



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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24th April 2022

10.45am Service led by Sally Eyes in the Church Hall
6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

1st May - 10.45am Service led by Nigel Mawdsley
- 6.30pm 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 24th April 2022

Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you promised before you left us that you would give us peace. Help me today to walk in the peace that you promised. Let your peace override any of my fears, anxieties, or worries and help me to walk in the stillness and comfort of the rest that comes from your peace. I thank you today for your great peace and I face today knowing that you are with me and so is your peace. Amen.



Bible Study

Bible study Mondays 7pm in the New room.



Iona

Iona service Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



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.

Guild

The next evening Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Shirley Potts.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Derek and Val Taberner.



The Easter Link

The Easter Link 2022 is now in the church website birkdalemethodist.org
Some hard copies are available and also some for Pastoral Visitors to take for those members/adherents without computer facility. These are in The Church Vestibule.

Jim Lloyd

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In short supply at the moment are: apple juice, own brand cereals, tinned mushrooms and deodorants.



Luncheon Club

Liverpool District Methodist
Women's Luncheon Club
Wednesday 18th May 11.45am at
the Adelphi Hotel Liverpool. £15.
For further details please contact
Janet Bowker 01704 832630.

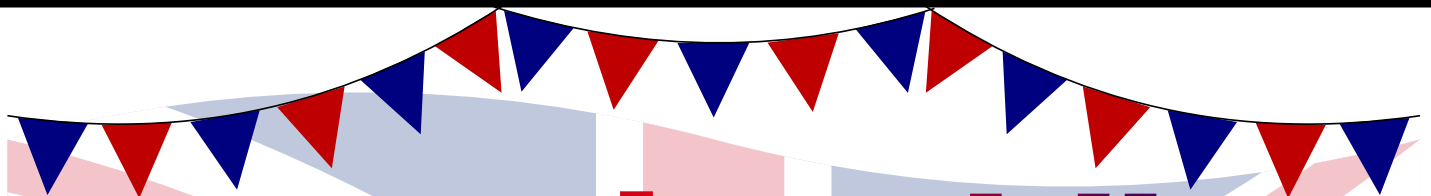
Coffee After Church

We are hoping to start serving tea and coffee again after the morning service very soon, served by volunteers on a rota basis. We already have six volunteers, so if anyone feels that they could help, please let one of the stewards know. Just a few more volunteers would mean a commitment of less than one Sunday a month!



Birkdale Library Hub

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



Queen's Jubilee

Here at Liverpool Road Church we're celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 3rd June from 11am onwards. You are warmly invited to join us for indoor and outdoor activities. Babies through to great grandparents welcome!





Dear Friends

Anxiety and stress can be debilitating, and from time to time we all suffer from it. The causes can be many and varied, a change in circumstances perhaps, a lack of control over future events that results in us catastrophizing.

As disciples of Jesus we can sometimes think we should not have such struggles.

This though is to deny the gospel. Following Jesus' death, the disciples were terrified, so much so they locked the doors of the house they were in, fearful of what the ruling authorities would do to them. Jesus then appears. He knows of their anxiety and stress, grief ridden and worried about what lay ahead. "Peace be with you" he says.

The word for peace used here is 'eiréné' which means one, peace, quietness, or rest. It can also mean wholeness or peace of mind. Jesus uses this word because he wants to settle and calm their emotions. He said the phrase twice in that encounter and again when he appeared a week later to them with Thomas now present.



What might Jesus be speaking into your heart and mind today with the words "Peace be with you?"

Jesus uses peace to address the disciples fear in the here and now. He recognises their fear as real and understandable, he does not undermine it as trivial. He speaks that greeting of peace to them, as he does to us today. Jesus pursued the disciples. They had locked themselves away in fear and Jesus breaks in. Jesus is therefore using his peace with purpose, to seek to move the disciples beyond their immediate predicament and into the future.

Again Jesus said, *"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*
(John Ch 20 vs 21).

Jesus' peace does not seek to leave us trapped where we are, rather it seeks to support us, in moving us beyond the moment, with Jesus present with us throughout.

I pray that whatever you may be facing, you will know that Jesus is greeting you with the words, "Peace be with you."



God bless
Patrick