



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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17th December 2023

10.45am Carol Service led by Colin Fyles

6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

24th December - 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

- 9.30pm Christmas Eve Communion at Ainsdale Methodist Church led by Rev Patrick Evans

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 17th December 2023

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-28

Prayer

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Messiah. Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you; that, when Christ shall come again in glory to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before him, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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Restarting on 11th January at 9.15am.

Bible Study

Restarting 8th January 7pm.

Facets

Enrolment for 2024 is on 2nd January 10am-11.15am. Classes then start on 9th Jan 9.30am.

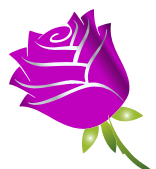
Guild

Tuesday 9th January in the New Room at 7.30pm. Devotional - Rev Peter Lyth.

Used Stamp Collection for RNIB

In the run up to Christmas, more post arrives at our homes with Royal Mail stamps on. The charity RNIB can make good use of these. If you could tear off stamps from envelopes, leaving a small area of paper around them, and place them in the box in the vestibule, we will send these off in the New Year.

Thank you
Doreen Iddon



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Lorna Dodd.



Community Carol Concert

Thursday 21st December at 7pm

Leyland Road Methodist Church

Come and experience a joyful celebration of the Christmas story followed by refreshments.

Everyone welcome.

For further information please call 07801031694

Refreshments after Sunday Worship

Thank you to all those who volunteer to prepare and serve refreshments after Sunday worship. This is an important time for sharing news and making visitors feel welcome.

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, we will not be serving refreshments on this occasion but normal arrangements will resume on 31st December for our joint Churches Together in Birkdale Service.

Church Stewards

Food Pantry

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

In short supply at the moment are: Christmas biscuits/chocolates & assorted crisps.

Notices Next Week

Next weeks notices will be for 2 weeks, if anyone has any items for inclusion please let me know by the morning of Wednesday 20th at the very latest.

Thank you. Lucy. lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk



Dear Friends

I am sure many of you in years gone by have attended midnight communion services on Christmas Eve. As traditions change its popularity has waned in recent times, and the timing isn't ideal for many.

A reminder, this year you can come and join us on Christmas Eve, in person or online, as we celebrate Holy Communion at 9.30pm at Ainsdale Methodist Church. The service is timed so that we celebrate Holy Communion just after 10pm, and in so doing will be welcoming Christmas Day in unity of spirit and time, with Christians in Bethlehem, for 10pm in the UK is 12 midnight in Bethlehem.

You can join online at <https://southportmethodist.org.uk/christmas/>.

If joining online and wishing to share in Holy Communion, and in line with Methodist tradition, have prepared a small glass of non alcoholic grape based drink (supermarkets sell such drinks) and a small piece of bread. The Service will not be available to watch online after the live stream has finished.

This will be the first time a virtual communion service has been held in the Circuit since the Methodist Conference adopted a period of discernment through until 31 August 2024, in which we are permitted to lead celebrations of Holy Communion in which some or all of the worshippers gather online. An extract from the report to the conference reads as follows:

Celebrating Holy Communion online will challenge the gathered community to ponder what it means to bring our whole authentic selves into worship, just as onsite worship does. Equally, the online world stands in need of the renewal of Christ in the same way as every other arena of human activity. Methodists have proudly emphasised that all without exception are offered the opportunity to experience God's freely given grace. To celebrate the Eucharist is to celebrate the redemptive work of Christ for all, including the world online.

After the service, if you have any feedback that we can share with the Conference, please email me at patrick.evans@methodist.org.uk.

God bless

Patrick

