



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

## **Sunday Worship**

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*26th February 2023*

**10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - Communion  
6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road**

**5th March - 9am Circuit Service at PPW**

- 10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans**
- 6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner**

### **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 26th February 2023*

**Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11**

## *Prayer*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right; that we, who can do no good thing without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



## *World Day of Prayer*

Friday 3rd March  
Lord Street West United Reformed Church PR8 2BH  
11am. All welcome.



## *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.



## *Guild*

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the New Room. Lent Studies.



## *Exploring the Inner Life*

A short lent course at Victoria Centre, Sussex road. Wednesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th March. 7.30pm  
Led by Rev Graham Turner.  
All Welcome.



## *Birkdale Prayer Meeting*

The next Birkdale Churches Prayers will be held at 32 Hartley Crescent at 10am on Monday 13th March.

## *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 Des Mcree in memory of Pat.



## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in February at Community Church.

## *Bereavement Journey Course*

Course Start Date: Monday 27th February 7pm-9pm (6 week course)

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Contact Sally Eyes on [sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk)

or phone 07743 660155



## *Raising Praise*

The next Raising Praise will be this Sunday February 26th, 6.00pm at Leyland Road. All welcome!



## *Tea/ Coffee*

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



Dear Friends

Last Sunday I was looking online at the Circuit Service from Leyland Road earlier in the day (still available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=770xFzvMFuY>). Whilst scrolling through the Circuit page on Youtube I saw our online services from Easter Sunday in 2020, through to early 2022.

This immediately took me back to that era of lockdowns with its associated uncertainty, stress and emotions. We had to learn new skills quickly and adopt a different rhythm of life (pre recorded online services take far longer to prepare and record than the 40-60 minutes of the final edited service!).

It never ceases to surprise me that when reaching back into our memories of another time brings to the fore the strong emotions of that moment. Emotions that time hadn't forgotten, merely covered over. Is it healthy to pull back the covers?

As we follow the Christian year we quickly move from the joys and hope of Christmas, of God becoming flesh and dwelling among us, to the challenge of Lent. Looking at the online services brought back emotions of a difficult time, not just for me and my colleagues in that context, but for all of us in so many ways. Positively it made me reflect on how far we have come, of how well we adapted and succeeded. It made me consider how relatively easy I had it compared with those who suffered bereavements, and the sacrifices made by those working on the front line of our healthcare service. Too often we just move on, never pausing to look back and reflect.

Lent provides us with a time to consider how Jesus modelled a way of being during difficult times. In his divinity he was focused on the journey to the cross, whilst in his humanity he was fearful and frightened. I find that comforting. Whilst this can be a difficult season, looking back and reflecting can help to strengthen us to look forward with hope. What will you discover this Lent, as you look back and reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus?

God bless

Patrick

