Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



22nd November 2026

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

29th Nov - 11am Circuit Service at PPW - No Service Here

Image: Matthew 25:31-46

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 22nd November 2026

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a or Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46 (Year A)

Prayer

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Autumn Bible Study

Next session Monday 30th November at 7pm.
All are welcome to 17 Everton Road.

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.



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:

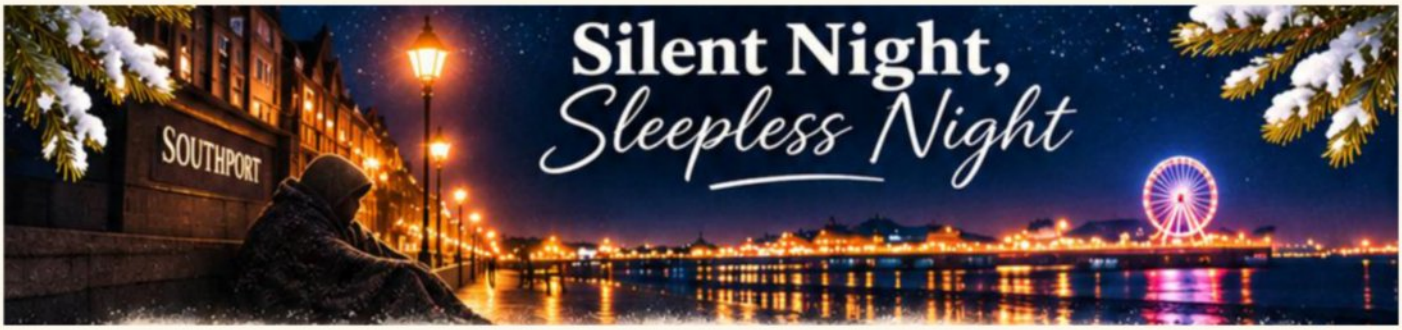
- Donate any of the items listed on the attached poster. There is box for these items in the church porch and in the lounge.
- Give a cash donation. The cash will be converted into £5 cooked breakfast vouchers which will go into the drawstring bags. Cash can be given to Ann Howard or Lesley Goddard or 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

Registered Charity 1129183 Company No. 6846070

CELTISH

Nigel Cameron & Julie Cameron-Hall



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thur 17th Dec : 6.30pm

Liverpool Rd. Meth. Church

Birkdale, Southport PR8 4PD

Tickets £5 (Suggested Donation) via link or at door

buytickets.at/liverpoolroadmethodistchurch

(Interval refreshments provided)

'A glorious Light has dawned'



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Christ in the Faces of Others

Matthew 25:31–46

There is something rather striking about this week's Gospel reading. As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we might expect to encounter Jesus in all his majesty, surrounded by splendour and glory. Instead, he directs our attention towards the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the forgotten. What a remarkable picture of kingship.

Perhaps one of the most surprising things about the parable of the sheep and the goats is that neither group recognises when they have encountered Jesus. Those who offered kindness did so without knowing they were serving their King. It leaves us with a question worth pondering: how often might we encounter Christ without even realising it?

Life can be busy and demanding, and sometimes our own worries leave us with little space to notice what others may be going through. We all know what it is to need a little kindness, and perhaps we can recall moments when someone's thoughtfulness made more difference than they could ever have imagined.

A warm meal, a listening ear, an unexpected invitation or simply the gift of someone's time. These seemingly ordinary gestures can become extraordinary expressions of God's love.

There is a gentle but profound challenge within this passage. It invites us to look beyond ourselves and recognise the opportunities for compassion that quietly present themselves each day.

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, we will soon be reminded of a God who chose to come among us in the most humble of circumstances. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ continues to meet us in the everyday experiences of human life, often in the places we least expect.

Perhaps, in learning to recognise Christ in one another, we discover something of what it truly means to live as people of his Kingdom.