



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# August Notices

*July/August 2025*

## **27th July**

10.45am Communion Service led by  
Rev Ernie Grimshaw  
6pm Raising Praise at Leyland Road

## **3rd August**

10.45am Local Arrangement Service  
6.30pm Bible Month at Cornerstone

## **10th August**

10.45am AAW Service led by Lesley  
Goddard  
6.30pm Bible Month Here

## **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.

## **17th August**

9am Circuit Service at PPW  
10.45am Service led by Colin Fyles  
6.30pm Bible Month at Formby

## **24th August**

10.45am Service led by Andy Trimble  
6.30pm Bible Month at Leyland Road

## **31st August**

9.45am Churches Together in Birkdale  
Service at St James' Church (*Please note:  
this service was originally due to be held  
at St Peter's, but has now changed to St  
James'.*)

**Minister**

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## *Weekly Activities*

**Mondays**     **7pm** Bible Study  
                  **8.30pm** Prayer Meeting

**Tuesdays**   **7.30am** Ecumenical  
                  Prayers Here then  
                  Leyland Road in August

**Wednesdays** **9.30am** Food Pantry

**Thursdays**   **9.15am** Iona Service

## *Prayer*

God of light and warmth,  
Thank You for summer days and the  
beauty around us.  
In this month of August, help us to  
rest, to rejoice, and to notice Your  
presence in each moment.  
Bless all who travel, work, or wait,  
and guide us with Your peace.  
Amen.

## *Extraordinary General Church Meeting*

There will be an Extraordinary General Church Meeting immediately after the service this Sunday 27th July 2025. This will be brief, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the New Room as usual.

## *Tuesday 29th July*

Our church will be open from 7am-6pm to mark the anniversary of last year's tragedy and pray for healing in the town.

## *Facets Coffee Morning*

Our next gathering is on Tuesday 5th August at 10am - 11.30am.

## *Ecumenical Prayer Meeting*

All are welcome to join us, with other Christians from churches across Southport, in a 7.30 – 8.30am prayer meeting in church on Tuesday, 29th July. These prayer meetings continue in August at Leyland Road Methodist Church and in September at St Patrick's Church in Marshside.

## *Pastoral Visitors' Meeting*

There will be a meeting for all Pastoral Visitors on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 3pm in the church.

# *The Methodist Prayer Handbook 2025-2026*

'Our Story, Our Song'

This is available to order now. If you would like me to order a copy for you, please either email me or leave a message on my answerphone. Also please let me know if you would prefer a large print copy. The price is £4.50

Please let me know by 20th August. Thank you

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## *Food Pantry*

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In need at the moment: small squash, toilet rolls & Crisps.

## *Dry Rot in the South Chancel*

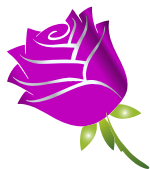
We have a re-infestation of dry rot in the South Chancel. We hope that necessary work will begin shortly to address the issue.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of these repairs, your support would be most gratefully received. Thank you.

## *Date for your Diary*

Celtish have confirmed that they will be returning to Southport to do a concert which will herald the coming of Advent. The date is Sunday 23rd November 2025 @ 7pm in Liverpool Road Methodist Church.

## *Flowers*



Our flowers have been kindly donated by  
3rd August - Ken Revill

24th August - Ann & Mark Taylor

31st August - Molly Wright in memory of Derrick



## *Church Notices*

The next set of notices will be on Sunday 7th September. If you have any items you'd like included, please contact Lucy Lloyd on 01704 536648 or email [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk) by 10am on Wednesday 3rd September.

Thank you.

# *Future Focus*

God's kingdom is both here and now, and still unfolding, fully realised only in some future time. It is the realisation of its dual nature that makes facing the future with confidence possible. Scripture paints a picture of what the future might look like in God's time, with God's love, peace, wisdom and justice spread like banners over the whole of creation.

If we truly believe that God is at work in the world, visible in all acts of mercy, active wherever there is goodness and love, consoling whenever there is pain and grief; truly believe that God is God, able to do far more than we can ever imagine (Ephesians 3.20) then, rather than being discouraged by current trying circumstances or threats of global catastrophe, we can choose to live hopefully in and with Christ. We can dream of a kingdom to come, 'a new heaven and a new earth' (Revelation 21.1-5) in which there will be no more tears or suffering. We can also remember that Jesus told the Pharisees (Luke 17.21): The kingdom of God is among you. 'Among' is sometimes translated 'within', but either way, it's clear that Jesus is talking about the present reality of the kingdom of God, a way of living which can change the world – if we would but live it out day by day.

May this reflection give you some space to discover more of the kingdom of God within you and among you.

Every blessing  
Ernie

