



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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11th February 2024

10.45am AAW Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

6.30pm Circuit Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

18th February - 10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Brian Trudgian

- 6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble

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 11th February 2024

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Prayer

You alone, O God, can satisfy our deepest hunger, and protect us from the lure of wealth and power. Teach us to seek your kingdom above all else, that we may know the security and joy of those who put their trust in you; 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 13th February in the New Room at 7.30pm. Faith Studies.

Benevolence Fund Recipients

At the recent Church Council, the Treasurer asked us to nominate charities to receive a donation from our Benevolence Fund. At the meeting we voted to support the Soup Kitchen but there is scope to donate to another couple of charities. Is there a charity you would like us to support? Please let one of the stewards know in the next two weeks. This fund must be used 'for the specific purpose of relieving poverty and distress'.

Thank you. Doreen Iddon

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting

Revised venue this month. 7.30am Tuesdays in February at Sacred Heart Church.



Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by
Graham & Doreen Iddon.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 4th
March at 66 Hartley Crescent starting at 10.30am.

Keep Moving Club

Low impact Exercise Classes every Friday in the Church Hall.

10.15am -11am Low Impact Dance Fitness £4

11.05am-11.35am Balance Improver £3

11.45am - 12.15pm Seated Dance Exercise £3

First session free!

Just turn up or for more information please call Kaz on 07540 369942

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, 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

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. (Proverbs Ch 22 vs 2)

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday which this year explores the movement of people from their homelands to the places they now call home, and examines the motivations behind this movement – the journeys made, and the reception received on arrival. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 'At least 108.4 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Among them are nearly 35.3 million refugees, around 41 per cent of whom are under the age of 18.'

So what is the link between displacement, refugees and racial justice. Well, apart from the Ukraine, most of those seeking sanctuary have Black and Brown faces. The Bible is replete with verses that call upon God's people to offer sanctuary to the foreigner, the alien and the vulnerable.

There is a "Church of Sanctuary" movement that aims to support churches who seek to be a place of sanctuary to refugees regardless of their faith. Whilst in our neighbourhoods we may not have many refugees, particularly with Black or Brown faces, we do have people and groups that have been displaced, perhaps due to relationships ending, employment challenges, financial difficulties, disabilities and much more. What does it mean for us to be welcomed into a place of sanctuary, and in turn to offer a place of sanctuary to all?

Prayer

Migrant God, free from borders, your presence spans all creation.

You take sanctuary in us, in you is our eternal sanctuary.

We behold you in community with those uprooted from their homes by war, poverty, persecution and extreme weather, especially those within our own neighbourhoods.

Be the shelter of their lives.

Bless their courage and resilience in seeking freedom and sanctuary.

Bring us to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary for all;

Community where there is conflict;

Compassion where there is cruelty;

Humanity where there is hatred;

Hospitality where there is hostility;

And so, to practice and proclaim hope.

In the Name of Christ. Amen

God bless

Patrick