

Dear friends,

On Saturday 26th June, I will be ordained Deacon in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. As I shared in my testimony in the online Circuit service a couple of weeks ago, being ordained was always decidedly 'off' my list of careers or roles, so it is still a source of astonishment to me that God has called me to this.

I'm grateful to the Diocese that I can serve my curacy at PPW, amongst a people, place and community I love and feel called to serve. For those of you who don't know much of our backstory, we moved from inner-city, Birmingham to Southport in April 1998. We turned up at St Philip & St Paul with a ready-made crèche of 3 under 2½, not knowing whether we would settle there. Yet a crèche room was rapidly created by the then curate (I have a lot to live up to!) & so we felt we better go back the next week and here we are 20+ years later! We shared in the start of the new PPW knowing nothing about Methodism, but looking forward to learning and sharing this journey as a new LEP, a partnership we have both grown to treasure. Life has had many challenges since then but through it all we have found both hope and healing at PPW, two characteristics that I hope very much will characterise PPW and all our other circuit churches into the future.

Thank you so much to so many of you across the circuit who have encouraged me and affirmed my call to ordination. Please pray for me at the start of this new 'season' as I too pray for you.

Rachel Bray



Liverpool Road
Methodist Church

Weekly Notices Sunday Worship



27th June 2021

10.45am Service led by David Attwater

Mission Statement

Liverpool Road Methodist Church exists to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the people of Birkdale and beyond can come to know God and grow in his love.

Lectionary Readings 27th June 2021

Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23-24; Lamentations 3.22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43

Our Circuit Service available every **Sunday from 11am** via the circuit website <https://southportmethodist.org.uk> or on YouTube and can be viewed at any time afterwards <http://southportmethodist.org.uk/sundayservice> You can also dial in and listen **01704 335755** - a local call but check your network charges.



Prayer

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Prayer meeting will take place on Monday 5th July at 10am via zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/94131562794?pwd=Y3ViWERuM1cvRHpmUmRiUmljQR3BVUT09>

Meeting ID: 941 3156 2794

Iona Service

Thursday mornings at 09.15am. All are welcome.



Coffee after Church

This week coffee after church will begin at 12 noon . All are welcome whether you have attended church or chosen to stay at home .

You can join at <https://zoom.us/j/9837804548> or via zoom.us using Meeting ID 98378045483.

Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices for the next week, please let Lucy Lloyd know by Tuesday 29th June on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.

Bible Study Group

The bible study group will meet at 10-30 am in the garden at Ainsdale Methodist church .

Please note the following dates;

Tuesday 6th July — Study morning
Tuesday 13th July — Fellowship
Tuesday 20th July — Study
Tuesday 27th July — Fellowship
Tuesday 10th August — Study
Tuesday 24th August — Fellowship
Tuesday 7th September — Study

We will be studying Luke's gospel. All are welcome. Come along and enjoy the sunshine and fellowship. Please enter the garden area via the gate at the side of the church building. If the weather is unfavourable we will meet in the church. Please bring a face mask.

Circuit Update

Please pray for the Churches within our circuit as the circuit meeting takes place next week. We will hear of the opportunities open to us and the challenges we face in the coming months.

Future Focus

With the opening of our church doors so we can meet again in person to worship, it gives us chance to revisit some of the changes made to communication during lockdown. An example of this is to gradually reduce the number of printed notices sent out by post. In the weeks ahead, the notices will be available along with back copies to be collected in person from the Church Vestibule.