



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*1st October 2023*

**9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW**

**10.45am FACETS Service led by Colin Fyles**

**6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner**

**8th October - 10.45am AAW Harvest Service led by Rev Patrick Evans**

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## **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 1st October 2023*

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-9; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

## *Prayer*

Father of all, you gave your only Son, to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Iona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

## *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room.

## *Facets*

Classes meet each Tuesday from 9.30am.

## *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

## *Harvest Thanksgiving*

On Sunday 8th October we will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving. If anyone would like to bring something to share with others, donations of tinned and store cupboard food items that have a good shelf life would be most welcome for the Food Pantry.



## *Food Pantry*

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

In short supply at the moment are: tinned carrots, peas, other tinned veg and squash.

## *Giving Envelopes*

Special envelopes for donations to church funds are still an option should anyone wish to use them. I would be grateful if current users, and potential new ones, would let me know if they would like a set for next year: these run from December to the following November. The order will be placed the second week in October. Thank you. Doreen Iddon

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Joan Farnorth in loving memory of Bill.

## *Guild*

Tuesday 3rd October in the New Room at 7.30pm. Social.

## *Churches Together in Birkdale*

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October at Liverpool Road Methodist Church starting at 10.30am.

## *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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).



Dear Friends

Our Church Council was held on Wednesday evening and I bring you some headlines from this.

**Shared Commitments** - The Leadership Team have been considering the use of a "Code of Conduct" type document for the Church, with a view to building and preserving good working relationships. The Methodist Church have developed some Shared Commitments for consideration by churches, that set a bench mark for how we work together. The Church Council voted in favour to adopt these commitments. At our morning service on the 15th October, Carolyn Merry and Gill Thomas on behalf of the Methodist Connexion will join us to share some more about the commitments. Our service will be followed by a lunch of soup and bread, and people are invited to bring cakes to share.

**Library** - We discussed our relationship with the Library who we host on our premises. This is an important part of "The Way Forward" programme we initiated during lockdown, although there was an acknowledgement that perhaps we haven't worked as closely with the library to develop our relationship with them. We and they identified opening a Tool Shed for the community (more details to follow). We will look to progress this and share more details with the wider congregation.

**Finance** - In the year just ending August 2023 we had a small deficit of about £1500, although we were awaiting a Gift Aid refund of about £7500 which would have seen a surplus of £6000. Of significance are the room lettings income of £27480 (thanks to Jim Lloyd for managing this). For 2023/4 we are looking at a budget deficit of about £6500, although we should receive the prior year Gift Aid refund of £7500 which will pretty much result in a balanced budget.

**Room Lettings** - Jim Lloyd wishes to relinquish responsibility for the management of our lettings. We are therefore seeking a new volunteer (or perhaps a couple of people could share this). If you want further information please speak to me, a Steward or Jim.

**Julie Holland** - Julie was co-opted as a Church Steward, we welcome Julie to her new role.

God bless

Patrick

