



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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6th February 2022

10.45am Service led by Rev Ann Hall

6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles

**13th February - 10.45am Service led by David Taberner
(Tabz) Parade**

6.30pm - Circuit Service with communion

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 February 2022

Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Prayer

God our father, whose Word has come among us: may the light of faith, kindled in our hearts, shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Food Pantry Items Needed

Thank you to everyone for continuing to supply goods for the food pantry. Items in short supply at the moment are: Long life full fat milk, toilet rolls, tins of ravioli, bolognese & beans with sausages.



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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.

Paul Matthews

It is with great sadness that we share the news that one of our members, Paul Matthews, died earlier this week. Please remember his wife Helen, their children and the rest of Paul's family and friends in your prayers. Funeral details will be announced in due course.



The Bereavement Journey

Next Course is at Cornerstone Methodist Church Coffee Lounge. Thursday 24th February 2022 2pm-4pm.

Contact Sally Eyes on 07743660155 or

sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk



Facets

First meeting 8th Feb

Last meeting 5th April

Guild

The Liverpool Road Guild is starting on Tuesday 8 February at 7.30 pm in the New Room. Rev'd Ann Hall is speaking and it is a Christian Service Evening The title of her talk is; 'Take Time'.



Worship Consultation

Our next Worship Consultation is at 10am on Thursday 10th February 2022 in the Primary Room. All members are welcome to attend and have their say. For further information or a copy of the previous meeting minutes, please contact Craig via email: hitasco@aol.com

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayers will be at Liverpool Road on Monday morning 7th February commencing at 9am and will be held in the room nearest the Liverpool Road end of the schoolroom buildings. Please note the earlier starting time.



Birkdale Library Hub

is now OPEN HERE!

Come & See.

All Welcome.

Opening times:

Mon - 1pm-4pm

Wed - 10am-1pm

Fri - 10am-1pm



take time

Taketime meditations - creating a calm and safe space

Zoom course starts Thursday 3rd March at 6.45pm. In person course starts Tuesday 8th March 1.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist Church. Both 6 sessions.

For more details or to join please contact Sally on 07743 660155 or sallyeyes21@live.co.uk



Dear Friends

The Church Council was held on the 27th January, and I share some highlights from the meeting with you.

A written report had been provided on The Way Forward and it was noted that one of the key elements of this, community engagement, is beginning to show new shoots of growth. This is through things such as The Food Pantry and The Bereavement Journey course, as well as existing activities.

From this engagement, we want to be able to offer relevant support to people who may want to explore issues of faith. The Leadership Team will shortly be inviting people from within the church, who may be interested in helping faith seekers to explore Christianity, to a session to discuss how we may be able to offer our gifts and talents.

One of the potential threats to our outreach, and to the life of the church, is our financial situation (as it is with many churches). For ourselves, if income and costs remain as they are, we will see a £13,653 deficit year on year (our reserves are projected to be £54,550 by the year end). Obviously this cannot be sustained. There are a number of actions we are looking to take, such as: 1) Informing you, the congregation, via this letter, so that you can consider if you can respond through giving. 2) Increasing lettings, and we thank Jim Lloyd for his hard work in this regard. 3) Reducing the Assessment (the payment we make to the Methodist Church for ministry and support). 4) Reducing costs generally, noting that our buildings, despite the best endeavours of the Property Team, are expensive, especially given the inflexibility and relative low usage per week of the main Church building. To this end we have invited the Director of Property Support for the Methodist Church to visit us, with a view to conducting a feasibility study for the options for our buildings. More information and consultation on this will follow in due course.

In the meantime, thank you for your contribution to the life of the Church.

God bless

Patrick

