



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

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12th February 2023

10.45am Service led by Keith Chambers - AAW

6.30pm Circuit Service - Communion

**19th February - 11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road
(No morning Service at Liverpool Road)**

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 12th February 2023

**Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9;
Matthew 5.21-37**

Prayer

You alone, O God, can satisfy our deepest hunger, and protect us from the lure of wealth and power.

Teach us to seek your kingdom above all else, that we may know the security and joy of those who put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



Cameo

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 15th at 2 pm with Linda at 4 Woodstock Road. It will be tea, biscuits and a chat.



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

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Guild

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30pm in the New Room. Social - Colin Fyles.



22nd February - Ash Wednesday Morning Service

There will be a short Service for Ash Wednesday at 11am at Ainsdale Methodist Church led by Rev Ken Summers.
All are invited.



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer morning will be held on Monday 13th February at 66 Hartley Crescent. starting at 10am.

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In short supply at the moment are: crisps, snacks, biscuits and Easter Eggs.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Graham & Doreen Iddon.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in February at Community Church.

Circuit Service

19th February 2023
Leyland Road Methodist Church
11am

Speaker -Tim Baker
from
All We Can

Please bring a packed lunch to enjoy after the Service when Tim Baker will share some stories over lunch about 'ALL WE CAN'

It would be good to have singers from across the Circuit to help lead the worship at the Circuit Service. We will practice on Thursday 16th Feb at 7.30 at Leyland Road Please email me if you'd like to join us shirleypotts9@gmail.com



Bereavement Journey Course

Course Start Date: Monday 27th February 7pm-9pm (6 week course)
Ainsdale Methodist Church
Contact Sally Eyes on sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk
or phone 07743 660155



Dear Friends

At dawn on Monday 6 February, a catastrophic earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 struck close to Gaziantep in Turkey, causing thousands of structures to crumble in both southern Turkey and northwestern Syria. The seismic shock was followed by numerous strong aftershocks, and another quake of magnitude 7.5 hit the area nine hours later.

A prayer for the tragic events in Turkey and Syria

(written by the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson)

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children - our neighbours - in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

*Comfort, we pray,
those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;
those who have lost loved ones;
those who wait for news and
those digging through rubble to save others.*

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen.

As well as our prayers, I know many of you will want to make donations to aid the relief work.

All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund, will be responding to the earthquake and rescue efforts. Their initial response is centred in Syria given access to existing networks for the most vulnerable, through their partners in the region. You can donate via <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/syrian-earthquake-emergency-donations/>

Alternatively, Christian Aid are also active in the region and donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal can be made via them at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>.

God bless

Patrick



Exploring the Inner Life

A SHORT LENT COURSE

Open
to all

At the Victoria Centre, Sussex Road, Southport PR8 6DG

On Wednesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th March 2023 at 7.30pm



Lent is a good chance to take some time out. Here is an opportunity to examine your inner life a little more deeply. We hear a lot of confusing talk about meditation, contemplation, spirituality etc. These three evenings will cut through the confusion surrounding these big words to talk in plain English about the inner journey we must all take and how it can transform our lives.

Building on the work of Richard Rohr and others, we will cover the following topics:

- ◆ Spirituality that changes us from the inside out
- ◆ Using silence as a way of praying
- ◆ Learning to live less addicted to our thinking
- ◆ Contemplation as the energy behind social change

Each of the three sessions will be led in an informal manner with plenty of time for questions. We will also practice being silent.

These evenings are not for experts but for people who want to explore a new direction in their lives in a world that is getting increasingly complex and threatening.

This will be led by the Revd Graham Turner.

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