



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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19th June 2022

10.45am Service led by Rev Martin Abrams - Communion & Healing

**26th June - 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans
- 6.00pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road**

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 19th June 2022

Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39

Prayer

God of all power and truth and grace, you call your Church to love and praise. Inspire us with zeal for your gospel, and grant us boldness to proclaim your word, that we and all the world may praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Bible Study

Bible study Mondays 7pm in the New room.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Elaine and Colin Bowden in memory of Betty Howarth



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.

Colin Fyles

As you may be aware Colin was taken ill on Thursday 9th June, and by this weekend may be home which is great news. Eileen and Colin would like to thank you all for your prayers, they have felt very blessed with all the messages of best wishes they have received.



Cleaning Party

We have a new cleaner Linda Joynson, who will start on July 1st. To give her a good start we have decided to arrange a working cleaning party on Monday 27th June at 10am. Can you please help?

Jim Lloyd & Geoff France
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Tea/ Coffee

Tea/coffee will be served in the schoolrooms after Sunday morning worship.

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In short supply at the moment are: toilet rolls, washing powder, comfort, cleaning spray, corned beef (tinned), rice and cordial (any flavour).



Iona

Iona service Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Worship Consultation

Our next Worship Consultation is on Thursday, 30th June 2022 at 10:00am in the Primary Room. All are very welcome. If you would like to include anything on the agenda, please send it to Craig at hitasco@aol.com



Vacancy - Circuit Administration Manager

We are recruiting for the above position, details of which can be found at <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/jobs/>, or alternatively contact Rev Patrick Evans on 07813 211501 for an information pack and application form. Deadline for applications is Friday 1st July 2022.

Baptisms

We are delighted that at our 10.30 service on Sunday 26th June we will be welcoming three children for Baptism; more details in next weeks notices.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer morning will be held on Monday 11th July here at Liverpool Road, Birkdale starting at 10am. Sally Wright from St Johns is leading the prayers.



Dear Friends

I always find it curious that in the lectionary year, following the seasons of Lent, Easter followed by Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we enter the period of "Ordinary" time. This period will take us all the way through to Advent. There is nothing ordinary when we come to God's word, especially when we read an extract from this Sunday's Epistle reading and the promises it holds.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians Ch 3 vs 26-29

What does it mean for you to be known as a child of God? I wonder how these verses have been an encouragement to those who have been seeking justice from oppression. Those captured and enforced by the slave trade, those put to death or oppressed because of their ethnicity, those treated less favourably because of their gender. I am sure we can remember workplaces within our lifetime where women were treated far less favourably than men; such practices seem so alien in only a short period of time.

I wonder to whom this passage would resonate in our neighbourhood today? Should we broaden the intention of Paul beyond those groups that he highlighted. We need to remember that the word slave in biblical times was very different to that of the slave trade in the last millennia. Slave in biblical times could mean someone who had sold themselves for a fixed term period to a master, in return for their keep. Today we have the phrase "wage slave", which people, especially those on low income working multiple jobs and needing to use foodbanks can probably relate to. How does this passage speak to them? How does it speak to us as vessels of the Good News"?



God bless
Patrick