



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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16th July 2023

**10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans Followed
by a Faith Lunch & AGM**

6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Derek Taberner

**23rd July - 10.45am Service led by Rev Sue Edwards
- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church**

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 16th July 2023

Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.(1-8),9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Prayer

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Fona

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 this Sunday 16th July. **We will have a faith lunch after church followed by the meeting starting at 1pm.**

Cameo

Meeting on Wednesday July 19th at Rosie's, 19 Bury Road.
Come and join us at 2pm for tea and biscuits.

One Church

30th July 6pm at Leyland Road Methodist Church

Join us to celebrate the community of Christians across Southport, and to hear what God is doing in these days. Let's worship, pray, listen together as we witness to the unity Jesus called for in John 17:21. Southport Area Schools Worker Trust has a *Vision of Hope* for the coming year, as does HOPE Together.



SASWtrust

Food Pantry

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

In short supply at the moment are: toilet rolls, shower gels, soap and shampoo.

Facets

Coffee Morning Tuesday 8th August 10am-11.30am.

Everyone Welcome.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

There will be no meeting in August. Please see enclosed flyer for meetings later in the year.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Lin & Bernard Capper in memory of Joan Sherry.

District MWF Summer Gathering

Liverpool District Summer Gathering on Friday, 18th August 2023
at West Kirby Methodist Church 29A, Westbourne Rd, W Kirby CH48 4DQ
(A few minutes walk from WK train station)

You are invited - Please come to a day of worship, business & news from the churches. The Rev'd Dr Christine Jones (former minister in the District, prominent member of the Iona Community and guest at King Charles' coronation) will be our main speaker.

Starts at 11.30am (drinks served from 11.00am) & concludes at 3pm.

Drinks provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.



Dear Friends

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew Ch 11 vs 28-30)

These are refreshing and apt words from Jesus as we enter the main holiday season. Ahead of this Jesus provides a commentary on the contemporary attitudes he witnessed...

*"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'
(Matthew Ch 11 vs 16-17)*

Jesus was alluding to the fact that whatever you do, you just can't please people. One group said to the other: "Come on and let's play at weddings," and the others said, "We don't feel like being happy today." Then the first group said, "All right; come on and let's play at funerals," and the others said, "We don't feel like being sad today." No matter what was offered, they found a fault in it. If our focus is being people pleaser's, then whatever we do someone will find fault; it's exhausting leaving us weary and burdened with a heavy load to carry.

In such circumstances Jesus invites us to rest in him a while, for he will not burden us. An adage for a preacher is to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. And so in these verses the message is two fold. Sometimes we need rest from the world that criticises us no matter how we strive to please, whilst at other times we need to cease being the criticising voices from whom others need rest.

Today's market place is a 24/7 social media age with rolling news that has an insatiable appetite. One minute it lifts people with cheers, the next it cuts them down jeers. May those caught up in the frenzy of this age receive their yoke from Jesus.

God bless

Patrick

