



*Liverpool Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices

*29th June 2025*

**10.45am** Churches Together in Birkdale Service led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

**6th July** - 10.45am Service led by Derek Taberner  
- 6.30pm Service led by Colin Fyles

*Image: Galatians 5.1,13-25*

## **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.

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# *Lectionary Readings 29th June 2025*

1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

## *Weekly Activities*

**Tuesdays**     **7.30am** Ecumenical  
Prayers Here  
**6.15pm** Girls Brigade  
(Term Time Only)  
**Wednesdays** **9.30am** Food Pantry  
**Thursdays**    **9.15am** Iona Service

## *Prayer*

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent  
your Holy Spirit to be the life and  
power of your Church. Sow in our  
hearts the seeds of your grace that  
we may bear the fruit of the Spirit, in  
love and joy and peace; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Ecumenical Prayers*

### *Tuesdays at 7:30am throughout July*

Join us at our church each Tuesday morning for a time of ecumenical prayer.  
We're looking for volunteers to help with tea and coffee. If you're able to lend  
a hand, please contact Sally on 07743 660155.

## *General Church Meeting*

Our General Church Meeting for this year will be held after the morning  
service on Sunday 6th July at 1pm. Please bring your own packed lunch to  
eat before the meeting, hot and cold drinks will be provided as usual. This is  
an opportunity to review church life, elect church officials and consider  
future plans: do come along.

Church Stewards

## *Prayer Meeting*

Please note that there will be no Monday evening prayer meetings until Monday 7th July, as many people will be away and due to other circumstances. We encourage everyone to continue the prayer chain by praying from home or wherever you may be during this time. All are warmly invited to take part in this. God bless, Colin.

## *Bible Study*

Bible study will take it's summer break until Monday 7th July.

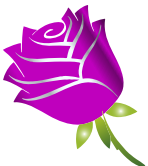
## *Facets Coffee Mornings*

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

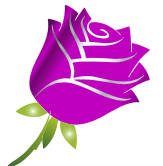
## *Food Pantry*

Thank you so much for your continuing support to supply goods for the food pantry. In need at the moment: everyday biscuits & crisps.

## *Flowers*



Our flowers this week have been kindly donated by the Barrass family .



## *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) by first thing Wednesday. Thank you.



Dear Friends,

A recent report stated that activity holidays are far more refreshing than beach and chill holidays. Well, having just returned from a very active holiday, I feel like a couple of weeks on the beach would be most welcome!

Having said that, I do find that my mind has been refreshed and stimulated through the cycling holiday I've just endured enjoyed! I guess it depends how we define an activity holiday. Any holiday that helps us gain new experiences and insights, and experience different cultures and perspectives, are for me "active". Any experience that helps us see the world differently, perhaps seeing something afresh of God's creation, and realising that whilst people across the globe live differently, those differences are all valid as an expression of the diversity of humanity. I've just caught up on the "Race Across the World" TV series, especially liking the episode that meets up with contestants six months after the race; they talk with vigour about how their experience changed them for the good.

In the Bible, "vigour" generally refers to a combination of physical strength, mental energy, and spiritual vitality. It signifies a state of being strong, active, and full of life, enabling one to fulfil God's purposes with enthusiasm and determination. As I reflect on the gospel narratives and the message of Jesus, he is all the time seeking to challenge my earthly perspective. Reading the gospels challenges us both mentally and spiritually. It reminds us that the world so often looks in a direction that focus's on the self to the exclusion of God and others. The life, example and challenge of Jesus, to those then and us today, causes us to see the world, God and others differently, through the lenses of God. There is a vibrancy in what we see through God's eyes that is heartening and refreshing.

What story from the gospels is like a mental or spiritual activity holiday for you? Journey with such a story through a day or a week, listen as it speaks to you. May it reinvigorate you as you travel from day to day face each day.

God bless

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