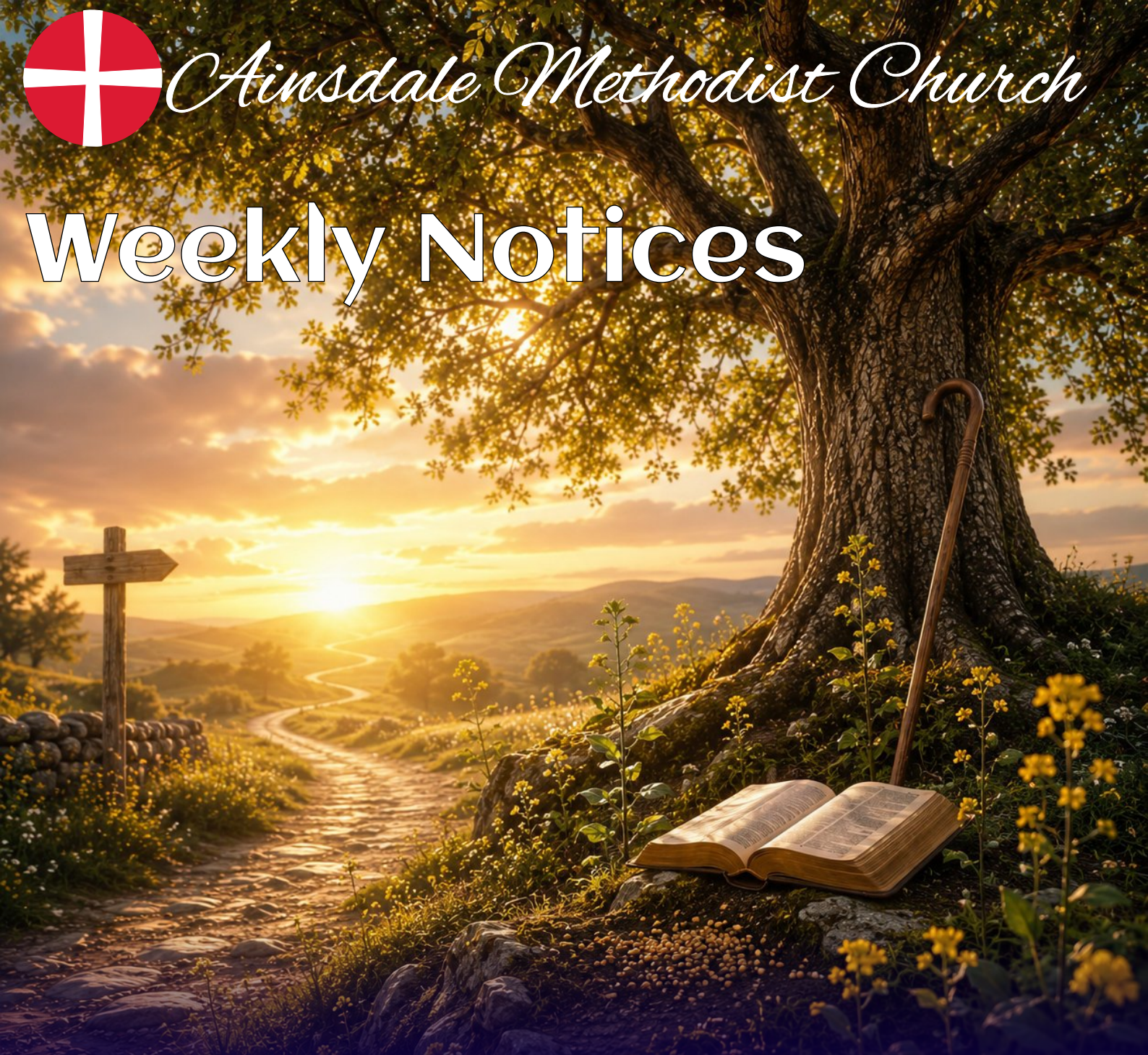




Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



26th July 2026

10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

4pm Circuit Service to mark Retirement of Rev Patrick Evans

2nd Aug - 10.45am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Chris Humble
- 6.30pm Bible Month at Cornerstone

Image: Matthew 13.31-33

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 26th July 2026

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52
(Year A)

Prayer

God, you have poured the Spirit of your Son into our hearts so that we call you Father. Give us grace to devote our freedom to your service that we and all creation may be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Study

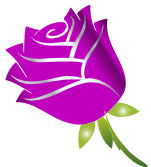
The next meeting is at church on Monday, 27th July, from 7 till 8.30pm when we'll be starting to look at Paul's letter to the Colossians.
Everyone is welcome.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

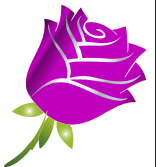
Gardening Club

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 church flowers this week have been kindly donated by Edna Skinner in loving memory of husband David.



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

Car parking is also available at
St John's Church 708 Liverpool Road PR8 3QE.

After the service everyone is welcome to stay for a Faith Tea.
If you are able to do so please bring something
savoury or sweet to share.
Tea, Coffee & soft drinks will be provided.

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.


SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
— invites you to join together for —

BIBLE MONTH

— SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES —
THROUGHOUT AUGUST

ALL AT
6.30PM



WEEK
1

2ND AUGUST
at Cornerstone



WEEK
2

9TH AUGUST
at Liverpool Road



WEEK
3

16TH AUGUST
at Formby



WEEK
4

23RD AUGUST
at Leyland Road

Dear Friends

Knowing I am a cyclist, a few years ago a good friend gifted me a wash bag for my touring holidays. It took me a few moments to realise the significance of the bag, for it was made with bicycle inner tubes. When my URC colleague Rev Peter Lyth retired, he replaced the word retirement in favour of repurposed. As I enter retirement this weekend, I prefer Peter's approach.

A dictionary definition of retired is "an older person who has left his or her job and has usually stopped working completely". When I meet many volunteers, whether in the church or otherwise, it doesn't feel to me as if they've stopped working completely, quite the opposite!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans Ch 8 vs 28.

This passage reminds us as Christians that we have purpose, and not just any old purpose, rather we are called according to God's purpose. Through our conversion, having turned away from all that denies God are we not repurposed? And so whilst we may retire from paid work, our calling continues unabated. In that sense does God not use all of our experiences and repurpose them for the Kingdom?

"In God's Economy...nothing is wasted." This quote was popularised in the 1990s by Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), an organisation that supports people living with addiction to alcohol. Within that context, it addressed how even the most dire of circumstances can become a cocoon for growth. Such succinctly stated wisdom soon became contagious and spread far beyond AA. Abundant life can come from the most unexpected places. Those things that seem like futility, or failure, or simple waste to us? In God's hands, they can become agents of abundant life.

Whether we are in paid employment or retired, what part of our lives do we want to be repurposed? Is there one area of your life where you want to invite God to take something that feels wasted and turn it into something wonderful? Take time to pray for God's presence and wisdom in that place.

God bless
Patrick