



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

27th September 2026

10am at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

4th Oct - 10.45am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Neil Stubbens

11th Oct - 10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Lesley Goddard
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

Image: Exodus 17:6

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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Lectioary Readings 27th September 2026

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
(Year A)

Prayer

Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son.
May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

Next session Monday 5th October at 7pm. All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.

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.

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If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd
know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.

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.



Our Church
Our Community
Our Stories
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Celebrating
160
years
of Ainsdale
Methodist Church
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Church Memories

COFFEE MORNING

Join us for a cuppa and cake as we
celebrate the **160th anniversary**
of the opening of Ainsdale
Methodist Church.



Saturday
26th September



10.30am –
12.00pm



Ainsdale
Methodist Church

Come and see our
“Church Memories” board!

Featuring photographs and special
moments from the life of our church
over the years.

Everyone
Welcome
♡

PEOPLE | FAITH | COMMUNITY | TOGETHER



When the Water Runs Dry

There are times in life when it can feel as though the water has run dry.

In Exodus 17, the Israelites find themselves in the wilderness with nothing to drink. They are tired, anxious and frustrated. Their question to Moses is a very human one: *"Why did you bring us up out of Egypt?"* They had already experienced God's guidance and provision, yet in this new moment of difficulty, fear quickly took over. Perhaps we recognise something of ourselves in them.

Faith does not mean that we never question, worry or feel uncertain. There are seasons when life changes unexpectedly; when health becomes a concern, relationships are strained, plans fall apart, or the future looks very different from the one we had imagined. In those moments, it is understandable to wonder, "Where is God in this?"

The remarkable thing about this story is not that the people complained. It is what God did next.

God told Moses to strike the rock, and water flowed from it.

A rock seems an unlikely place to find water. It looks hard, dry and lifeless. Yet the very thing that appeared incapable of giving life became the place from which refreshment came. Sometimes God's grace reaches us in unexpected ways too. It may come through a kind word at exactly the right moment, through the support of someone we did not expect, through a quiet strength we did not know we had, or through a new path opening when another has closed.

This does not mean that every hardship has a simple explanation, nor that we should pretend difficult things do not hurt. But perhaps this passage reminds us that a dry season does not necessarily mean that God has left us.

The Israelites asked, *"Is the Lord among us or not?"* It is a question people have asked ever since.

When life feels dry, uncertain or difficult, are we still able to look for signs of God's presence in places we might otherwise overlook?

The rock looked empty, yet water came from it. Perhaps that is the quiet hope of this story: even when we cannot yet see the way forward, God may still be at work. And sometimes, from the hardest and most unexpected places, new life can begin to flow.