



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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15th October 2023

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

6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

**22nd October - 10.45am Service led by Nigel Mawdsley
- 6pm Final Firefest Celebration at Leyland Road**

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 15th October 2023

Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Prayer

Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.

Facets

Classes meet each Tuesday from 9.30am.

Guild

Tuesday 17th October in the New Room at 7.30pm. My Christian Journey - Marion Conroy.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Linda Halsall in memory of Joan Camden & Ian.

Memorial Board

Arrangements are being made to update the Memorial Board displayed in the vestibule. This relates to those whose ashes have been placed in the Memorial Garden. Please could the names of the people to be added to this board be passed on to me by 16th October 2023.

Doreen Iddon

Cameo

Our next meeting is with Betty on October 18th, 2.30pm at 14 Freckleton Road. The 44 bus will get you within walking distance, you get off at Stanley school. For better instructions call Joan or Betty. Hope to see you all next week.

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, soap, shower gels & shampoo.

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for the donations of food made at our Harvest Service last week, they have really helped The Food Pantry. During our service we also focused on the work of All We Can, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund. If anyone would like to make a donation towards their work you can do so online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/give/> or by post to All We Can, 25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF.

Lord St West Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial service on 5th November at 3pm at Lord St West for those who have lost loved ones over the past year, or who wish to remember someone who passed away before then.

Names of the deceased will be read out (if people let me know in advance) and an opportunity to light a candle in memoriam. There will be tea/coffee & mince pies after. Peter Lyth

Names to peterjlyth@gmail.com

Southport & Area Schools' Worker Trust

At the recent Church Council Meeting, we made a commitment to offer some financial support to the S&ASWT. Our target is a minimum of £500 during this next year and we would like to find most, if not all of this, through fund raising. There will be an opportunity to make a donation towards this cause at the Faith Lunch and if anyone would like to organise a fundraising event, this would be most welcome.

Doreen Iddon

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

We have all been aghast at the images on our television screens from Israel and the Gaza strip. The events have caused me to reflect on my own understanding of the situation, with the feeling I could be better informed. Trying to find a balanced view is not always easy. If you feel the same then the following may be of interest.

Firstly, "Start the Week" on Radio 4 focused on Israel (available at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001r7ft>). The Editor of the Jewish Chronicle Jake Wallis Simons discusses his book "Israelophobia" in which he argues that throughout history Jews have been hated for their religion and their race, and that now anti-Semitism is focused on their nation-state. Then the journalist Nathan Thrall who has been reporting in Israel and Palestine for many years, discusses his book "The Day in the Life of Abed Salama" which reveals the every day life of Palestinians in one of the most contested places on earth.

Secondly, the United Nations website ponders "The Question of Palestine" (<https://www.un.org/unispal/history/>), and the associated linked pages give an enlightening resume of the history behind the conflict, in which Britain's role (plus that of other nations) is uncomfortably interesting.

Statement on the escalation of violence in Israel-Palestine

From the Methodist Liaison office in Jerusalem

We are witnesses to the escalation of violence in the region and we call on the global Methodist people to continue to pray for peace and for an end to the violence.

Pray for those who have lost family members and livelihoods, the injured, for those who perpetuate violence and for world leaders that they may work for peace, the churches and all religious leaders and for those who work for peace in the region.

The situation is complicated, and we recognise the fear and sense of injustice that are felt, but we call on both sides not to resort to further violence and to engage in negotiation to establish a peaceful solution for all who live in the Holy Land.

God bless

Patrick