

**10.45am** Service led by Andy Trimble **6pm** Raising Praise at Leyland Road Church

**29th June -** 10.45am Churches Together in Birkdale Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

Image: Galatians 3.23-29

#### **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. Minister Rev Ernie Grimshaw Tel: 07922 082334 Email: revgrimshaw@outlook.com

#### Lectionary Readings 22nd June 2025

Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39

#### Weekly Activities

**Tuesdays** 7.30am Prayers at

**Shoreline Church** 

6.15pm Girls Brigade

(Term Time Only)

Wednesdays 9.30am Food Pantry

Thursdays 9.15am Iona Service

#### Prayer

God of all power and truth and grace, you call your Church to love and praise. Inspire us with zeal for your gospel, and grant us boldness to proclaim your word, that we and all the world may praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## YOUR Community Workshop NEEDS YOU

Liverpool Road Methodist Church and Birkdale Library have raised funds to start a Community Workshop in a dedicated room (the old kitchen).

Come to our OPEN MEETING to find out more

When: Wednesday 25th June at 10.00am

Where: Liverpool Rd Methodist Church Main Hall

For further information contact: Craig Horan at <a href="https://niteastropy.new.co.uk">https://niteastropy.new.co.uk</a> or just turn up at the meeting on the 25th.



# Painting Pottery Sessions



Next session Saturday 28th June 2pm-4pm.

Open to children aged 4-12 years and their parents, there's no need to book just come along and have fun! These sessions are designed for Southport young families. For more details, please contact Caroline Broadhurst on 07967 971484.

#### Update Thursday 19th June

Patrick has now completed his incredible cycling journey to Santiago de Compostela, arriving safely on Thursday 19th June. He would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored and supported him throughout the journey - your encouragement kept him going, and your generosity will make a real difference to the work of the Schools Worker Trust.

If anyone would still like to donate or look at the blog from the trip, you can find all the details here:



https://southportmethodist.org.uk/caminoway/

#### Facets Coffee Mornings

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month — our next gathering is on Tuesday 1st July at 10am - 11.30am.

#### Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In need at the moment: Crisps (6 pack) & tinned tuna.



#### Flowers

Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by Beryl & Roger Wood.



#### Church Notices

If you have any items you want including in the notices please let Lucy Lloyd know on 01704 536648 or <a href="mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk">lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk</a> by first thing Wednesday. Thank you.

### Many hands make light work

This old saying has been around for an age, but it still 'rings true'. However, it is not so much that the actual work itself becomes different, it is that our attitude to it does. The purposeful activity, the laughter, the problem-solving, the shared cuppa or two, the presence of friends and the inviting in of strangers, weave some sort of lightening of the load. This should come as no surprise. After all, Jesus told us that wherever two or three people are gathered in his name - in a loving, peaceful, other-centred group - he would be there in the midst of us (Matthew 18.2), and that the 'yoke' he places on us is 'easy, and the burden is light' (Matthew II.30).

This lightness comes from the power of God at work in and through each one of us, as we work together for the good of those around us, in obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In terms of working for the good of those around us, our hands might, for example, make and deliver a meal to a bereaved neighbour, hold someone's hand if they are in hospital, or build a toy-box for the back of the church... deceptively simple activities in themselves, but taken together and multiplied across a congregation, we can begin to see how the body of Christ can grow and strengthen. A network of care, hand to hand, begins to develop and so does the church's capacity to reach out to its neighbours and those in the community who are in need.

**Ernie** 

