



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*7th May 2023*

**9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW**

**10.45am led by Nigel Mawdsley**

**6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner**

**14th May - 10.45am Service led by Rev Francis Neil - Church  
Anniversary & Communion**

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

## **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 7th May 2023*

**Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14**

## *Prayer*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 contact Rev Marie-Anne Kent 01704 513128 or at [marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk](mailto:marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk). You can follow my travels blog at <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/patrick/>.



## *Sona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



## *Guild*

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the New Room. AGM.



## *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room. We will not be meeting on the Bank Holiday 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



## *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 7th May and 21st May but unfortunately I cannot be at our church on 14th May.

Thank you. Derek Taberner



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](http://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 provided by Church funds.

## *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,

When thinking about the biblical basis for mission we look to Jesus ' command to ' go and make disciples of all nations '. These words from Mathew 28 comprise what we know as the Great Commission ;  
" and Jesus came and said to them , ' All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me . Go therefore and make disciples of all nations , baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . And behold , I am with you always , to the end of the age '

(Mathew 28 vs 18-20)

Jesus uses the word " all " four times ;

*all authority*

*to go to all nations*

*to communicate all his teaching*

*empowered by his presence all of the time ( always )*

What do the four 'alls ' mean for us ? Jesus spoke these words give us courage in the task . The burden isn't on us but on the One with authority . Jesus didn't call his followers to his mission , he called them to himself and sent them on mission . So if we're walking with Jesus this command is incumbent in us . As we go about our daily lives within the community, live and love like Jesus , be confident in his authority , abide in his presence.

During this month of May let us connect with nature and each other , embrace change and look to new beginnings and prosperity. As circuit stewards we had the privilege last week of meeting with stewards from Formby to prepare to welcome them into the Southport circuit . God is at work in new ventures as we journey through 2023 . Be encouraged.

God bless ,

Sally Eyes

