



*Leyland Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices



12th January 2025

10.30am Local Arrangement Service

6.30pm Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

19th January - 9am Circuit Service at PPW

- 10.30am Service led by Rev Sally Binymin

Image: Luke 3.15-17,21-22

**Our Mission is to share the heart of
God at the heart of the community**

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Lectionary Readings 12th January 2025

Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Weekly Activities

Mondays **10am-4pm** Warm Space
Tuesdays **7.30am** Ecumenical
Prayers at Sacred Heart
Church
2.30pm Fellowship Group
Wednesdays **12pm** Prayer Time
Thursdays **10am** Toddler Group
Fridays **9.30am** Spanish Tots Class
10.30am Spanish Babies
Class

Prayer

Eternal Father, at the Baptism of
Jesus you revealed him to be your
Son and anointed him with the Holy
Spirit. Keep all who are born of water
and the Spirit faithful to their calling
as your people; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

Rosa Batchelor Funeral

The funeral for Rosa Batchelor will take place on Wednesday 15th January
11am in Church. All are welcome to attend.

Alison Schofield Funeral

The funeral service for Alison Schofield will be held on Tuesday, 21st January,
at 10:00am at Southport Crematorium. This will be followed by a Celebration
of Life service at Leyland Road Church at 11:00am, with lunch provided
afterward. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. The service will also be live
streamed via <https://leylandroadmethodist.org.uk/service-in-celebration-of-alison-schofield/>.

Property & Finance Meeting

Meeting of the Finance & Property Committee to be held on Thursday 16th
January @ 2.30 pm in the Wesley Suite.

Dining Club

Next Diners Club will be on Wednesday 22nd January 6pm at the Mount.
Please place completed Menu Choices in the Box as usual **by Sunday 19th**.
Thank you.

Stamps for RNIB

Please save your used stamps for the RNIB. A collection basket is available in the coffee lounge, and this initiative runs throughout the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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Dear Friends,

Someone recommended a book of poetry to me that has a Christian slant, and in the book, given we have just turned the page on another year, I came across the poem below.

I love the way it talks about ringing out the old and ringing in the new, and it got me thinking about what do we want to release from last year that God would not want us to be burdened with carrying forward into the new year. At the same time what do we want to ring in. There are some things that burden us, and other things that enliven us. I am sure God would have us focus on what enlivens us rather than burdens us.

The poem was published in 1850, although Tennyson began to write it following the death of a close friend some seventeen years earlier, and as the years passed he kept refining it based on his experiences, in fact this is a shortened version. The world was a very different place and in many ways much unfairer than today. Equality did not exist, nor did universal education or a welfare state of any note, much needed factory reforms were yet to be introduced.

The poem ends with the words, "Ring in the Christ that is to be". It reminds me of the words we say at communion, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". In many ways as I read the poem I think that life has not changed.

It talks of "civic slander and the spite", which today is very much present in social media. I read the poem as a prayer, calling upon God to ring out that which is not from him, and to ring in that which is from him; and to ring in Christ, the saviour of the world.

What do you ring out from last year? What do ring in this new year? May we in the world today be ringers of the bells to herald the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless

Patrick

In Memoriam CVI Alfred Lord Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.