



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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25th June 2023

**10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans
6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road**

**2nd July - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW
- 10.45am Service led by Andy Trimble
- 6.30pm Service led by Craig Horan**

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 25th June 2023

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.7-10,11-15,16-18; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39

Prayer

God of all power and truth and grace, you call your Church to love and praise. Inspire us with zeal for your gospel, and grant us boldness to proclaim your word, that we and all the world may praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.

General Church Meeting

Our annual General Church Meeting will follow the morning service on Sunday 16th July. We will have a faith lunch after church followed by the meeting starting at 1pm.

Russell Road Clothes Bank

2nd Monday of the month 1pm-2.30pm.

In need of girls summer dresses and tops aged 4-7yrs and summer clothing for boys aged 4-7yrs. If you can help to supply please contact Keith Chambers on 07933 641771.

Digging Deeper

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am Leyland Road Church Lounge
Next session

**July 5th - Arguments for and against 'Same Sex' Marriage in Church.
Speaker Rev Marie-Anne Kent.**

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry.

In short supply at the moment are: non branded cereal (not cornflakes), orange squash and biscuits.

Facets

Coffee Morning Tuesday 4th July 10am-11.30am.
Everyone Welcome.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 3rd July at the station masters house in Birkdale Village starting at 10am.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Beryl & Roger Wood.

Four Seasons Charity shop for the Learning Rooms



The charity shop is currently looking for some more volunteers. If you have half a day (3hours) a week available on a regular basis they would love to hear from you. For more information call in at 187a Liverpool Road, or ring Joyce Hunt on 01704 562741, or talk to Derek Taberner. Thanks.

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in June at St James Church.

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If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.



This week World Refugee Day is remembered on the 20th June.

The United Nations General Assembly launched this event in the year 2000. Since then the worldwide community has spent each 20th of June focusing on ways in which the lives of refugees can be improved.

Did you know Albert Einstein, the Nobel Prize Winner, well known for his scientific discoveries was a refugee? He was forced to flee Europe due to the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and fled to the United States.

Freddy Mercury, the lead singer of Queen was also a refugee. He was born on the Island of Zanzibar and was forced to leave with his family when a violent revolution destabilized the Island. The family moved to London where Freddy then met his band mates.

Jesus was a refugee. The flight into Egypt is a story recounted in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew Ch 2 v 13-23

“An Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to flee to Egypt with Mary and the infant Jesus since King Herod would seek the child to kill him”

We cannot imagine how difficult it is, leaving all we are familiar with, due to it being unsafe to stay, to then have a long difficult journey, with a hope that we will be welcomed and be able to adjust to a new way of life in a strange land.

Kate Milner has written a beautiful children's book called 'My name is not Refugee' which highlights some of these issues.

When I was Curate at Christ Church I had an Asylum Seeker from Zimbabwe, (whose brother had been killed by President Mugabe) stay in my house for eight years as we waited for his Asylum to be granted.

During that time I began to see how traumatic life was for him.

A respected bank manager in his own country, he was seen here as a parasite by many.

He wanted to acquire a job to pay his way, yet was not allowed to work.

With no control over his life's circumstances his self esteem plummeted and he soon struggled with depression. People often asked him to do jobs, but very few people took time to talk with him, to listen to him discovering who he really was.

I remember on one occasion he returned to our home and he was so excited because a gentleman on Liverpool Road had invited him into his house, (after my friend had been gardening for his next-door neighbour) . They sat talking for over two hours, drinking tea and eating chocolate biscuits. This simple act of kindness, being treated with dignity, meant so much to my friend and helped restore his self worth.

So this week let us take time to consider the 84 million people forcibly displaced from their homes and the 26.6 million refugees.

The theme for this years World Refugee Day is 'Compassion'.

Our circuit service last Sunday explored the theme of showing compassion to ourselves and others. Let's make it so!

Every Blessing

Sonya x

