



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

## Sunday Worship

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*8th January 2023*

**10.45am Service led by Rev Sonya Marshall - AAW**

**6.30pm - Circuit Service**

**15th January - 10.45am Covenant Service led by Rev Patrick Evans with Communion**

**6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Craig Horan**

### **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 8th January 2023*

**Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17**

## *Prayer*

Eternal Father, at the Baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



## *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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).

## *Sona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



## *John Heague*

It is with sadness that we announce the death of one of our members, John Heague, on the 30th December 2022 after a short illness. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

Details of his funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.



## *Olive Copeland*

It is with sadness that we announce the death of one of our former members, Olive Copeland, who had moved to Northern Ireland a few years ago to be closer to her family. We remember Olive with fondness, and I am sure you will remember her and her family in your prayers.

## *Food Pantry*

Thank you for your generous donations of Christmas biscuits which will be gifted to our families with love and prayers.

In short supply at the moment are: Toilet rolls, tinned meat and tinned veg.



## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Sandy Bretherton



## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in January here at Liverpool Road Church. If you are an early riser and good at making tea please speak to Sally.

## *Birkdale Prayer Meeting*

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 9th January at 32 Hartley Crescent starting at 10am.



## *A Methodist Way of Life*

**January 8th 6.30pm at Liverpool Road Methodist Church** - What is a Methodist? - Introducing the foundations of the Methodist Church using the themes found within 'Our Calling'.

**Circuit Study Group - 2.00-3.30pm, Wednesday 25th January**, New Room, Liverpool Road Methodist Church.



## *Changes to the Preaching Plan*

**Sunday 29th January** - This will be led by Rev Patrick Evans when we will be joined by the congregations of St James, St John's and St Peters Anglican Churches.



Dear Friends

Churches are facing significant change, encountering differences and can struggle to manage conflict. This can often impact the health and well being of many in our churches. We have seen many changes at Liverpool Road Methodist Church, such as the Church Council decision to permit same-sex marriages on our premises, or new initiatives like the launch of the Food Pantry, and hosting the Library hub. In recognition of some of the challenges these types of matters can raise, Liverpool Road Methodist Church is partnering with Place for Hope to make available the Living Well with Differences course for anyone in our congregation. You are all welcome and encouraged to participate.

**Living Well with Differences** is designed for those who would like to be better equipped to recognise and respond well to differences, change and conflict in our churches. It provides an introduction to the dynamics of conflict in ourselves and in faith communities and provides tools for positively addressing conflict and helping create a safer environment for all.

**What will be involved?** Participants are invited to 2 days of training on consecutive Saturdays (28th January and 4th February, 9.30am-4.30pm at Church).

**Who will facilitate the training?** The course will be facilitated by two Place for Hope facilitators experienced in training others in conflict transformation and mediation.

**What will the course include?** 1. Understanding conflict: We will share what we mean by conflict, and how it 'looks' in our churches; we will also begin to explore our different approaches to conflict, and how we respond. 2. Conflict transformation skills: Working with real life scenarios, we will explore how conflict escalates. In doing so, we will consider tools and techniques to 'lower' the level of conflict, enabling us to work constructively with disagreements in different settings. 3. Responding to Bullying & Harrassment: We will explore how we can respond with dignity and respect as our core values to bullying and harassing behaviour in our church communities. 4. Methodist Context: We will look at the internal policies and mechanisms in the Methodist Church for handling conflict-related complaints.

If you would like to attend the course, please can you email ([patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk](mailto:patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk)) text or call me (07813 211501).

God bless

Patrick

