



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

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*31st March 2024 - Easter*

**10.45am** Easter Communion Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

**7th April** - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.45am Service led by Derek Taberner

- 6.30pm Service 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.*

# *Lectionary Readings 31st March 2024*

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8

## *Prayer*

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

## *Iona*

Thursdays 9.15am. All welcome..

## *Bible Study*

Bible study will take its Easter break until the 8th April.

## *Facets*

The first coffee morning will be on Tuesday 7th May 10am-11.30am and will continue on the first Tuesday of every month.

Enrolment for the winter term will be announced shortly.

## **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 Apr 3rd Psalm 8 - Fr Chris Thomas

## *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.





## *Flowers*



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by  
Brenda Taylor.

Please help us to decorate our cross on Easter Sunday by  
bringing a flower.

# Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Saturday 6th April 10.00am-12.30pm  
Ainsdale Methodist Church

A coffee morning and plant sale will be held on Saturday  
6th April to raise funds towards the church redevelopment  
and the gardening club to maintain the church gardens.  
Come along enjoy some coffee and cake, have a chat and  
look around the garden now spring is here.

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

7.30am Tuesdays in April at the Community Church.

## *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

I have a beautiful cherry tree at home that is now in full blossom; the autumn and winter death is replaced by new life. The branches of the tree offer a canopy just above head height. The fragrance under the canopy transforms the experience to another level. It takes a few moments to appreciate the sweet fragrance, for your mind is confused for a few seconds as it works out where the sensation of the fragrance is coming from and whether you are just imagining it. Then your mind catches up as you stand in awe as the fragrance continues to sweep over you.

As we approach the Easter story I am struck by how it must have felt for those first witnesses of Jesus. Their senses must have been totally confused because at first they did not recognise Jesus. Why would they, he had died in front of their very eyes! It took their brains some time to catch up with what they were experiencing.

I love and value the assurance that Peter gives regarding Jesus' life, death and resurrection as he preaches the gospel in the book of Acts.

*"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
(Acts Ch 10 vs 39-41).*

You haven't smelt the fragrance of my tree, you haven't seen the risen Christ, but trust me that the fragrance is real, and trust Peter and all of the other witnesses that the resurrection is real. Trust yourself as you reflect on the resurrection transformation of what felt like hopeless circumstances that you have witnessed in your life. Your experience is as real as the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. May we be witnesses to God's resurrection power.

God bless

Patrick