Diverpool Road Methodist Church Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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13th Movember 2022

10.45am Service led by Tabz - AAW 6.30pm Circuit Service - Communion

20th November - 11am Circuit Service at PPW (No 10.45am Service here) 6.30pm - Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

Mission Statement

Liverpool Road Methodist Church exists to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the people of Birkdale and beyond can come <mark>to know</mark> God and grow in his love.

Lectionary Readings 13th Movember 2022

Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Bible study Mondays 7pm in the New room.



Iona service Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Church Motices

If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.



Tuesday 15th November in the New Room at 7.30pm. Christian Service - Ray Flanagan, My Journey.





The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 5th December at 66 Hartley Crescent starting at 10am.



HOWPHA

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated in memory of Ken Hilton.



Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes for international aid are now available. £7. If any enquiries please contact Molly on 01704 566438.

Volunteers Meeded

Volunteers needed to help with Wellbeing Wednesdays starting mid November in the main hall every Wednesday 11am-3pm. If you are able to help in any way please contact Sally on 07743 660155. Thank you.



Ken Hilton

Ken Hilton's funeral will take place on Wednesday 16th November 12 noon at Southport Crematorium. All are welcome. Followed by refreshments in the Church hall at Liverpool Road Methodist Church.



Carols in our Community

Birkdale Churches through Brian Jackson at St. James, are organising 'Carols in our Community' and are asking those interested to sign up so that we will know numbers involved.

Current suggestions are:- (a) At a Birkdale Christmas Fayre on 27th November; (b) Birkdale Village on 17 December; (c) Local Nursing Homes.

If interested in further details, Please sign the sheet in the Vestibule.

Bereavement Course

The next Bereavement Journey will be a 6 week course at PPW (scarisbrick new road) starting Tuesday 15th November. Start time 10.30am. If you know of anyone recently bereaved or still grieving from a loss please encourage them to come along. If you would like to help as a listener within a small group or with an individual please contact Sally on 07743 660155.



Circuit Service

There will be a Circuit Service at PPW on Sunday 20th November at 11am. There will be no service at Liverpool Road that morning. Dear Friends ,

As you were gathered for worship together with our neighbouring Birkdale Churches on October 30th , I was experiencing worship for the first time at the Danube International Church in Budapest , Hungary .

The building didn't look like our traditional churches (more like a modern theatre) .

I was warmly greeted at the door and as a newcomer took a seat along the back row to be joined by an American guy who was the church pastor and married to a Methodist lady from the UK.

"Connection" from pre service felt comfortable, the worship was lead by a young praise band with familiar songs in English. A meet and greet session involved those of us attending for the first time sharing our name, home country and reason for our visit. A lay person dressed in his running attire spoke on endurance and perseverance for a life of faith as we hear in Hebrews 12 verses 1-3

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

We were encouraged with those around us to chat together about the barriers and distractions that get in the way of living a faith filled, joy filled life. What a privilege to be a part of this and feel so "at home" on a first visit . The chatter continued post service over coffee and the atmosphere was party like and spirit filled. Praise be to God.

I encourage you to take notice how ' being church' happens in new ways within and outside of the UK as we endeavour to grow God's Kingdom . What reflections come to mind from the experience of worshipping with other denominations within our local community?

God bless , Sally Eyes