

Lectionary Readings 29th October 2023

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Facets

Classes meet each Tuesday from 9.30am.

Bible Study

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

Guild

Tuesday 31st October in the New Room at 7.30pm. Educational - Evangelism.



Howers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Kath & Tom Moore.



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 Fogether in Birkdale

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





Good 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, squash & biscuits.

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 Motices

If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk.



We thank you Lord for all your blessings to us - too numerous to count or begin to understand, and as we contemplate for these few moments this prayer, may we reflect on Jesus's encouraging words on prayer from Matthew Chapter 7 v 7-8:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

We are conscious Lord, as the evenings now grow dark and the temperatures cool, for many this may bring difficult, even lonelier times ahead, needing to spend more time inside – with doors closed, perhaps not wishing to venture out in the cold and dark, but needing costly heating and lighting inside some may struggle to afford.

Help us Lord to be open to hear your quiet voice encouraging us in the ways we may be able to help those in need – our families, friends, neighbours, and yes our church and community, in these months ahead – in giving, caring, praying, offering our time and skills. For above all, we ALL have that assurance Lord that whenever we seek you, your presence will bring warmth, light, love and care into our inner being, for your door will always be opened to hear and receive us.

Whatever our circumstances just now, may we take from this prayer, the thoughts you may lay on our hearts – perhaps in the peace of our own home space behind our closed doors – how we can seek you and serve you afresh.

In Jesus's name we offer this prayer.