



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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30th April 2023

10.30am Service at St James Church

6.30pm Fellowship time led by Craig Horan

7th May - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am led by Nigel Mawdsley

- 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 30th April 2023

Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

Prayer

Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be made whole; and lead us, that we may be with you; for you are alive and reign, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Rev Patrick Evans Annual Leave

I am currently on annual leave returning on Wednesday May 10th.

If you need to contact a Minister during my absence, until 2nd May contact Rev Peter Lyth on 01704

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peterjlyth@gmail.com, and from

3rd May contact Rev Marie-Anne

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[anne.kent@methodist.org.uk](mailto:marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk). You

can follow my travels blog at

<https://southportmethodist.org.uk/patrick/>.



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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Guild

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the New Room. Coronation Celebration Social with faith supper.



Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room. We will not be meeting on the Bank Holidays 1st and 8th May.



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayers will be held at the Station Masters House, Birkdale Village, 10am on Monday 15th May



Rev Patrick Evans Fundraiser

for the Southport and Area Schools
Worker Trust - 21st April - 4th May.
Patrick is undertaking a sponsored
bike ride of 871 miles across
Europe. There is a Just Giving page
at -

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/patrick-evans-1680245274175>,

Thank you for your support.

Bangers & Mash

St John's Church Birkdale

Friday 5th May 7pm

Tickets £10

Bring your own drinks. Coronation
Entertainment.

If interested in attending please
contact Sally Eyes.



United in Worship

Wednesday 10th May at 7pm

An ecumenical service at the

Metropolitan Cathedral,

Liverpool. Find it live-streamed on

imagine-peace.co.uk

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your
continuing support to supply
goods for the food pantry.
In short supply at the moment are:
biscuits, crisps, tinned soup, tinned
peas & carrots.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting



7.30am Tuesdays in May at
Shoreline Church.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been
kindly donated by Joe & Yvonne
Mazzella.

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.



I wonder what your memories of the last coronation are, if you are old enough to remember. I remember the Silver Jubilee. My class won the competition to collect old newspapers and so got to ride on the special Jubilee double decker bus to the school picnic where we were given a commemorative teaspoon. A teaspoon much appreciated by 10 year olds (not)! Although I have now discovered that the Archbishop will pour holy oil from the ampulla into a spoon, and anoint the King Charles III on the hands, breast and head, a tradition goes back to the Old Testament and the anointing of Solomon by Zadok the Priest. Where's that teaspoon when you need it?

In fact, the spoon the Archbishop will use is the oldest item in the crown jewels and dates from the 12th century. The oil comes from the Mount of Olives, pressed outside Jerusalem and consecrated in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. It was on the Mount of Olives that Jesus wept over Jerusalem: "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." Nothing has changed.

Thy Kingdom Come, is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. To know the Jesus we name as the Prince of Peace. As tensions rise in Jerusalem, as we wait for the anticipated spring offensive in Ukraine, as we see the violence in Sudan, Yemen, Syria, may we join our prayers together for peace. As we share the good news of Jesus with friends and neighbours, may we also be good news for the world as we work for peace and justice. One way we can do this is by supporting Christian Aid who work with the world's poorest people and campaign to change the systems that keep people poor – the things that are often hidden from our eyes. You can make a donation using a Christian Aid envelope.

As the Carolean era begins – let us consecrate ourselves to the work of God's kingdom -our hands, our hearts and our minds, so that all the world may rejoice (start the music to Handel's Zadok the Priest Long live the King.... Amen, amen, alleluia, alleluia, amen, amen).



Marie-Anne