



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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4th June 2023

9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

10.45am Service led by Shirley Potts

6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles

11th June - 10.45am AAW Service led by Colin Fyles

- 6.30pm Circuit Service

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 4th June 2023

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Prayer

Father God, you have created all things and through Christ revealed your salvation in all the world. Give us a vision of your glory and by your Holy Spirit fill us with life and love that we may praise and serve you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Tuesday 6th and 13th 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.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.



Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.



Digging Deeper

First Wednesday of the month
10.30am Leyland Road Church
Lounge

Next session

June 7th - Angels, Demons & Prayers to the Saints. Speaker Fr Tony Slingo.



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: children's cereal, fruit squash and biscuits.



Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

7.30am Tuesdays in June at St James Church.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Molly Wright in memory of Freda.



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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

In our schools, colleges and universities the exam season is in full swing.

I think most of us are happy to have exams and academia behind us. For those who have returned to education in later life, it takes time and much effort to get back into the learning methodology for gaining formal qualifications...never again many will say. Having said that however, as the saying goes, "everyday is a school day". We are however, life time learners, as well as teachers.

You may disagree with that last sentence, although for us as Christians this is especially so. Think of the the "Great Commission" that Jesus gave to his disciples.

Then Jesus came to the disciples and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

(Matthew Ch 28 vs 18-20)

A disciple is defined as "a pupil or follower of any teacher or school." A true disciple is not just a student or a learner, but a follower: one who applies what they have learned. A Christian disciple, a follower of Jesus such as you and I, will ask, "what would Jesus do?". To answer this we draw upon what we have learnt as a pupil of Jesus. In the gospels Jesus was the teacher, until, as in the passage above, Jesus gave his disciples (which includes you and I), the authority to teach. This we may do in a formal manner, or informally through our very way of being, in the way we live our lives which others observe.

The good news is there is no exam for us as students, or OFSTED inspections as teachers. Rather we have a triune of support through the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

God bless

Patrick

