



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# **Weekly Notices**

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*10th March 2024*

**10.45am AAW Service led by Rev Patrick Evans - Mothering Sunday  
6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner**

**17th March - 10.45am Service led by Cliff Hill  
- 6.30pm Fellowship Time led by Andy Trimble**

**24th March - 10.30am CTiB Service at St Peter's Church  
- 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 10th March 2024*

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 103.(1-7),8-13; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

## *Prayer*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; 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*

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

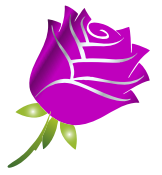
**Tue 19th Mar** - Easter Praise led by Local Preacher Brian Simmons

## *Denis Pulman*

The funeral for Denis will be held at 11am on Thursday 21st March at Southport Crematorium; all are welcome. We hold Denis' family and friends in our prayers at this time.



## Flowers



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Peter & Louise Hooton in memory of Ken & Doreen.

## Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 8th April here in the Chancel starting at 10.30am. All are welcome.

## Quiz Night

St John's Church Birkdale are hosting a quiz night on Friday 22nd March 7pm start. Chilli con carne and a dessert. £10 per person. Feel free to go along as a team or to join a team. For catering purposes if you would like to attend please let Sally Eyes know.



## Easter Link

Contribution/items wanted by Saturday 16th March at the very latest. On word or hard copy please. [j.lloyd816@btinternet.com](mailto:j.lloyd816@btinternet.com).  
Thank you.

## 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

As I write I'm with the probationer ministers from the North of England who have gathered for their annual retreat. I attend as District Probationers Secretary. A couple of things have struck me.

Firstly, whilst I know we are struggling to appoint a new Superintendent Minister from September 2024, there are excellent Probationer Ministers who will be ordained in the next couple of years. Whilst this doesn't help our immediate predicament it does bode well for the future. There was a reduction in those entering training around the Covid years, although I understand those applying to commence training from this September has increased significantly. We continue to pray for our own situation.

Secondly, what an amazing role our churches, and you as congregations play in promoting social justice. Rachel Lampard has been leading the retreat and you may remember Rachel from when she preached at our recent Circuit Service on the theme of "a Justice Seeking Church".

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah Ch 6 vs 8)*

Part of me sinks when I hear of yet another Methodist initiative with everything else that is going on. A key element of Rachel's message has been to encourage us to look at what churches are already doing regarding social justice, and to value it as that, rather than try and start a new set of initiatives when people are already stretched.

Perhaps too often we beat ourselves up for what we are not doing rather than celebrating everything we are doing. Just one example of how we are a Justice Seeking Church is how we use our resources. We have some great facilities in our buildings (despite their challenges), and every time we make these available to the community it provides a place for those to who would otherwise be isolated.

As we look around our churches and congregations, let's celebrate all that promotes the heart of God for social justice.

God bless

Patrick