Methodist Church Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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Liverpool Road

15th January

10.45am Covenant Service led by Rev Patrick Evans with Communion 6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Craig Horan

22nd January - 10.45am Service led by Lesley Goddard - 6pm 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.



Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Prayer

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service, strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.

Faith Lunch

After the 10.45 Church Service on Sunday 29th January, you are invited to share in a faith lunch in the Hall. On that Sunday we will be joined by the congregations of St James, St John's and St Peter's, and we hope the faith lunch will be a time to continue in fellowship and strengthen our relationships with one another. Please bring something to share, and items can be dropped off in the hall before the service. Iona

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Guild

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January at 1pm. Meal at Dolce Vita..

John Heague

The funeral for John will be a private family service. There will be the opportunity for his family and friends to give thanks for John's life at a Memorial Service to be held later this year.



Dorothy Pullman

It is with much sadness that we announce the death Dot who died last weekend following a short illness, I am sure you will join with me in giving thanks for Dot's life and praying for her husband Denis, and for the rest of her family and friends. Details of her funeral service will be announced in due course.

Good Pantry Join us to mark Thank you for your generous Holocaust Memorial donations of Christmas biscuits which will be gifted to our families with love and prayers. Holocaust Memorial Day is the In short supply at the moment international day to remember the are: Toilet rolls, tinned meat and six million Jews murdered during tinned veg. the Holocaust, and the millions of people murdered under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia. Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. **Holocaust Memorial Day Service** on Sunday 29th January 2023 lowers 1.30pm at Christ Church, Lord Our flowers this week have been Street, Southport kindly donated by Colin & Eileen Fyles. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1 Ecumenical Prayer Church Motices Meeting If you have any items you want 7.30am Tuesdays in January here at including in the notices please let Liverpool Road Church. If you are Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 an early riser and good at making or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk. tea please speak to Sally.

Dear Friends

This Wednesday, 18th January at 7.30pm, the Church Council meets in the chancel. All are welcome although only Church Council members have voting rights. Please come along and share with us as we make decisions about the life of the church.

We have a number of joys to celebrate as well as some needs to be met. We have opportunities to think a bit differently about how we can do existing things, and to do some new things.

From a celebratory perspective, Facets, Girls Brigade, Guild, Bible Study Group and the Walking Club continue to thrive. The Food Pantry is definitely meeting a social need, and our partnership with the Birkdale Community Library can be developed further to benefit the community. In terms of needs to be met, we know that some volunteers are finding it hard to continue in their roles. We are so grateful to all our volunteers. Your contribution, however small you may consider it to be, is of great value. Immediately we do need some volunteers as Church Stewards, Church Council Secretary and Church Treasurer (we propose to engage a bookkeeper to do a lot of the transactional financial work). Please prayerfully consider if you could contribute to any of these roles; without such volunteers, we are significantly vulnerable as a Church. If you want to find out more, feel free to have a chat with me or a Church Steward.

As a write, the Property Committee have considered what would be required to make the Hall and/or the New Room more suitable for worship, because the church building is currently very big for the c50 people who attend our Sunday morning services...should services be held in the Hall or New Room? Worship Consultation is yet to meet to consider this ahead of Church Council. Evangelism is important as we extend our community links. How can we become more confident in evangelising the Good News?

Please come along to Church Council, or if you are unable to do so, please hold the meeting and the Council in your prayers.



God bless

Patrick

