

We are open!

It is with excitement and expectancy that many churches in our circuit prepare to meet for worship this Sunday. Yet for some it is a difficult step to return to 'Worship as usual'

The author AJG Van der Borgh in 2008 described church as 'the community of the shared story'. These 'shared story' communities have been interrupted by lockdowns across the world, leading many to a reassessment of life, church and worship

Worship on line has been a new experience, attracting new people and enabling worship to take place in the comfort of their own homes. Yet for others the move to electronic worship has left them feeling doubly excluded. As we return to church we need to be sensitive to each other's needs, realising that we may be at new or differing points on our journey of faith.

We need to listen to each other, encourage one another, praying for each other's needs and disappointments, sharing the sadness of loss, yet celebrating the good and recognising Gods provision, including the privilege of being able to say 'the grace' in harmony at last!

This is the time to re-look at church, to recognize which areas God is blessing, whilst letting go of the things which are no longer functioning and have become burdensome.

In this new season let us have fun, seeing what God is doing and jump on board. The Christian journey is never boring when God takes the wheel.

Let us also be open to communicating the Christian message in new and creative ways, after all John Wesley said 'The world is my parish' and we all have a story to share.

Every Blessing
Sonya x



 *Liverpool Road
Methodist Church* **Weekly**

Notices

Sunday Worship

6th June 2021

Service led by Colin Fyles

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 6th June 2021

Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35

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/sunday-service> You can also dial in and listen **01704 335755** - a local call but check your network charges.



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Prayer meeting will take place on Monday 7th June at 10am via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94131562794?pwd=Y3ViWERYuM1cvRHpmUmRiUmljQR3BVUT09>
Meeting ID: 941 3156 2794

Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices for the next week, please let Lucy Lloyd know by Tuesday 8th June on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.

Prayer

God, faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Iona Service

Thursday morning Iona service at 09.15 will start again on the 10 June. 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/98378045483> or via zoom.us using Meeting ID 98378045483.

Bible Study

Tuesday morning Bible study will not meet on zoom until further notice. On Tuesday 22nd June at 10-30am all who have taken part in the group and anyone who is interested in taking part in the future are invited to Ainsdale Methodist Church (in the garden weather permitting) for refreshment, fellowship and planning of a future study. If the weather is unsuitable the meeting will take place in the church.

Church Opening

As Sunday, 6th June, approaches, we look forward to opening the doors of Liverpool Road Methodist Church again to welcome people back for a time of worship. To begin with, you can expect some social distancing regarding seating, the wearing of face coverings and still no singing unfortunately. The services will also be a little shorter than before the pandemic but we hope this will not be for too much longer.

Furnishings

Following repurposing of parts of our premises we have items of furniture and carpet which are going begging. If you would like an easy chair, a piece of quality carpet or other items please contact one of the church stewards - Geoff France, Jim Lloyd or Andy Trimble. Enquiries welcome.

Future Focus

We are pleased to report that Compassion Acts and Liverpool Road Methodist Church have signed the Licence Agreement for us to set up a Food Pantry. Completion of structural alterations and instalment of fittings will take place in the next few weeks. Training of volunteers has started: more help welcomed - contact Sally Eyes 07743 660155.