



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

*24th May 2026 - Pentecost/Aldersgate*

**10.45am** Service led by Brian Davey & Lesley Goddard

**6pm** Circuit Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**31st May** - 11am Circuit Service at PPW - No Service Here

*Image: Acts 2.1-21*

## **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 24th May 2026

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; Numbers 11.24-30; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13;  
John 20.19-23 (Year A)

## Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples with the wind from heaven and with tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

## 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.

Join us for our next  
**COFFEE MORNING**

Everyone WELCOME!

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY** from 10.30am

As well as the usual  
**tea, coffee & cake**

there will be a  
**plant sale!**

PLANT SALE

# CTiA Pentecost Sunday Celebration

This 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.

## Not So Star-Crossed

Paul Green's comedy play, Not So Star-Crossed, will be staged at the Epstein Theatre in Liverpool on 26 & 27 June. You can book your tickets online at [www.epsteintheatre.com](http://www.epsteintheatre.com)

## Together in Worship

ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE IN CHRIST.

# CIRCUIT SERVICE


🕒 11AM | SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

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

*You're warmly invited!* ❤️

## 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.



# 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

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John Ch 20 vs 21-23)*

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. It is also Alderstage Sunday, which remembers John Wesley's Aldersgate experience on May 24, 1738, which was a pivotal spiritual awakening in London. While attending a Moravian meeting and listening to Martin Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed".

Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Church, whilst Aldersgate Sunday sparked the creation of a denomination. On both occasions the Holy Spirit was able to move within individuals as they opened their hearts to God.

Given what had happened to Jesus, for the disciples gathered in an upper room in the passage from John's gospel above, there would have been an overwhelming sense of fear; could they suffer the same fate? Fear can be paralyzing, as U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself". Jesus assured the disciples that his peace was with them, and then breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. Their hearts had to be open to receive.

For those present on the day of Pentecost and for John Wesley, their encounter with the Holy Spirit affirmed that God was with them. They understood this with both the power of the Spirit, and the understanding that grace was abounding. For Wesley this profoundly personal encounter with God's grace assured him that Christ had forgiven his sins.

I don't know what you might fear at this time or into the future. What I do know is that God is present with you through the Holy Spirit. May you know that you are precious to God and loved by your creator. May you have freedom through the Holy Spirit and know no fear, for the Lord your God is with you.

God bless

Patrick