



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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20th March 2022

10.45am service led by Rev Ann Hall - Guild & Communion

27th March - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

3rd April - 10.45am Service led by Jean McKenna

- 6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner

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.

Lectioary Readings 20th March 2022

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Prayer

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Food Pantry

Thank you for your continuing support. Items in short supply at the moment are: Pot noodles, noodles, fruit squash, children's cereal, crisps, toilet rolls, fabric conditioner, hotdogs, tins, washing powder, confectionery & washing up liquid.



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.

Derek Sale

Derek's funeral service will be held at Southport Crematorium at 2.00pm on Monday 21st March 2022; all are welcome.



Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the circuit service - both up front and behind the scenes - making sure everything ran smoothly. The offering for the service for All we Can for their Ukraine Appeal amounted to £703.



Raising Praise

The next Raising Praise will be next Sunday March 27th, 6.00pm at Leyland Road. All welcome!



Guild

Liverpool Road Guild on Tuesday
22nd March at 7.30pm in the New
Room. Lent studies.



Birkdale Library Hub

All Welcome.
Opening times:
Mon - 1pm-4pm
Wed - 10am-1pm
Fri - 10am-1pm



Easter Link

I propose to issue an Easter Link.
Contributions wanted before 28th
March 2022 please. Jim Lloyd
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Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer
morning will be held on Monday
4th April at Liverpool Road M.C.
starting at 10am.

Iona

Iona service Thursdays 9.15am. All
welcome.



Facets

You are welcome to join us on
Tuesdays from 9.30. or later
depending on which group(s) you
choose.
A time of fun fellowship relaxation
and education.
Why not give it a try?
We look forward to seeing you
there



Bible Study

Bible study Mondays 7pm in the
New room.



Take time

Zoom course continues
Thursdays at 6.45pm. In person
course continues Tuesdays
1.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist
Church.
For more details or to join please
contact Sally on 07743 660155 or
sallyeyes21@live.co.uk

Dear Friends

"People used to think about a new car or iPhone, but nobody was thinking about peace. Now, we are dreaming of it. When old people used to wish each other peace, we didn't understand what they meant. Now we do."

Natalia Balasynovych, the mayor of Vasylkiv near Kyiv.

The wonderful thing about scripture is that it is a living and breathing document as relevant today as when it was written. It speaks to each generation afresh.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews Ch 4 vs 12.

As we read scripture, some elements resonate with us more than others. Methodists traditionally use a fourfold approach to learn about our Christian faith and apply it to contemporary issues and to our Christian practice:

Scripture - We seek to discover the word of God through reading the Bible.

Tradition - This is the wisdom and creativity of Christians over time and across the world.

Reason - To the best of our ability we need to think things through in the light of reason.

Experience - Methodism particularly stresses the importance of our own experience of God's grace working in our lives. We gain wisdom and maturity from life experience.

We read scripture through the lenses of our experience, and reflect on our experience through the lenses of scripture. If we are not careful, this in itself can lead to conflict; for why can another person not see what I see? Well this is understandable because our experiences are so significantly diverse. I would understand if the old people in Kyiv had got frustrated with the young people prioritising monetary possessions ahead of priceless values.

When Jesus was with his disciples during the last supper he said:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John Ch 16 vs 27.

God bless

Patrick