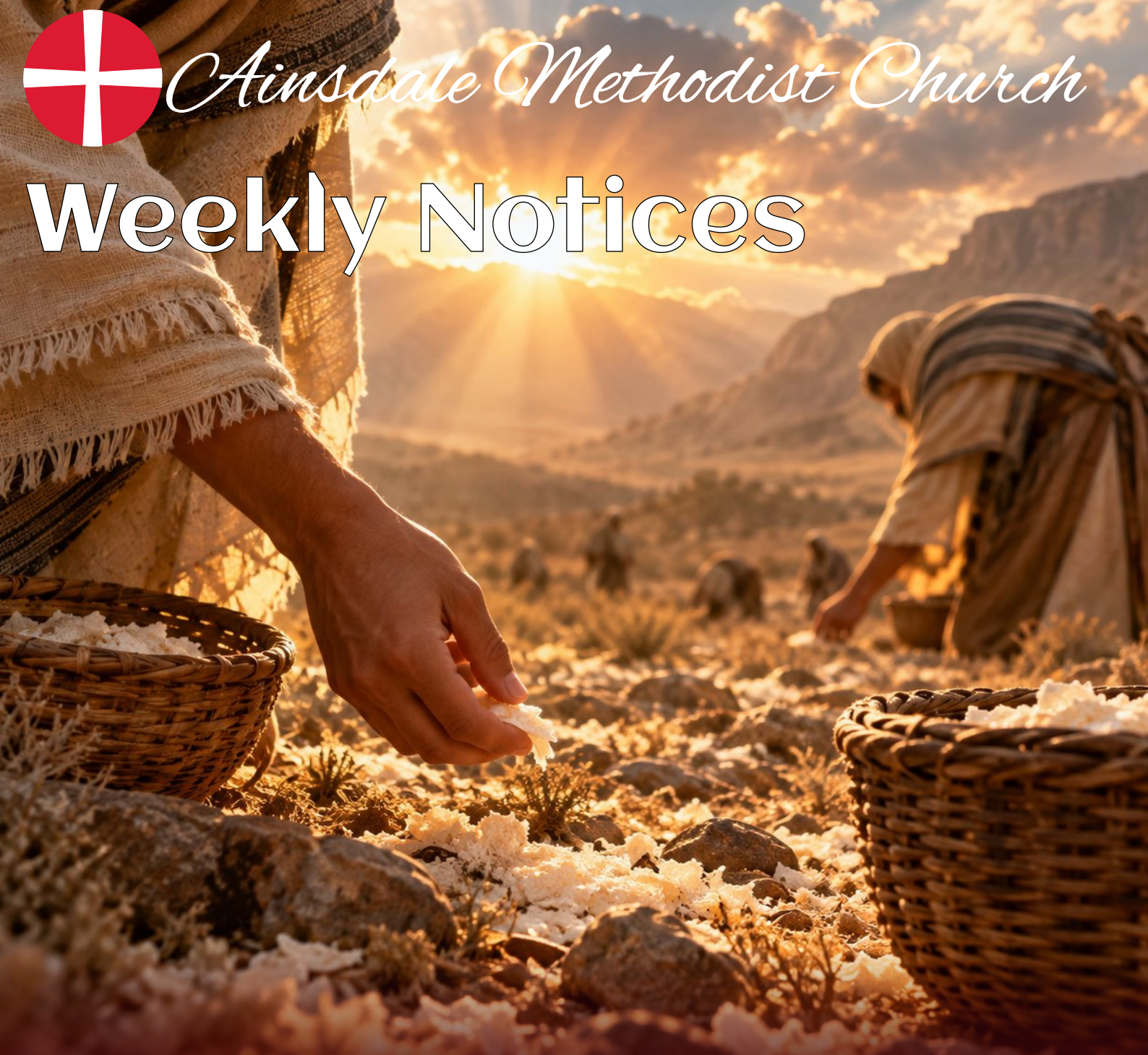




Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



20th September 2026

9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW

10.45am Harvest Festival & Gift Day- Local Arrangement

27th Sept - 10am at Ainsdale Village Church

- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: Exodus 16:13-15

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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Lectinary Readings 20th September 2026

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
(Year A)

Prayer

O God, surer than the breaking of the day, in the morning, fill us with your love,
and in the evening, as the dew falls, refresh us with your mercy,
that we may live according to your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

We start our exploration Jesus healing ministry on Monday
September 21st at 7pm. All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.
This week we are looking at the story of the woman bent double as recorded in
Luke's Gospel 13 :10-17.

Church Council

There will be a meeting of the Council on Wednesday 30th September at 2pm.

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.

Church Memories Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th September 10.30am-12pm.
All welcome

Listening Events- Next Stage

Following the vote to explore further the possibility of hubs/governance, we are moving to the next stage of the Listening Events. We are invited to meet Brec Seaton who has been appointed by the Circuit. She is going to facilitate exploring this next stage.

As such, a meeting is arranged for Ainsdale on 21st October, 2pm.
All are welcome.

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.

Walk of Unity

Sunday 11th October 2026 at 2pm

Join Southport's Civic and Faith Leaders for Southport Interfaith Group's Walk of Unity — an opportunity to meet and socialise with people of other faiths. Meet at 2pm at Southport & District Reform Synagogue, Princes Street, PR8 1EG, for light refreshments. The walk begins promptly at 2.20pm, visiting Christ Church and finishing at Southport Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre.
Distance: 1.4 miles | Approx. walking time: 1 hour

TLG

TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) is a charity supported by all the churches together in Ainsdale. With the help of TLG we provide a weekly hot dinner during school holidays for any families who usually rely on their children having a school dinner in term time.

To raise funds for TLG, Churches together in Ainsdale are inviting you to come for a £5 lunch of soup, sandwiches, cakes and a drink on Saturday, 3rd October from 12 noon to 2pm at St John's Church of England. Please put this date in your diary and come and support CTiA in this important work. The Methodist Church has agreed to provide cakes on this occasion. If you can bake a cake please tell Ann Howard.

Enough for Today

The Israelites were tired, hungry and uncertain. They had left behind the familiarity of Egypt, but the promised land still seemed a very long way off. Standing in the wilderness, they began to wonder whether they had made a terrible mistake.

Then, in the morning, something unexpected appeared on the ground. "What is it?" they asked. Manna. Bread from heaven. Enough food for that day.

There is something striking about the way God provides in this story. The wilderness does not suddenly disappear. The journey does not become easy. God does not reveal everything that lies ahead or give the Israelites enough supplies for the next forty years. Instead, each morning brings what is needed for that day.

Most of us know something about wanting to see further down the road. We like certainty. We make plans, fill diaries and try to prepare for what might happen next. Yet life has a habit of taking us into places we never planned to visit. There are times when we simply cannot know what next month, next week or even tomorrow will bring.

Perhaps that is when the manna in the wilderness speaks most clearly.

God's provision is not always dramatic. Sometimes it is found in a conversation that comes at just the right moment, the kindness of another person, strength for a difficult day, an unexpected opportunity, or simply the courage to take one more step.

The Israelites looked at what God had provided and asked, "What is it?" I wonder how often we do something similar. Could we become so concerned with what we are still waiting for that we fail to notice what has already been placed before us?

There is also something important about manna being gathered rather than stored away. It was a daily gift, received with open hands. Perhaps we too are invited to loosen our grip on tomorrow and pay a little more attention to today.

What might we notice if we did?

Perhaps there is already more grace around us than we realise - enough strength for today, enough kindness to give away, enough hope for the next step.

And sometimes, what has been placed into our hands may be exactly what someone else needs too.