



Liverpool Road Methodist Church

Weekly Notices

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24th December 2023

10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

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

25th December - 10.45am Christmas Day Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

31st December - 10.45am CTiB Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

7th January - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am Service led by Debs Attwater

- 6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner

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 24th December 2023

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Luke 1.47-55; Psalm 89.1-4,19-26; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

Prayer

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

Annual Leave - Rev Patrick Evans

Patrick will be away from Thursday 4th January returning on Sunday 21st January. If you need to contact a Minister during this period, please contact Rev Sonya Marshall on 07824 398263 or at sonyatolley@icloud.com.

Flowers

Our flowers this week have been provided by funds.

2024 Ecumenical Study Course & Discussion

Digging Deeper - A Journey Through the Psalms

First Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 11.30am (coffee from 10am)

Leyland Road Church Lounge

All Welcome

For further information contact Stewart 07801031694

January 3rd Introduction - Prof John Sullivan

Psalm 1 - Rev Stewart Reid

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: shower gels, shampoo, cleaning products, washing up liquid, assorted crisps & biscuits.

Please Note

The Church office at Leyland Road will be closed until Monday 8th January. The next set of notices will be for Sunday 14th January 2024.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Lucy



Dear Friends



Of late many people have asked where all the good news has gone. Recently the news has been so troublesome, we can feel dominated by bad news. This year's theme of the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference centres around "hidden treasure".

"I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." (Isaiah Ch 45 vs 3)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field."

(Matthew Ch 13 vs 44)

You can listen to the Christmas Message from the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei5avvTNygU&t=1s>. In it they pose three questions...

Firstly, look at yourself. Where do you see the divine spark reflected back at you? What does it feel like, I wonder, to be invited to do this, to see yourself as precious in God's sight, someone who God has gifted gifts, skills and talents to share with others?

Secondly, look at the people around you. Where do you notice the divine reflecting back at you? Sometimes, God speaks to us through others. And that affirmation from others can help us see and understand our own gifts – and to understand more about God.

Finally, Look at the world around you. Where do you see glimmers of the divine there? Our final encouragement to you is to seek and find treasure in the world and the community around us.

Having attended the Christmas Lunch provided by Ainsdale Lunch & Leisure at Ainsdale Methodist Church, and the Facets Christmas Meal at Liverpool Road Methodist Church, I can testify that there is plenty of hidden treasure. I don't mean the sixpence in the Christmas pudding, rather the generosity of precious folk like you to create a community spirit in our neighbourhoods. Only if we look will we find the good news.

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

(Mark Ch 1 vs 1).

The birth of Jesus is just the start of the Good News. Happy Christmas.

Patrick

