



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

13th September 2026

10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Rev Derek Bowker

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

20th Sept - 9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW
- 10.45am Harvest Festival - Local Arrangement

Image: Exodus 14:21-22

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 13th September 2026

Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21; Romans 14:1–12;
Matthew 18:21–35 (Year A)

Prayer

Gracious God, like a mother you give us new life, and make us your children in Jesus Christ. Look on us in your love, and bring us to the inheritance which you promised. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

This session we will be exploring some of Jesus healing miracles. Meetings take place at Cynthia and Franks home 17 Everton Road starting on 21st September at 7pm. 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.

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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.

Help for Local Arrangements - Services Workshop

Saturday 19 September 10am–1pm Leyland Road Methodist Church, PR9 9JQ

Practical resource share

Group support

Q&A session

Free event. All welcome. Lunch will be provided

Please register your interest by email to: admin@southportmethodist.org.uk



Christmas Cards and Charity Appeals



We have received a list of Christmas Cards available for sale in aid of All We Can and also other literature from charities. These can be seen in the Church Porch by anyone interested. Copies of the Christmas Cards order form are also in the porch for individual use.



Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will take place on

Sunday 20th September at 10.45am.

Join us as we celebrate the harvest and give thanks
for all that we have.

**HOUGHTON
WEAVERS**
with Simon Brady on Guitar and Mandolin



Houghton Weavers

Leyland Rd Church, Southport **Friday 18th September**
7.30pm Start (doors open 6.45pm) Tickets £16 (QR code)

Tel: Christine: 07808 271671 or in person from

the venue: Tel: (01704) 536648

(Mon - Thurs 9am-1pm)



There are moments in life when we find ourselves wondering,
"Where do we go from here?"

For the Israelites in Exodus 14, the situation must have seemed hopeless.

Behind them was Pharaoh's army; ahead of them was the sea. There appeared to be no way forward and no possibility of going back. Yet it was precisely there, when every human possibility seemed exhausted, that a way opened before them.

Perhaps this story speaks particularly powerfully to us today. We live in a world where the news can often feel overwhelming. We hear of war and displacement, communities divided, families struggling with the cost of everyday life, and uncertainty about what the future may hold. In our own lives, too, we face situations we cannot simply fix: illness, bereavement, difficult relationships, financial worries or decisions where no choice seems easy.

Faith does not promise that we will never find ourselves standing at the edge of the sea. Nor does it mean pretending that fear and uncertainty are not real. Instead, Exodus reminds us that what looks like a dead end to us may not be the end of the story.

Notice, too, that the sea did not disappear. The Israelites had to walk through it. Sometimes God's way forward is not an escape from difficulty but a path *through* it - one step at a time, trusting that we do not walk alone.

Perhaps there is a "Red Sea" in your own life at the moment: something that feels too large, too uncertain or simply beyond your control.

Where might God be inviting you to take the next step, even before you can see the whole journey?

Sometimes faith begins simply by believing that, where we can see no way, God may yet make one.