



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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22nd October 2023

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

29th October - 10.30am Service at St Johns Church Birkdale

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 22nd October 2023

Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9,(10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Bible Study

Bible study will take a mid term break from the 23rd October and start again on 6th November.

Facets

Classes meet each Tuesday from 9.30am.

Guild

Tuesday 24th October in the New Room at 7.30pm. Social - Geoff France.



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Colin & Eileen Fyles.



Expenses Claim Forms

Some 'cover sheets' that Andrew Tate, our new treasurer, has requested that we use when submitting receipts to claim money back are now available and can be found in the vestry.

Churches Together in Birkdale

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 6th November at 66 Hartley Crescent starting at 10.30am.



Inspiring Worship, Evangelical Preaching,
Discipleship Teaching & Everyday Holiness

Sunday 22nd October 2023
6pm

Leyland Road Methodist Church
**Final Celebration Worship led by Rob Cotton
and Rev Sonya Marshall**

**Preacher- Rev Ashley Cooper Principal of Cliff College With
Matthew Baggaley. Worship Leader St Michael Le Belfry.**

**Final Celebration for Firefest. Giving thanks and testimony
for all that God has done through this significant event as
our site is returned to Cliff College.**



Presented by The Southport Methodist Holiness
Convention, latterly known as Summer Fire

Free Concert
Octave Choir
Invite you to an
Act of Remembrance
Saturday 11th November 2023
7:00pm

Ainsdale Methodist Church Hall

**Songs for Remembrance a "War Time"
singalong**

**Refreshments available after the concert
in the lounge**

Donations appreciated for SSAFA
(Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families
Association)



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.

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

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

I am sure that we all feel overwhelmed by the images coming out of the Middle East. As I write, Joe Biden has visited the area where the diplomatic effort resulted in a planned meeting with the king of Jordan, the president of Egypt and the Palestinian president, although the hospital bomb has resulted in its cancellation. Whilst a convoy of 20 aid trucks will pass into Gaza is positive, given 2 million people are in need this feels woefully low.

We can feel helpless as we look on. What difference can we make?

A prayer on the Methodist Church website relating to the conflict reads:

Loving God, I see the news and I am afraid. Violence is spiralling out of control. I don't know what to think or feel. The temptation to fall into hatred, or despair feels very close at hand. Help me to remember that nothing in all creation can separate me from your love that I know in Jesus. May your perfect love for me cast out my fear and free me to discern what is mine to do amidst the chaos of this suffering world. Amen

I find the last line helpful; to “discern what is mine to do amidst the chaos of this suffering world”. As Christians we are called to be peacemakers and reconciler's. That is what Jesus came into the world to do, to reconcile us to God, to one another, and to leave us with his peace. Paul writing to the church in Thessalonica says:

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

Whilst we may currently feel overwhelmed by the news and feeling helpless as to what we can do, may we discern what is ours to do where we are. Wherever that may be, as followers of Jesus we are called to be imitators of him as we to work for reconciliation and peace.

God bless

Patrick

