



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*14th January 2024*

**10.45am AAW Service led by Tabz**

**4pm Circuit Service**

**21st January - 10.45am Service led by Lesley Goddard**

**- 6.40pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble**

**28th January - 10.45am Covenant & Communion Service led by  
Rev Patrick Evans**

**- 6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church**

## **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 14th January 2024*

1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51

## *Prayer*

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Iona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome..

### *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room

### *Facets*

Classes every Tuesday starting at 9.30am.

### *Guild*

Tuesday 16th January 1pm Dolce Vita.

## *Thank You*

A heartfelt thank you for the cards, flowers and prayers on the loss of my dad.

God bless.

Sally x

## *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](mailto:sonyatolley@icloud.com).

## *Flowers*

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Colin & Eileen Fyles.

## *Circuit Service*

In Conversation with The Revd David Hardman Methodist Liaison Officer in  
Jerusalem

Sunday 14th January At 4.00pm at Liverpool Road Methodist  
Church



***A time to find out more about the complex situation in Palestine and Israel  
and to pray for justice and peace  
(Light refreshments )***

***For more information contact the Circuit Office On 01704 264775 or email  
admin@southportmethodist.org.uk***

## *Worship Consultation*

Our next worship consultation is at 18:45hrs on Thu 25th January 2024 in the church. All are welcome and it's your opportunity to share what you have found valuable (or not) in worship and what you would want to experience more of. The agenda is attached to these notices.

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in January at Shoreline Church.

## *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.

## *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



Happy New Year to you all. Firstly an apology; I had hoped to do some visiting in the lead up to Christmas but Covid had other ideas. I was going to offer some Christmas cake as I visited, although for those who were in Church on New Years Eve it was shared with the congregation over coffee after the service. I had called the cake a peace cake because it included fruit from the lands of Israel and Palestine. The cake was to come with the prayer below. Most conflict ends in some form of negotiated settlement when the participants realise that the war has become futile and neither side will attain the victory they sought at the beginning. The prayer is written by Ruth Harvey, leader of the Iona Community.

God bless

Patrick

*Dear Lord,  
we pray for a round table –  
a united nations negotiating table;  
a number 10 oval office table;  
a communion kitchen table –  
any such sacramental table.  
A table where the corners have been replaced by curves,  
and where the stuff (and word) of life is  
blessed and sent around  
(like the salt and the spice)  
where the holy spirit loops the bend to rest -  
these are holy round tables: places of reconciliation.*

*For reconciliation to come around,  
give us grace, good Lord,  
to notice our stolid square-ness;  
then so much more grace  
to embrace the complete 'round' in ourselves.*

*Where rough edges have been smoothed;  
where hard opinions have been softened;  
we give you thanks that here  
is the space for reconciling love.*

Amen

