



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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3rd December 2023

9am Circuit Service at PPW

10.45am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles

10th December - 10.45am AAW Service led by Richard Cowan

- 6pm Circuit Carols around the Tree at Ainsdale

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 3rd December 2023

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome.

Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room

Facets

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

Guild

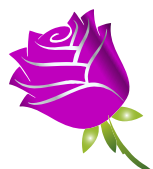
Tuesday 5th December in the New Room at 7.30pm. Social - Bernard Capper.

Churches Together in Birkdale

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 4th December at 32 Hartley Crescent starting at 10.30am.

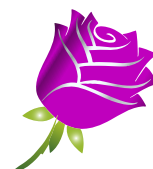
Aglow International

Candlelight Ladies Group Invite you to an evening of Praise, Worship and Testimony At Leyland Road Methodist Church Coffee Lounge On Monday 11th December 2023 At 7pm Guest speaker is VERNON FULLER
Bring a friend and be blessed



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by the Hagan family in loving memory of Betty and Stan.



Octave Choir Marshside Brass Band

Octave Choir along with Marshside Brass Band
Christmas Concert

Saturday 9th December 2023 7pm

at St John's Church, Ainsdale

Tickets, £7 each, can be obtained via

Ken Revill or Doreen Iddon

Proceeds in aid of Queenscourt Hospice

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal (CPCA)

The local Salvation Army has been running a Christmas Present Appeal, supporting families in the neighbourhood, for over 20 years. The rise in the number of referrals, into the hundreds in recent years, is making it difficult for them to provide sufficient gifts.

Additional support before 8th December would be greatly appreciated. This can be provided by

Either picking up a gift tag stating the age and gender of a child from the Salvation Army church on Shakespeare Street so you can purchase your own gift Or offering a small donation (a box is in the vestibule) for the Salvation Army to buy a gift.

Thank you
Doreen Iddon

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.

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.



Dear Friends

I recently went on a guided walk hosted by Ainsdale National Nature Reserve. The Reserve is the piece of land from the costal road at its junction with Pinfold Lane running south to Fishermans Path in Freshfield, and from the railway track running west to the beach. It was a beautiful bright crisp day and people had travelled from around the Mersey region to come and visit what is on our doorstep. One lady had moved to the area from the hills of Yorkshire which she misses, although she has been won over by the grandeur of the vistas she now views each day.

If you are unable to take a walk through Ainsdale woods, then you maybe interested in a recent radio recording from Clare Balding as she discovered them for the first time (you can listen via the following link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001rgxv>).

What struck me was how much human intervention there has been in the Reserve over hundreds of years. As an example, many of the very large sand dunes on the edge of the beach were made even bigger by the Victorians, who built them up and grassed them so that the land behind could be protected for agriculture use (where today Shetland cattle graze). The pine trees are a relatively new introduction from Mediterranean areas. What seems random, is being carefully and sensitively managed, although nature is always in charge. As an example the sand dunes are forever moving inland and indigenous plants always seem to win out in the end as they reignite the landscape. So it begs the question...who is in charge? Humankind or Mother Nature (i.e. God), or are we seeking to live corroboratively with God, guided by his lead?

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

(1 Corinthians Ch 6 vs 19-20).

God bless

Patrick

