



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*18th February 2024*

**10.45am Communion Service led by Rev Brian Trudgian**

**6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble**

**25th February - 10.45am Service led by Derek Taberner**

**- 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.*

# *Lectionary Readings 18th February 2024*

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

## *Prayer*

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

### *Iona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome..

### *Bible Study*

Mondays 7pm in the New Room

### *Facets*

Classes every Tuesday starting at  
9.30am.

### *Guild*

Tuesdays in the New Room at  
7.30pm. See below.

## *Circuit Lent Bible Study*

Our Study of the Book of Amos is taking place between 7.30 and 9.00pm on  
Tuesdays in the New Room at Liverpool Road Methodist Church. All are  
welcome to any of the sessions...upcoming studies are:-

**Tue 20th Feb** - Tough love in the book of Amos led by Local Preacher Lesley  
Goddard

**Tue 27th Feb** - Wealth and justice among God's people. What went wrong in  
Israel? led by Rev Marie-Anne Kent

**Tue 5th Mar** - Visions of judgements and justice led by Local Preacher Colin  
Fyles

**Tue 12th Mar** - Hope for a better world led by Rev Patrick Evans

**Tue 19th Mar** - Easter Praise led by Local Preacher Brian Simmons



## *Flowers*



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Pam Christopher.

## *Birkdale Prayer Meeting*

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

## *Rally in Support of a Ceasefire in Palestine*

There was a rally in support of a Ceasefire in Palestine on Sat 10th Feb 11-12 outside the Atkinson. There was 18 people, a banner and lots of Methodists as they have a WhatsApp group between Leyland Rd, St Philips and St Paul's, and Cornerstone.

Our next one is Saturday 24th Feb 11-12 outside the Atkinson on Lord St. All are welcome.

## *Cameo*

Another meal out for the Cameo ladies.  
Wednesday February 21st at The Mount Pleasant at 1pm.  
A table will be booked so come and enjoy.  
Joan

## *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](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk).

Dear Friends

"How will you eat yours?" This is the question posed by Cadburys for how will you eat a Creme Egg. A few days ago I saw a bill board for Creme Egg on toast!

My questions this week are "how will you do yours?" That is, how will you do Lent? As with eating a Creme Egg, there is no right or wrong way, and the fact that someone chooses to eat theirs on toast does not mean we should all do that; and the same goes for Lent.

Today we often think about giving something up, to help us consider the sacrifice of Jesus in giving up his life upon the cross. It is important to check our motives for observing Lent. Christ told the disciples *"when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that others may see their fasting. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward"* (Matthew 6:16). The intent of Lent is to recognise that in our humanness through the year the bonds that tie us to God have loosened through our weakness and that we can once again draw closer to God as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

This year you may wish to sign up for daily reflections from the Methodist Church titled "Unbounded Love" at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/>

Radio 4 has a series of Lent talks details of which are at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006xp1x/broadcasts/upcoming>

There are also numerous books and study guides to take us through the Lent season, or you may set your own journey, such as reading through the four gospels.

There are the three historic traditions of Lent. Prayer to improve our communion with God and strengthen our spiritual discipline. Fasting inspired by Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus' command to *"love your neighbour as yourself"* inspires us to give from our resources of money, time and energy.

So how will you do yours?

God bless

Patrick