



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices Sunday Worship

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12th March 2023

10.45am Service led by Tabz - AAW

6.30pm Circuit Service

19th March - 10.45am Service led by Rev Peter Hughes - Guild & Communion

- 6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

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 12th March 2023

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



Easter Link

Contributions wanted before Friday 24th March. Please email

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Thank you.



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.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Guild

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March 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.

Prayer Time

On Monday 13th March, The Southport Area Schools Worker Trust will be holding a prayer time at Scarisbrick Baptist Church in preparation for their 'Mission Impossible' Easter Outreach Event. All are welcome to attend.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by the Hooton family in memory of Ken & Doreen.

Lent Taketime

Thursdays at Leyland Road Church
3pm-4pm. Concluding on 30th March.

A chance to relax, hear a story, feel close to Jesus, have a drink and a biscuit with time to share if you wish.
All welcome.

Food Pantry

Due to food supply problems , until our allotment produce is ready we would welcome donations of fresh produce like childrens apples , easy peelers , brocolli .

Aldi super 6 range often have such products at a reasonable cost . If you are concerned about carrying these or the " use by " date please consider a small money donation so that I can shop for the produce close to pantry time .

Thank you for your continued support for Pantry , we helped 27 families this week especially by way of alleviating anxiety in such challenging times .

We have acquired a shopping trolley thank you to the endeavours of our St John s volunteers, which is a great help to transport bags to vehicles and heavy items from the store room to the pantry table .

God bless , Sally

Tea/ Coffee

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



Dear Friends

Have you ever felt you're on the outside looking in. Perhaps when everyone else is doubled up in laughter at a joke, whilst you're struggling to work out what the joke was. It could be something far more significant, such as being a woman in a man's world. This week's lectionary reading is the Samaritan woman coming to the well in the quietness of the searing heat of the mid day sun. She is approached by, God forbid, a Jewish man. And to make things worse he engages her in conversation. Captivated that he would speak to her and with their encounter, the woman returns to her people saying, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

Many organisations, and the Methodist Church is no exception, are having a big push on being inclusive. For information about The Inclusive Methodist Church you can follow this link <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/> , or if you do not have internet access please feel free to contact me for more information.

The Inclusive Methodist Church material covers many important areas such as race, gender, disability, age to name just a few. One element that is not listed is theological differences, especially on those areas where the Church holds in tension contradictory positions. Many institutions have fancy notices saying "all are welcome", which is great, although sometimes through our words and actions we can exude a vibe of exclusive reality. Can this also be the case on theological matters? It would be so much easier if we could have the church of "Patrick Evans" (or substitute your name for mine); where only our own personal theology is "right" and everyone else is wrong! As an alternative, may we seek to understand each other, not always having to agree. May we be an inclusive church, allowing differences not to exclude anyone, so that all can be on the inside, and where God's inclusive love can be known for all.

God bless

Patrick

