



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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8th October 2023

10.45am AAW Harvest Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6.30pm Circuit Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

**15th October - 10.45am Communion & PVD Service led by
Rev Patrick Evans**

- 6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

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 8th October 2023

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-15; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord, blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. 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 10th October in the New Room at 7.30pm. Devotional - Rev Roy Doran.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Mark & Ann Taylor.

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: toilet rolls, 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

Sunday 15th October - Faith Lunch

Two guests from 'Place for Hope' will be leading worship along with Patrick on this Sunday and we would like to extend the time we have together, to give the opportunity for discussion, by holding a Faith/Shared Lunch afterwards. We hope many people will be able to join us for the lunch and if you could give an indication of the food item you might bring on the chart in the vestibule, it will help with our planning.

Thank you. Doreen Iddon

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

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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

World Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to unite behind the theme “Mental health is a universal human right”, with the aim to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health. The day is an opportunity to remember in prayer all those who struggle with depression, anxiety and similar psychological distress.

As well as praying, how else can we support and be supported? PeerTalk started in 2014 as a Methodist Church project, funded by a Connexional Grant. The charity hosts volunteer facilitated peer support groups for people who wrestle with poor mental health. Their vision is to establish:

- a UK wide network of volunteer facilitated peer support group meetings for people who experience depression and to offer support to their families.
- peer support group meetings to inform and equip individuals and communities to make a positive response to mental health issues.
- PeerTalk as a nationally recognised and trusted brand, offering robust and clinically credible community based support for people living with depression, anxiety and similar distress.

The seventeenth PeerTalk group is due to start soon at Thornaby Methodist Church near Stockton-on-Tees. You can find out more about PeerTalk at <https://peertalk.org.uk/>.

PRAYER FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Tuesday 10th October, 2023

(from Revd Gill Newton – President of The Methodist Conference)

Compassionate God, you have created each one of us – body, mind, and spirit – and you care for every part of our being.

In our fragility and vulnerability, remind us that to you we are treasure, we are loved, we are enough, and we are never alone. At those times when anxiety, fear and confusion seem to overwhelm us, may your gentle presence bring peace and calm to our hearts and minds.

Help us to build a world where support for mental health is as important as support for physical health, where it is safe to be honest about the struggles we face and where everyone has access to the mental health care they need. In the name of Christ, Amen.

God bless

Patrick

