

*Leyland Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



**22nd December 2024**

**10.30am** Local Arrangement Service

**6pm** Raising Praise at Christmas

**Christmas Eve** - 4pm Carols in the Warm

**Christmas Day** - 11am Celebration Service

**29th December** - 10.30am Service led by Rev Patrick Evans

**5th January** - 10.30am Communion & Covenant Service led by  
Rev Ernie Grimshaw

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

# Lectionary Readings 22nd December 2024

Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.46b-55 (Magnificat); Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45(46-55)

## Weekly Activities

**Mondays** 10am-4pm Warm Space  
**Tuesdays** 7.30am Ecumenical  
Prayers at Lakeside  
Church on Christmas Eve  
& New Years Eve.



## Prayer

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Christmas Online Circuit Service

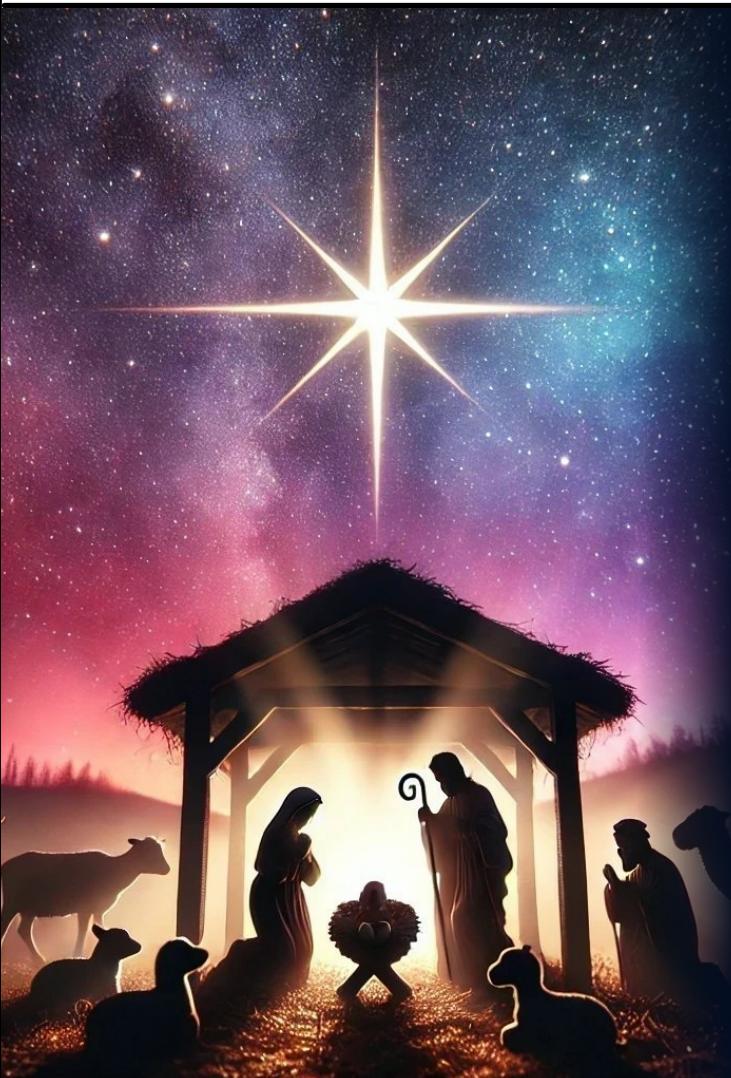
Get ready to celebrate Christmas! Our online Christmas service premieres on YouTube this Christmas Eve! Join Rev. Ernie Grimshaw as we journey around the globe, hearing messages of hope and joy. We'll connect with Rev. Ann Hall all the way from sunny New Zealand and brave the snowy landscapes with Margaret Sadler in Canada. Closer to home, Rev. Rachel Bray offers thoughtful reflection on the recent tragic events in Southport. The uplifting voices of the Ainsdale Choir will fill your heart with the spirit of the season, culminating in a final blessing from Rev. Patrick Evans. Don't miss this special online event!

The Christmas Online Circuit Service will be available from Tuesday 24th December 2024 and can be accessed at

<https://southportmethodist.org.uk/christmas>

# *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.



# *Christmas at Leyland Road Church*

**Raising Praise at Christmas**

*Sunday 22nd December 6pm*

**Carols in the Warm**

*Christmas Eve 4pm*

**Christmas Day Service**

*Wednesday 25th December 11am*

## *Stamps for RNIB*

Over Christmas, please save your used stamps for the RNIB. You'll find a collection basket in the coffee lounge. This initiative continues throughout the year, so feel free to contribute whenever you can. Thank you for your support.

## *Church Notices*

The next set of notices will be produced for Sunday 12th January - please let Lucy have anything you wish to include by Tuesday 7th on 01704 536648 or email [lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk](mailto:lucy@southportmethodist.org.uk) Thank you.

Heavenly Father,

In this holy season of Christmas, we gather as your people, united in faith, love, and hope. We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, who came to dwell among us and bring salvation to all.

Lord, we praise you for the beauty of this season—the twinkling lights that remind us of your eternal presence, the carols that proclaim the joy of Christ's birth, and the fellowship that reflects your boundless love.

As we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth, we ask for your blessings upon this congregation. Fill our hearts with peace, our minds with wisdom, and our spirits with the courage to share your love with those in need. Let our actions be a reflection of your grace, and may our words bring hope to the weary and joy to the sorrowful.

Bless the families in our midst, Lord—those who are celebrating with joy and those who carry burdens unseen. Comfort the lonely, heal the sick, and provide for those in need. Let our church be a sanctuary of warmth and welcome, a beacon of your compassion to all who enter its doors.

As we gaze upon the manger, remind us of the simplicity and humility of Christ's birth. Help us to lay aside our worries and distractions, so that we may fully embrace the wonder and awe of your love revealed in Jesus.

May this Christmas season rekindle our faith, deepen our devotion, and inspire us to live as your faithful disciples. Let your peace reign in our hearts and spill over into our homes, our community, and the world beyond.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and King, we pray.

Amen.

Ernie

