Ainsdale Methodist Church

Weekly Notices



29th November 2026

11am Circuit Service at PPW - No Service Here

6th Dec - 10.45am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Chris Humble
- 6pm Carols around the Tree (refreshments from 5pm)

Image: Advent 1

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 29th November 2026

Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37
(Year B)

Prayer

Lord our God, keep us your servants alert and watchful as we await the return of Christ your Son, so that when he comes and knocks at the door he may find us vigilant in prayer, with songs of praise on our lips. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 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.



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.

Christmas at Ainsdale Methodist Church



Sunday 6th December 6pm

Carols Around the Tree
Refreshments from 5pm

Sunday 20th December 4pm

Candlelight Carol Service
followed by Refreshments

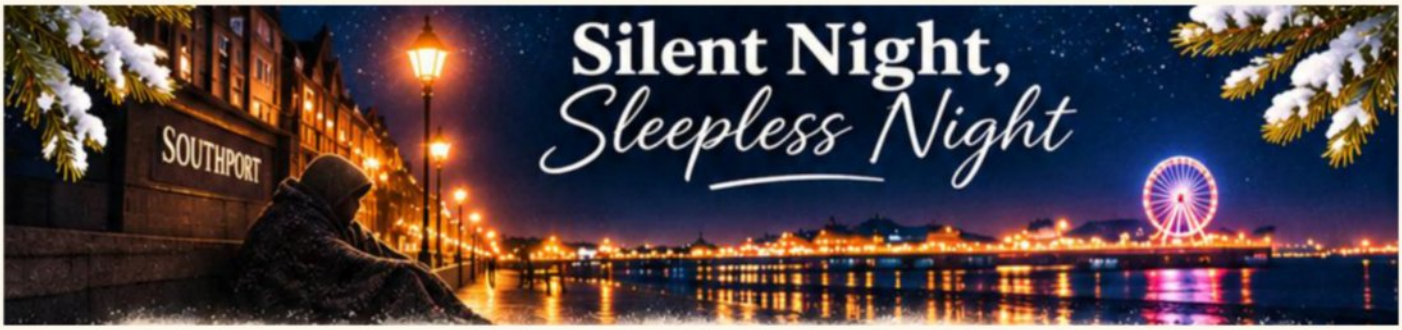
Friday 25th December 10.30am

Christmas Day Service

With best wishes for Christmas and 2027

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.

St Peter's Church
Green Lane, Formby
L37 7DL

Friday 11th December
7:30pm

AMADEUS:
THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in aid of Mary's Meals



Tickets £5

(under 19s free)

www.trybooking.com/uk/128743
07903 388433

The Courage to Hope

Advent begins in a rather unexpected way. Before the celebrations and familiar carols, we are invited not to hurry, but to wait.

In a world where so much happens instantly, waiting can feel uncomfortable. We like certainty, we look for answers, and we want to know what tomorrow might bring. Yet Advent begins not with certainty, but with hope.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a people longing for God to come near, while in Mark's Gospel, Jesus encourages his followers to remain watchful and ready. Neither scripture promises an easy journey. Instead, they remind us that faith is not simply about knowing what lies ahead, but learning to trust God even when the way forward is unclear.

As we light the first Advent candle, perhaps we might consider what hope really means. Is it simply wishing for better things, or is it the courage to believe that goodness, love and renewal remain possible, even when circumstances suggest otherwise?

For some, this season arrives with happiness and anticipation. For others, it brings reminders of loss, uncertainty or prayers that seem to have gone unanswered. Hope does not ask us to ignore these feelings or pretend that everything is well. It invites us to carry them with faith, knowing that God is present in both our waiting and our wondering.

Perhaps Advent also challenges us to become part of the hope we seek, through a thoughtful word, an unexpected kindness or simply being there for someone who needs us.

As this Advent journey begins, may we find the patience to wait, the courage to trust, and the willingness to bring hope into the lives of others.

For hope is not only something we hold on to. Sometimes, it is something we help another person find.