### Thursday

Art & Craft: 10.00 - 12.00  
Vital Motion: 9.45 - 10.45  
(Chair-Based)  
Vital Motion: 10.50 - 11.50  
(Chair-Based)

### Friday

Needlecraft: 10.00 - 12.00

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Any enquiries or bookings please call the ALL office 01704 574838.

## *Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service*

Sunday 19th April 2026

6.30pm at Formby Methodist

*Led by Rev Sheila Prest*

Followed by Refreshments

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

According to John 20.1-18 Mary goes to the garden tomb looking for the body of her Lord with spices for burial but her encounter with one whom she supposes to be the gardener is one where she fails to recognise her Lord. In a strange way she wasn't completely wrong in believing him to be a gardener. His ministry of healing and preaching was one in which he tended the blind, lame, deaf and those outcast from society who lived at the margins; all these folk he dealt with as a gardener might end vulnerable plants in the garden working to nurture them. It was only when he said her name "Mary" that she recognised who she was conversing with, the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The same is true today as ever, that the Risen Christ calls us each by name to walk in his way.

It strikes me that around the circuit there are some projects, groups, activities that are rather like tender young plants, they need attention, bringing on; whilst other things are more established and need less attention to thrive. The knack of deciding where we put our precious resources is perhaps for another time, but where we place the resources of ministry is going to be a key area in the Listening Events which are due to start happening in coming weeks.

With every good wish for Easter.

Chris

