



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

19th July 2026

9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW

10.45am Joint Service with Liverpool Road Church led by Rodney Hoyle

26th July - 10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

- 4pm Circuit Service to mark Retirement of Rev Patrick Evans

Image: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Mission Statement

To share locally and globally in the whole Church's purpose of the worship of God and the care of people.

Minister: Rev Patrick Evans

Tel: 07813 211501

Email: [patrick.evans@](mailto:patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk)

methodist.org.uk

Lectionary Readings 19th July 2026

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43 (Year A)

Prayer

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

The next meeting is at church on Monday, 27th July, from 7 till 8.30pm when we'll be starting to look at Paul's letter to the Colossians.
Everyone is welcome.

Mid-week Prayers

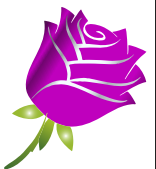
Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

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.



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Barbara & Brian Biglands in memory of Margaret Crawford, sadly missed by all of us.

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.

Circuit Service to mark the

Retirement

of
Rev Patrick Evans

*Join us as we say our farewells
to Patrick as his ministry as a
Circuit Minister comes to an end.*



Sunday
26th July



4pm



Ainsdale
Methodist Church

Everyone is invited

The service will be followed by a faith tea.



Raising Praise Cancelled

Please note: Although Raising Praise is listed on the Circuit Preaching Plan, this month's service has been cancelled and will therefore not be taking place. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Children's Work & Messy Church Meeting

Everyone
welcome!



Mon
27th July



12 noon



The Parlour,
Leyland Road
Church



Help regularly or just occasionally – everyone is welcome.



For more info, contact **PJ** on **07842 728447**

The Meaning and Purpose of Holiday

Holiday is a word derived from the term Holy Day, which is associated with the commemoration of Christian events, such as Christmas, Good Friday and Easter. It is only relatively recently that in Britain today their significance as Christian Festivals has been replaced by the secular term holiday. We talk about certain periods of the year as the Christmas holidays or the Easter holidays. The Monday that used to be Whit Monday – the day following what used to be Whit Sunday or Pentecost – became Spring Bank Holiday.

The term holiday is no longer associated with a religious festival, but means a period of vacation – a time of leisure away from work and the everyday duties and responsibilities of life.

This may remind you of Sir Cliff Richard's song: We're all goin' on a Summer Holiday – No more workin' for a week or two. Nowadays, holiday-goers going abroad are travelling by air, rather than driving a bus, but increasing numbers are having a "staycation" in this country. If you are holidaying in the UK or abroad, you will be thinking of different ways of occupying your time.

Might I make two suggestions. The first is that you take a Bible with you and spend a little time each day reading a short section – perhaps from one of the gospels – or a psalm.

My second idea is that on your Sunday mornings you attend a church, maybe of a different denomination to ours, for example many of the great cathedrals of the world are Orthodox or Roman Catholic. Lots of churches in tourist locations are used to welcoming visitors in the Summer and would be delighted to have you with them.

So as the school term is ending and the holiday time has begun for many of us, may we experience a time of rest and relaxation and a very happy Holy day.

God speed,
Ernie