Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



15th November 2026

9am Circuit Service of Holy Communion at PPW
10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

22nd Nov - 10.45am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Chris Humble
- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

Image: Matthew 25:14-30

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 15th November 2026

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30
(Year A)

Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

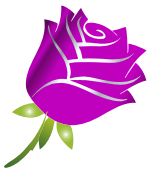
Next session Monday 16th November at 7pm. All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.

Mid-week Prayers

Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome.



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by David Radcliffe in loving memory of Barbara on her birthday.

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.

Christmas Bags of Cheer

As in previous years we would like to provide Christmas Bags of Cheer to those attending the Foodbank here at Ainsdale during December.
If you would like to support this please leave any Christmas food items in the box in the porch.
Thank you.

Shine Hope this Christmas

Remembering that first Christmas when the holy family struggled to find somewhere warm and safe to stay, Churches Together in Ainsdale will this year be supporting Light for Life, an organisation that looks after rough sleepers in Sefton. Light for Life provides practical support, encouragement and pathways towards a more stable future for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Light for Life regularly gives out drawstring bags of essentials such as toiletries, hot drinks, hats and gloves to help people sleeping rough stay clean and warm.

Our church wants to be involved, and we are asking for help in any of the following ways:

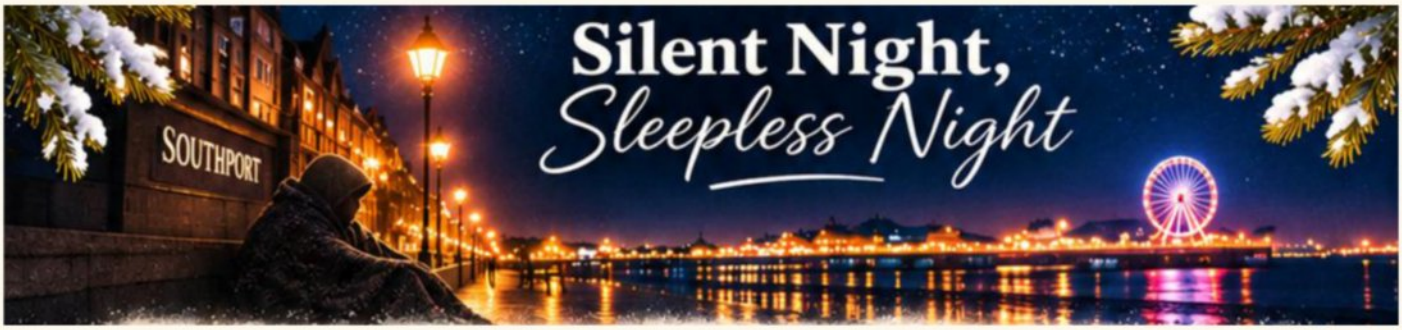
- Donate any of the items listed on the attached poster. There is box for these items in the church porch and in the lounge.
- Give a cash donation. The cash will be converted into £5 cooked breakfast vouchers which will go into the drawstring bags. Cash can be given to Ann Howard or Lesley Goddard or to Helen or Audrey in the ALL office.
- Pray for those who find themselves with nowhere to stay over Christmas – and for the staff and supporters of Light for Life.
- Donate £50 to Light for Life to sponsor a bed for a night.

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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.

LIGHT FOR LIFE / CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Shine hope this Christmas.



Christmas can feel very different when you have nowhere to stay.

Light for Life supports people sleeping rough across Sefton throughout the year. This Christmas, help provide practical essentials for people facing cold nights and the daily struggle to stay warm and clean.

A bag of essentials brings together everyday items for warmth, keeping clean and having a hot drink.

1 Choose one or more items

- Warm hats, gloves and socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (travel size is best)
- Baby wipes
- Hot drink sachets
- Insulated mugs with lids



2 DONATION DROP-OFF POINTS

Ainsdale Methodist Church porch or Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure

Prefer to give money?

£5 towards a cooked breakfast voucher
£26 the approximate cost of a bag of essentials
£50 to sponsor a bed for a night

Please keep those with nowhere to stay, and the people supporting them, in your prayers.

Phone camera → QR code
Tap the link for PayPal.



AINSDALE METHODIST CHURCH
& AINSDALE LUNCH AND LEISURE

COMMON GROUND

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Funded by Living Well Sefton
Connected by Place

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER • 10.30 AM-1.00 PM

FREE BUFFET BRUNCH

Come and celebrate what local people have created through art, gardening and a shared love of our coast.

See the outdoor installation • Discover what's growing
Try our Sefton Coast quiz • Enjoy good company

EVERYONE WELCOME - No formal booking required

Planning to come?

Please let us know by Friday 20 November so we can cater.

You can tell us in person at ALL or telephone 01704 574838.

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Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 3NQ

Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

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The Annual Southport Inter-Faith Lecture

to be delivered by

The Revd Tim Macquiban

(Methodist Minister)

Sunday 7 Feb at 3pm

Leyland Road Methodist Church

The title of his lecture will be:

Sandu Sandar Singh, Sikh Saint – a model for ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue?

Amongst many appointments in higher education and lecturing in spirituality, liturgy and church history, Tim has served previously as our minister in Rome as Director of the Ecumenical Office there and currently serves as the Methodist Ecumenical Officer for Cheshire and as a supernumerary in the Chester Circuit.

All are welcome

The Courage to Trust

Matthew 25:14–30 – The Parable of the Talents

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus tells of a master who entrusts three servants with different amounts of money. Two invest what they have been given and are rewarded, while the third, fearful of losing his master's money, buries it for safekeeping. When the master returns, his response to this cautious servant is surprisingly severe.

Traditionally, this parable reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts, abilities and opportunities. We are encouraged not to hide them away, but to use them generously in the service of others. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand or the courage to make a difference, even the smallest contribution can have lasting value.

Yet there is another side to this story worth considering. The servant who received the least may also have felt he had the most to lose. He did not squander what he was given; he protected it. Was his failure simply a lack of courage, or was he overwhelmed by fear?

We see similar struggles in everyday life. Some people have the confidence, security and resources to take chances, while others must carefully protect the little they possess. It is easy to encourage someone to be brave when we do not carry their worries.

Perhaps this parable invites us to consider both our responsibility to use what we have been given and our responsibility to understand the circumstances of others. It challenges us to think about courage and generosity, but also about fear, fairness and compassion.

As we reflect on this challenging passage, we might ask ourselves: are we allowing fear to hold us back? And equally, are we offering others the understanding and encouragement they need to flourish?