



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

## **Sunday Worship**

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*5th February 2023*

**9am Circuit Service at PPW**

**10.45am Service led by Rev Jan Fraser**

**6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles**

**12th February - 10.45am Service led by Keith Chambers - AAW  
- 6.30pm Circuit Service - Communion**

### **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 5th February 2023*  
**Isaiah 58.1-9a,(9b-12); Psalm 112.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12,(13-16);  
Matthew 5.13-20**

*Prayer*

God our father, whose Word has come among us: may the light of faith, kindled in our hearts, shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord, 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.



*Fred Harrison*

A former minister at Liverpool Road (1967-1973) died peacefully at his home following a brief illness on 26th January 2023.



*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 7th February at 7.30pm in the New Room. The Praise Group.



*Thank you*

Denis Pullman & family thank all who supported them by attending Dots funeral and donations to Queenscourt Hospice.



*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 Geoff & Sheila France.



## *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](mailto: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](mailto:sally.eyes@southportmethodist.org.uk)  
or phone 07743 660155



Dear Friends

Highlights from the Church Council held on 18th January 2023.

Worship Space - Our average Sunday morning attendance is 48, and we are spread across the whole length of the church (many say it's too large a space for the number of people). The Worship Consultation Meeting considered four options:-

- a. No change and continue as we are.
- b. Move the praise group and the preacher forward.
- c. Have the services in the New Room or Hall.
- d. Have the service in the church but bring the congregation forward.

The Property Committee had previously considered what would be required to make the Hall/New Room more suitable for worship (thanks to Andy Trimble for his paper on this).

The unanimous decision of Council was to invest in soundproofing, sound and loop system (approx. £2250) in the Hall and once this is in place, trial the use of the Hall for 3 months (save for significant services). Improving the sound system will be of benefit to a number of Hall users. At the same time investigate making space at the back of the church (removing pews) to create an area for families with children and to serve refreshments on occasions.

New Office Holders - We immediately require volunteers as Church Stewards, Church Council Secretary and Church Treasurer (a Bookkeeper is to be engaged to undertake the main transactional activities). Without such volunteers we acknowledged our ongoing viability is significantly vulnerable. We discussed how we may reduce the burden upon office holders and churches generally. One way is to have fewer Trustee bodies (i.e. Church Councils), and instead have one Trustee body for the Circuit (i.e. the Circuit Meeting), or merge some Church Councils into a cluster (e.g. one church with multiple locations). The consequence is that the local church loses some autonomy, including being able to determine its existence at a particular location. The benefit is the need of fewer office holders. The unanimous decision of Council was to contact the Circuit and asked them to investigate this across the Circuit. Any proposal would come back to Church Council for approval.

God bless

Patrick

