



*Liverpool Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices

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3rd March 2024

9am Circuit Communion at PPW

10.45am Service led by Nigel Mawdsley

6.30pm Circuit Service at Lord St West

**10th March - 10.45am AAW Service led by Rev Patrick Evans
(Mothering Sunday)**

- 6.30pm Service led by Derek Taberner

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 3rd March 2024

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Prayer

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jona

Thursday 9.15am. Remembrance Service for Arthur Campbell. 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 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

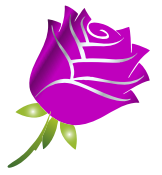
Tue 19th Mar - Easter Praise led by Local Preacher Brian Simmons

Denis Pulman

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Denis Pulman on Tuesday 20th February 2024. 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
Liz Winter.

Birkdale Prayer Meeting

The next Birkdale Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Monday 4th
March at 32 Hartley Crescent starting at 10.30am.

Pastoral Visitors' Meeting 7th March

A reminder to all Pastoral Visitors that the next meeting is arranged for
Thursday 7th March 2024 at 2pm in the Primary Room. Should you have
any concerns and cannot attend the meeting, please share these with
myself or Patrick Evans beforehand.

Thank you.
Doreen Iddon
Pastoral Visitors' Secretary

Easter Link

Contribution/items wanted by Saturday 16th March at the very latest. On word
or hard copy please. 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.

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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

One of our hopes for the season of Lent may be to draw closer to God; well as Christians surely that is our continuous desire. If you're in any way like me (heaven help you!), then you drift away from God and have to haul yourself, or be hauled, back to God. We may call this becoming more "righteous", although this word can have negative connotations. It can sound as if we are flaunting our 'righteousness' in front of others, and it no longer becomes what righteousness is meant to be which is being in a right relationship with God. Rather it becomes centered on our own ego and how we appear to others. In the process God becomes marginalised when he should be centre stage.

Thomas Merton, sought to draw closer to God by seeking to un-know who he thought he was, in order to become who God created him to be. He writes:

"All sin starts from the assumption that my false self, the self that exists only in my own egocentric desires, is the fundamental reality of life to which everything else in the universe is ordered. Thus, I use up my life in the desire for pleasures and the thirst for experiences, for power, honour, knowledge, and love to clothe this false self and construct its nothingness into something objectively real. And I wind experiences around myself and cover myself with pleasures and glory like bandages in order to make myself perceptible to myself and the world."

In this understanding we become an image of what we perceive the world would have us be. Do we ever stop to ask ourselves whether we wanted to become what everyone else would have us be? Merton continues

"The real 'I' is just simply ourselves and nothing more. Nothing more, nothing less. Our self as we are in the eyes of God...Our self in all its uniqueness, dignity, littleness, and ineffable greatness: the greatness we have received from God our Father."

Grant, Lord, that I may know you so that I may know myself. Amen.

God bless

Patrick