



Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



11th October 2026

10.45am Joint Service with AVC led by Lesley Goddard

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

18th Oct - 9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW
- 10.45am Service led by Tabz

Image: Exodus 32:1-14

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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Lectinary Readings 11th October 2026

Exodus 32:1-14 | Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 | Philippians 4:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-14
(Year A)

Prayer

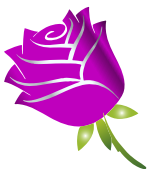
Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

Next session Monday 19th October at 7pm. All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.

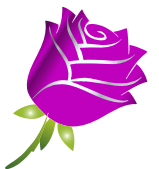
Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Margaret Adkins in memory of Mike.



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.

Have you got your ticket yet?

SACHA film event at Leyland Road Methodist church called Milestone: Streets Paved with Gold is coming on 24th October!

Join us for an evening of film, stories, conversation and community.

- Film screening
- Q&A with Victor Richards
- Community, conversation & connection

Tickets are available now! Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/milestone-streets-paved-with-gold-film-event-tickets-1998665798205>

Don't leave it until the last minute — come and celebrate the stories and milestones that matter.



Childlike Faith

What do you think of when you hear the word “childlike?” For many of us, “childlike” might bring to mind something immature, foolish, or naive. Yet when Jesus talked about childlike faith, he wasn’t asking us to be any of these things. He was inviting us into something pure, trusting, and real. As we get older, we often lose that sense of wonder. Fears, hardships, doubts, or worries about what others might think can start to dampen our boldness in what we believe.

In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus isn’t saying that we should be childish—but childlike: full of trust, dependence, and openness to God. One of the first things we learn is how to take care of ourselves—cleaning, cooking, doing laundry, paying bills, and so on. Jesus isn’t telling us to stop being responsible adults.

The world can sometimes trick us into thinking that we can do everything on our own—that we don’t need God or others. And that kind of thinking is dangerous. Jesus’ statement is strong. He tells us to turn away from pride, sufficiency, and the desire to be liked by everyone. Instead, we need to become like children: humble, trusting, and full of wonder. So, how do we do this?

Trust God even when you don’t understand.

Instead of trying to figure everything out on your own, what would it look like to surrender that need for control over to God? Proverbs 3:5 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.” It’s not up to us to know everything. That is God’s role. But we do have the choice whether or not to trust him, even when life doesn’t make sense.

Never lose the wonder.

As believers, we should never grow numb to the incredible things God is doing in and around us.

When was the last time you thanked him for something? Or the last time you were truly inspired by someone’s testimony, a worship song, or a small answered prayer?

God is always at work. We just need the eyes to see it.

Depend on God daily.

If God is our Father and we are his children, then we’re meant to live in daily dependence on him—not just when things are hard or when we need a miracle, but in everyday moments, too.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, it says, “‘But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” Being an adult with childlike faith might sound like an oxymoron—but it’s exactly what Jesus calls us to. The kingdom of God doesn’t operate by the world’s rules. It’s an upside-down kind of kingdom. One where the last are first, the weak are strong, and the humble inherit the kingdom. Jesus lived that way—and he invites us to do the same.