



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*5th November 2023*

**9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW**

**10.45am Memorial Service led by Rev Patrick Evans**

**6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles**

**12th November - 10.45am AAW Service led by Tabz  
- 6.30pm Circuit NPNP Service**

## **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 5th November 2023*

Micah 3.5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 23.1-12

## *Prayer*

All-embracing God, your care for us surpasses even a mother's tender love. Through your word and sacrament renew our trust in your providence, that we may abandon all anxiety and seek first your kingdom. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Iona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

### *Bible Study*

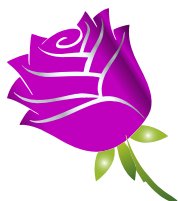
Mondays 7pm in the New Room

### *Facets*

Classes meet each Tuesday from 9.30am.

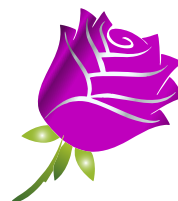
### *Guild*

Tuesday 7th November in the New Room at 7.30pm. Devotional - Rev Sonya Marshall.



## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Hilary & Brian Barrass.



## *Keyholders*

If you are no longer holding an official position or post could you please return your Church keys ASAP to Jim Lloyd. New users require keys at £30 a set!

## *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.



## *Christmas Link*

It's November now. I would like to produce a Christmas Link by mid December (THIS YEAR). Would groups/individuals (which are welcomed) please forward articles by 30th November on word documents to

[j.lloyd816@btinternet.com](mailto:j.lloyd816@btinternet.com)

Many thanks. Jim Lloyd

## *Christmas Fair*

Saturday 25th November 11am-2pm  
at Leyland Road Church Hall  
Cakes, Chocolates, Plants, Toys, Gifts,  
Books, Christmas Stall etc  
Bacon/Sausage Barms, Soup &  
Refreshments Available

## Free Concert

## Octave Choir

Invite you to an

## Act of Remembrance

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).



Dear Friends



I happened to be listening to part of the Coronavirus Public Inquiry this week when Dr Halpern was giving evidence. He led the Behavioural Insights Team to consider if we, the general public, would adhere to the government rules regarding Covid regulations.

One of his comments was that we are much more likely to take our lead from what those around us (friends, family, neighbours, colleagues etc) are doing rather than relying on written instructions. He reflected that the vast majority of people complied and positively we followed each others lead.

Ironically, former Deputy Cabinet Secretary Helen MacNamara had given evidence just before Dr Halpern and stated there wasn't a day in number 10 when the rules had been followed! We have heard the accusation that those at the centre of government felt above the law, that in some way they were special.

The set reading for this Sunday is Matthew Ch 23 vs 1-13, and in the NIV it's headed "A Warning Against Hypocrisy". Jesus teaches the crowds and his disciples saying

*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.*

I think in his time and place Jesus was head of the Behavioural Insights Team! He understood that people looked far more at what those around them did rather than what they said. Ideally the two should correlate, although we know that far too often they do not. That unfortunately is the case for those around us and for ourselves. Former Local Preacher Ken Hooton told the story of someone who didn't go to church because it was full of hypocrites. Ken's response was that it was because he was a hypocrite that he went to Church; for forgiveness and to learn once again to be humble.

This weeks passage ends with Jesus saying

*For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

God bless

Patrick

