



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

**Minister: Rev Patrick Evans**

**Tel: 07813 211501**

**Email: [patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk](mailto:patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk)**

*14th May 2023*

**10.45am Service led by Rev Francis Neil - Church Anniversary & Communion**

**6.30pm Circuit Service led by Rev Patrick Evans**

**21st May - 10.45am Service led by Shirley Potts**

## **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 14th May 2023*

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.8-20; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

## *Prayer*

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## *Circuit Choir*

As you may be aware there is a circuit service on 18th June and so we are getting together a circuit choir for the occasion. The rehearsals will be on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.00-3.00 at Ainsdale Methodist Church when we will learn two or three items to contribute to the service. If you are interested in joining could you please let me know on [cerimusic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cerimusic@hotmail.co.uk). I look forward to hearing from you so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord!

With best wishes Ceri Williams.

## *Sona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



## *Facets*

Coffee Morning Tuesday 16th  
May 10am-11.30am.  
Everyone Welcome.



## *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



## *Birkdale Prayer Meeting*

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



## *Christian Aid Week*

I now have a few Christian Aid envelopes. If you want to donate, I will put some envelopes on the table in the vestibule in church or alternatively Valerie and I will have some if you want to ask us. All being well, I will be in Church on the 21st May but unfortunately I cannot be at our church on 14th May.

Thank you. Derek Taberner



## *Cameo*

Meeting on Wednesday May 17 th  
with Kath Moore  
at 86 Lynton Road at 2pm for tea  
and chat.



## *Food Pantry*

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In short supply at the moment are: boxes of biscuits, toilet rolls & shower gels.



## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in May at  
Shoreline Church.



## *Flowers*

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



## *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).





Dear Friends

Christian Aid Week runs from 14th to 20th May, and the 6.30pm Circuit Evening Service at Liverpool Road Methodist Church this Sunday evening, 14th May, will focus on the work of Christian Aid.

Esther Saizi, 54, radiates joy and warmth from her home in Malawi. Esther grows some truly special pigeon peas on her farm - with them she can bake delicious bread, support her daughter's dreams, and give her adorable little grandsons a happy future. But she wasn't always able to support her family so easily.

For 10 years, Esther grew pigeon peas on her farm, but she could never secure a fair price for her crop. She was robbed in 2021 when Cyclone Ana washed away her crops. Esther then joined a pigeon pea programme run by Christian Aid's local partner (Nandolo Farmers Association) and started selling as part of a cooperative, she was able to sell the pigeon peas at a better price with a better market, and it provided financial stability.

Growing pigeon peas also helped her through the loss of her husband. Previously, they worked together on their land. When he fell ill, they spent time talking about how she could continue to grow the peas after his death. 'My husband was a teacher in everything thing that he did, therefore, we can continue his legacy.'

And not just for the day, but for the future. With the money she's making, Esther has been able to feed her family and support her two daughters, Ziwone and Rashida. She's been able to:

- buy tools for Ziwone's carpentry business
- pay for Rashida's school costs, the lodgings near her school, and a part-time tutor
- acquire a herd of 13 goats, who provide manure for her crops, saving on expensive fertiliser
- store her pigeon peas in a warehouse, safe from floods and storms

Through the cooperative and its equipment, Esther can bake pigeon pea flour bread and boost her income - and also make fish food, using a special machine provided by donations to Christian Aid.

Thank you for your support to Christian Aid.

God bless

Patrick

