



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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3rd April 2022

10.45am service led by Jean McKenna

6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner

10th April - 10.45am Service led by Colin Fyles - Parade

- 6.30pm Circuit Service - 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.

Lectioary Readings 3rd April 2022

Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Prayer

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In short supply at the moment are: cereal, Easter chocolate and cakes.



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.

Cleaning

Julie our cleaner is unfortunately leaving us. It will be several weeks before we will be able to employ a replacement for Julie. Could you help us to keep our premises clean and tidy in this interim period by volunteering an hour or so a week? Please contact Geoff France on 01704 567921. Thank you.



Projection during services

In order to share the load, we are looking for a few more volunteers to operate the laptop and projector during the services. Training is available on the programme to do this, EasyWorship, or you may prefer to use PowerPoint. Responsibilities include transferring the order of service to the computer in the days before the service and projecting during the service. If you are interested on being on a rota for this, please have a chat with Church Steward Craig in the first instance.

Guild

The Guild meal will take place next Tuesday 5th April at Dolce Vita in Ainsdale Village at 1 pm. This will be instead of an evening meeting. The next evening Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Shirley Potts.



Worship

Consultation

The Worship Consultation will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 10.30am in the Primary room.



Bible Study

Bible study Mondays 7pm in the New room.



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

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

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!



Good Friday

We are joining St Johns Birkdale for Good Friday at 10.30am.

Easter Sunday

Invitation to join Ainsdale Methodist Church on 17th April at 8.15am for communion followed by Easter Breakfast at 9.15am.

10.45am Easter Celebration here at Liverpool Road Methodist Church.

All Welcome!



Dear Friends

I was asked this week what I felt was the most significant consequence of Covid, given we are two years on from the start of the pandemic. On the day in question I answered by saying it was the uncertainty that it has generated in people. I think I was especially reflecting on my observation of young people although it can equally apply to all ages.

Separately on the same day, unrelated to Covid, I read an article titled "learning to live with uncertainty", which stated:

It's OK to feel uncomfortable about uncertainty. Rather than grabbing for certainty, we need to sit with uncertainty and recognise that it feels uncomfortable. By showing yourself compassion in difficult situations, you can reduce feelings of stress and anxiety.

The article went on to recommend that we should ground ourselves when we feel uncertainty gets too much. One such way is to be aware of the present, to live in the moment. In this week's bible reading, Jesus is continuing his journey towards Jerusalem, tensions are rising, it was six days before the passover feast, and he is in Bethany with Martha and Mary:

Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

I imagine for a moment the tensions subsided as the fragrance overran their senses. Mary is criticised by some although not by Jesus, for he says:

Leave her alone, it was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

In a time of uncertainty about the future, Mary grounds the household in the moment. Whatever uncertainties we face, may we be able to focus on Jesus in the present. For in an uncertain world, his gift to us is always certain.

Jesus 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."

God bless

Patrick

