



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

Sunday Worship

Minister: Rev Patrick Evans

Tel: 07813 211501

Email: patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk

*Easter Sunday
9th April 2023*

10.45am Service led by Rev Ann Hall AAW & Communion

16th April - 10.45am Service led by Rev Martin Abrams

- 6.30pm Easter Offering at Russell Road Church

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 9th April 2023

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10

Prayer

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.



Thank you

Thank you for all the support received through prayer and messages as I recover from my recent health problem. The love of a church family is very special at such times.

I am following the Holy Week 'virtual' devotions and, if I do not see you in person, would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Doreen



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.

Sona

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Guild

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in the New Room. Speakers Beryl & Roger Wood talking about William & Ann Wood.



Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room. There will be no Bible study Easter Monday 10th April



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayers will be held in the prayer vestry at Liverpool Road Church 10am on Monday 17th April.

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. You can find more details
on the flyers/sponsorship forms in
churches or by following this link
<https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/d-day-to-ve-day-charity-bike-ride/>, there is also a Just Giving
page at -

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

you can access the
flyer/sponsorship form at
[https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/wp-](https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Patricks-Sponsorship-Form-2023.pdf)

[content/uploads/2023/03/Patricks-Sponsorship-Form-2023.pdf](https://ainsdalemethodistchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Patricks-Sponsorship-Form-2023.pdf). You
can find out more about the work
of the Southport and Area Schools

Worker Trust at

<https://saswtrust.com/>.

Thank you for your support.

SASWtrust

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your
continuing support to supply
goods for the food pantry.
In short supply at the moment are:
mushy peas, tinned spaghetti
hoops, toilet roll, baby food and
tinned meatballs.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in April at
Lakeside Church.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been
kindly donated by Lin & Bernard
Capper.

Tea/ Coffee

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

Dear Friends

Have you ever been a witness to an incident for which you have had to give evidence. I've been a witness on a few occasions at Employment Tribunals. One time I was cross examined for over a day. All the parties where taking time to understand the case and get to the truth. In Holy Week we see that for expediency the truth can be manipulated.

Jesus answered Pilate, "The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. (John Ch 18 vs 37b-38a)

"What is truth?" is a question often posed to us, whether it be through news stories (as examples an ex-President or a Royal Prince), or between two squabbling children both with chocolate around their mouths saying they didn't eat the Easter Egg on Good Friday! What is truth; what do we believe?

And so we come to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, with the good news that there are accounts of what happened. Not just one but by multiple eye witnesses. As written in the book of Acts...

Peter said, "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead." (Acts Ch 10 vs 39-42)

We have not needed to see with our own eyes, rather we have the first hand accounts of those who saw the resurrected Jesus with their own eyes. They witness to the truth.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God bless

Patrick