



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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28th January 2024

10.45am Covenant & Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

4th February - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 11am Circuit Service at Leyland Road Church

11th February - 10.45am AAW Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

- 6.30pm Circuit Service led by Rev Ernie

Grimshaw

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 28th January 2024

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

Prayer

God of heaven and earth, whose power is made fully known
in your pardoning mercy: ever fill us with your grace, that, entering more fully
into your promises, we may come to share in the good things of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome..

Bible Study

Mondays 7pm in the New Room

Facets

Classes every Tuesday starting at
9.30am.

Guild

Tuesday 30th January in the New
Room at 7.30pm. Faith Studies.

Raising Praise

The next Raising Praise will be this Sunday 28th January, 6.00pm at Leyland
Road. All welcome!



Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Glenna Warner.

Fund Raising Quiz Night

We are hosting a Quiz Night on Saturday 10th February 2024 at 7pm in the hall. You can enter a team of 6 people or come individually and join others to make up a team on the night. Light refreshments will be served during an interval. Donations (suggested amount £5 per person) will be welcome on the night for church funds and outreach. Please submit names to one of the people (below) at Liverpool Road Methodist in person or email doreen.iddon@btinternet.com or janet.oldham@btopenworld.com

Thank you.

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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
Next Session Feb 7th Psalm 23 - Mark Hawksley

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: squash, 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

As I write this we are coming towards the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th January). Each year Churches Together in Britain and Ireland provide resources to aid reflection (if interested you can find them at <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf>). This year the churches of Burkina Faso have provided the resources as they invite us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

They use the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke Ch 10 vs 25-37). I am sure we know the story well, that when a man is attacked by robbers, a priest and a Levite pass by on the other side whilst a Samaritan goes to his aid. Then Jesus asks...

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Luke Ch 10 vs 37-38)

From this I wonder if the story should be titled the Parable of Mercy. A dictionary definition of mercy states, "if someone in authority shows mercy, they choose not to harm someone they have power over, or they forgive someone they have the right to punish."

We are called by Jesus to go and do likewise. We remember that we receive the mercy of God and through this experience we are empowered to share mercy with others. Others is all embracing, it has no boundaries. As churches and Christians, our energies are often focused inward within our own congregations and denominations. We can become trapped in focusing on our differences and being critical of nuances between us, that we fail to show mercy to one another, let alone to "others" within the wider world.

Wherever we find ourselves worshipping, may we be known by the mercy we offer to all.

God bless

Patrick