



*Leyland Road
Methodist Church*

Weekly Notices



19th January 2025

9am Circuit Service at PPW

10.30am Service led by Rev Sally Binymin

26th January - 10.30am Service led by Deacon Alison McCauley
- 6pm Raising Praise

Image: John 2.1-11

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

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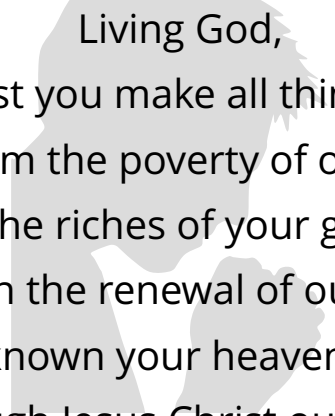
Lectionary Readings 19th January 2025

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

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



Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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/>.

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.

Welcome Lunch

Everyone is invited to a lunch to welcome Ernie & Nicky on Sunday 9th February at 1pm in the Parlour. If you would like to attend please let Elizabeth Wallbank or Margaret Crosby know so we know numbers for catering, please also inform of any dietary requirements.

Listening Together

As the new year begins, Ernie is encouraging us to focus on what God has in store for us as a church moving forwards. As part of this the stewards, local preachers and worship leaders are planning a day away early February so we can pray together and listen to God. We are very conscious that God speaks to all of us and in many different ways, so we would also like to invite any or all of you all to input into this process. The bible is littered with examples of God speaking through unexpected channels so this invite is open to everyone, particularly those who may not speak-up often or may not normally be involved in the decision making of the church.

If you are experiencing a sense of excitement about our future together or feel that God is putting something specific on your heart, please can you let us know. Please speak with either Elizabeth Wallbank or David Attwater and they will then explore with you how you can contribute in a way that is comfortable for you.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing what God has to say through us all.

David and Elizabeth

CELTISH IN CONCERT

Join us for an uplifting evening of Celtic Christian music with acclaimed husband-and-wife duo Nigel Cameron and Julie Cameron-Hall (Celtish) at **Liverpool Road Methodist Church**. Their beautiful blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic music promises to create a memorable evening of worship and entertainment.

Date: Saturday 8th March 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Suggested donation: £5.00 on the door

(In support of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust)

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Celtish's inspiring musical ministry!

Everyone welcome.



*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

One night, in 1887, at a meeting in Massachusetts, a young man stood up to testify. He said, "I am not quite sure," meaning that he wasn't really certain that God would save him from his sins-and then he continued, "But I'm going to trust, and I'm going to obey"-meaning that he planned to trust God for his salvation and to do what he could to obey God's will.

Daniel Towner was the worship leader for that meeting. He was so impressed by the young man's testimony that he scribbled down those words and then wrote to a friend, John Sammis, telling him those words. Sammis then turned them into this great hymn, transforming those words into the chorus: "Trust and obey, For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Soon he had five verses to go with the chorus, and he sent them to Towner, who composed the tune that we still sing today.

But as for the young man whose quiet, spontaneous testimony inspired a hymn that has meant so much to millions of people all over the world, no one knows his name and I doubt he ever knew that his testimony would bear such fruit.

Personally, I can't think of a better life plan than to trust and to obey.

Ernie

