



*Ainsdale Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



## *6th September 2026*

**10.45am** Church Anniversary and Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Chris Humble

**13th Sept** - 10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Rev Derek Bowker  
- 6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

*Image: Exodus 12:1-14*

### **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 6th September 2026*

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20 (Year A )

## *Prayer*

O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Mid-week Prayers*

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.

A decorative banner for the Gardening Club. It features a central title 'Gardening Club' in a green, cursive font, underlined. The banner is surrounded by various gardening-related illustrations: a straw hat with a blue band, a trowel, a pair of blue gardening gloves, a terracotta pot, a butterfly, a bee, and several flowers including sunflowers and daisies. The background is a light beige with a subtle floral pattern.

## *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 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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk) Thank you.

# Church Memories

This month is the **160th anniversary** of the opening of Ainsdale Methodist Church. As part of our celebrations, we would like to create a memories board featuring events and special moments from the life of the church.

To help build the board we are asking anyone who has **photographs**, of events from years gone by, that they would like to **share** to bring them to church this Sunday or in the following week.

The pictures will be displayed until our memories coffee morning on **Saturday 26th September**, after which the photos will be returned.



## Help for Local Arrangements - Services Workshop

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

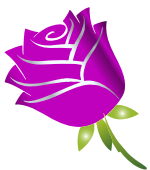
Practical resource share

Group support

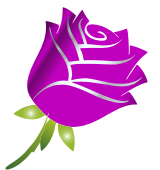
Q&A session

Free event. All welcome. Lunch will be provided

Please register your interest by email to: [admin@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@southportmethodist.org.uk)



## Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Val Ormrod in loving memory of her Mother & Father, Stan & Barbara Ainscough.

*Your friends at St Francis of Assisi invite you to join them at the following events...*



A poster for a 'Barn Dance and Fish Supper' event. At the top, a red banner with white stars reads 'St Francis of Assisi'. Below it, in a cursive font, is 'We're having a'. The main title 'BARN DANCE and FISH SUPPER' is in large, bold, distressed fonts. The date 'FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER' is on a wooden plank. The time '6.30pm for 7pm' is flanked by stars. A blue banner says '£10 per ticket'. A box contains ticket information: 'Tickets from Sue O'Neil at church or call 07450 792244'. A blue banner at the bottom says 'Bring your own drink'. The bottom left shows a plate of fish and chips with a lemon wedge and dipping sauce. The bottom right shows a pair of cowboy boots on straw.

St Francis of Assisi

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A poster for a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' event. At the top, a green banner with white stars reads 'St Francis of Assisi'. Below it, in a cursive font, is 'We're having a'. The main title 'MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING' is in large, bold, green fonts. The date 'FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER' is on a green brushstroke background. The time '10am to 12pm' is in a green font. A green banner at the bottom says 'All welcome'. The bottom left shows a green mug with 'MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT', a chocolate cake, and a cupcake.

St Francis of Assisi

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**COFFEE MORNING**

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**25th**  
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# *Lord for the years*

Last Sunday, we gathered as a Circuit at Lord Street West to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lord Street West United Church as a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church.

I found the service inspiring, especially one of the hymns, " Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided." The hymn was written in 1967 by Timothy Dudley-Smith who was a Church of England clergyman and, later, Bishop of Telford.

Verse 1 looks back with thanksgiving on God's faithfulness and guidance through past years. Verse 2 celebrates the Bible as the living word that guides and inspires believers. The third verse is a prayer for our land and society, noting spiritual struggles amid material wealth. The next verse looks outward to a broken, doubting world and prays for Christ's reign to come.

I found verse 5 to be challenging, not just for myself as an individual, but for us as the Body of Christ. I sang that last verse as a prayer. I invite you, too, to join me in that prayer:

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –  
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

Ernie