



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



25th October 2026

10am Service at Ainsdale Village Church

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

1st Nov - 10.45am Service led by Deacon Alison McCauley

Image: Matthew 22:34-46

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 25th October 2026

Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46 (Year A)

Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

Next session Monday 2nd November at 7pm. All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Flowers



Dear Friends, we all appreciate the beautiful flowers that brighten our church each Sunday morning. If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply to mark a meaningful moment, you are warmly invited to do so. Please complete a form available in the church porch or speak to Carol for further information.

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.



Octave Choir & Marshside Band



Act of Remembrance
Saturday 7th November 2026
St John Stone's Church at 2:30 pm
Admission Free
Sing along & have a cuppa
Retiring Donations for Local SSAFA



MWiB Autumn Gathering

There will be a District MWIB Autumn Gathering at West Kirkby Methodist Church on Friday 6th. November from 11-15am. - 3pm. Refreshments served beforehand bring a packed lunch. (near West Kirkby Merseyrail train station.)
Speaker: Rev. Sheila Prest. (more info from Janet Bowker tel. 01704 832630.)

Boys Brigade Annual Enrolment Service

Sunday 8th November

The annual BB enrolment service will be held in church, on Sunday 8th November, immediately after the Remembrance Day service on the village green. Please come along and support the Officers and boys on this important day.

Armistice Day Service of Remembrance



**At Ainsdale Methodist Church
On Wednesday 11th November 10.30am.**

Ainsdale Methodist Church will be holding an Armistice Day service, which will include readings, reflections, remembrance, and a 2 minutes' silence. All are welcome to come and share in this time to remember the sacrifice of so many.

Church Notices

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

Love Beyond Words

Matthew 22:34-40

We live in a world where everyone seems to have an opinion about everything. From conversations around the dinner table to disagreements on social media, it's easy to find ourselves divided over what we believe, how we live and what we think is right.

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus is asked a question designed to test Him: which is the greatest commandment? With so many religious laws to choose from, His answer could have been complicated. Instead, He brings everything back to two things: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbour as yourself.

Simple words, but perhaps a greater challenge than we first imagine.

Loving our neighbour sounds straightforward until that neighbour is someone who frustrates us, disagrees with us, or sees the world very differently. It's easy to show love when we feel understood and appreciated. It's quite another thing when patience is wearing thin or forgiveness feels difficult.

Yet Jesus doesn't tell us to love only those who make life easy. His teaching asks us to look beyond our differences and recognise the worth of every person.

And there's something else worth remembering. Jesus says to love our neighbour as ourselves. We can be remarkably hard on ourselves, carrying worries, regrets and expectations that we would never place on someone we love. Perhaps learning to show ourselves a little grace is part of understanding how God wants us to love others.

None of this means we must always agree, or that loving someone means accepting everything they do. Sometimes love requires honesty, courage and difficult conversations.

But imagine how different our homes, communities and even our world might feel if love shaped our first response rather than our last.

When someone tests our patience, could we choose understanding before judgement?

Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply about knowing the right words or following the right rules. It is about allowing God's love to shape who we are, especially when doing so isn't easy.