



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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28th May 2023

10.45am Communion & Healing Service led by Rev Patrick Evans
6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

4th June - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW
- 10.45am Service led by Shirley Potts
- 6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles

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 28th May 2023

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 7.37-39

Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples with the wind from heaven and with tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. I look forward to hearing from you so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord!

With best wishes Ceri Williams.

Jona

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Bible Study

Bible study will take a break for the bank holiday on 29th May and start again 5th June



Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to our Christian Aid envelope appeal. I now have a total of £226.



Church Council

Our next church council meeting is taking place on Wednesday, 7th June 2023 at 19:30hrs in the church. This is an open meeting and so everyone is welcome, although only council members can vote.



Everyone is invited to join this seven session course at Leyland Road

beginning on Monday 5th June with a simple lunch at 12.30 (shared with visitors to Welcome Space) and then the group session will run from 1pm-2.30pm. The final session will be Monday 17th July.

If you would like to book onto the course please email Lucy on lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk or ring 01704 536648 (leave a message).

If you would like to just come for 1pm and not have lunch beforehand that's ok.



Facets

Coffee Morning Tuesday 6th June
10am-11.30am.

Everyone Welcome.



Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 5th June at the station masters house in Birkdale Village starting at 10am.

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, large bags of pasta & shower gels.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in May at
Shoreline Church.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Mark & Ann Taylor.



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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.

Dear Friends

What is your superpower? Now that may be an easy question for the Superheroes among you to answer. Superman is able to fly, and has super strength and speed. Catwoman has agility, reflexes, balance, and flexibility.

I imagine we don't consider ourselves to have any superpower. Jesus on the other-hand, we can definitely see that he had superpowers and we would consider him to be our Superhero...in-fact the Superhero above all Superheroes. He performed many miracles and rose from the dead. Importantly he isn't a fictional character for he is real. So where did his superpower come from?

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him." (Matthew Ch 3 vs 16)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me."

(Luke Ch 4 vs 17)

This Sunday is Pentecost which comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth, and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It is when we recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. The gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples doesn't stop just there, it continues to be poured out today upon us.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians Ch 12 vs 7)

So what gift do you have that God uses for the common good? If you continue to read-on in 1 Corinthians Ch 12 from verse 8 it lists the gifts of the Spirit as word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. Later in the chapter from verse 28 it lists the roles and gifts of apostle, prophet, teacher, miracles, healer, helper, administration and tongues. Romans Ch 12 lists prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership and mercy.

So, what is your superpower?

God bless

Patrick