



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

17th May 2026

9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW

10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

24th May - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

- 6pm Circuit Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: 1 Peter 5.6-11

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 17th May 2026

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11
(Year A - Easter 7)

Prayer

Lord of Hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, even your Son, Jesus our Redeemer; for he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

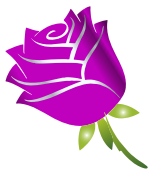
Bible Study

The next meeting is at church on Monday, 1st June, from 7 till 8.30pm when we will be looking at some passages from the prophet, Isaiah.

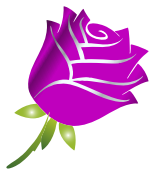
Everyone is welcome.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated and arranged by Jan, in celebration of her wedding anniversary with Pete, and also the wedding anniversary of her mother and father, both of which fall on the 17th.

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.

CTiA Pentecost Sunday Celebration

On Sunday May 24th at 2.00pm we will be having a service of prayer to celebrate Pentecost together outside Ainsdale Village Church, on Station Road in Ainsdale.

The service – with Fr Paul Seddon, Rev Jackie Vasquez and Rev Hilary Smith - will last approximately 30 minutes and will give us the opportunity, as Churches Together, to celebrate the day that God blessed the early Church with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Extra Church Council Meeting - Open to All

As part of the ongoing discussions about the future shape of churches within our Circuit, a further Church Council meeting will take place at Ainsdale Methodist Church on Wednesday 27th May at 2pm.

All are welcome to attend, although please note that the vote on the preferred option will be limited to Church Council members only.

Together in Worship

ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE IN CHRIST.

CIRCUIT SERVICE

🕒 11AM | SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

📍 ST PHILIP & ST PAUL
WITH WESLEY CHURCH
SCARISBRICK NEW ROAD


You're warmly invited! ❤️

ALL CHURCHES. ONE SERVICE. EVERYONE WELCOME. |

Let's come together to worship, connect and be inspired. ❤️

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.



PENTECOST AND ALDERSGATE SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE WALK

Come and join us on
SUNDAY 24TH MAY
for our Circuit pilgrimage walk.

1. CHOOSE YOUR STARTING POINT:

A

YOU CAN START AT FORMBY METHODIST CHURCH AT 2PM

OR**B**

YOU CAN MEET US AT FRESHFIELD STATION AT 2.20
WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE THE WALK TOGETHER.

OR**C**

YOU CAN MEET AND GREET THE PILGRIMS
DIRECTLY AT AINSDALE METHODIST CHURCH
FOR FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS FROM 4PM



2. THE WHOLE WALK from Formby Methodist to Ainsdale Methodist is **4.5 miles** long and will take approximately 2 hours.



3. A FULL RISK ASSESSMENT has been made, including medical assistance. In the event that someone is struggling, there will be a driver on hand at various points to assist.



4. IT WILL BE NECESSARY for you to organise your own transport to and from your starting point.



5. WELL BEHAVED DOGS are welcome!

We look forward to walking with you!

Ernie

Dear Friends

Ascension is the theme of many church services this Sunday, as Ascension Day fell on 14th May this year. I share with you an Ascension Day reflection from the Iona Community, written by Thom M Shuman, a pastor and poet whose prayers, liturgies, and devotions are used by people throughout the world.

The Day of Ascension doesn't seem to fare very well in most Churches. In fact, this 'day' doesn't even get a Sunday to itself; it is observed on the Thursday between the 6th and 7th Sundays of Easter. No wonder so many folks, including ministers, don't know much about it.

So why pay attention to the Ascension of Jesus?

In part, because the story is a reminder that the earthly ministry of Jesus has ended: at Pentecost, the torch is passed on to the disciples, and down to us through all the centuries. Now, the story says, it is up to us – we are the ones who are called to be more compassionate, more accepting, more forgiving, more just: more faithful.

The story also confirms what the Resurrection first showed – that Jesus is now the Risen One, the One who sits at the right hand of God, the One who continues to work – with us, through us, despite us – to bring about that new heaven, that new earth, that new hope, that new life, which has always been God's intention for all creation.

Because Jesus is at the right hand of God, with authority and power, we can trust that such power will continue to pour out God's grace upon us. The One who became fully human continues to bring our humanity, our brokenness, our possibilities, our hopes and dreams into the heart of God. We are not forgotten by the One who came in a humble birth, and died the death of a common criminal. And God, whose heart broke when Jesus died, who brought him out of the grave, who gave Jesus new life, will also not forget us, but will do the same for his people.

God bless

Patrick