



*Leyland Road  
Methodist Church*

# Weekly Notices



## *9th February 2025*

**10.30am** Service led by Shirley Potts

**6.30pm** Circuit Service at Liverpool Road Church

**16th February** - 9am Circuit Communion Service at PPW

- 10.30am Joint Communion Service with Cornerstone  
led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw

*Image: Luke 5.1-11*

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

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# Lectionary Readings 9th February 2025

Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

## Weekly Activities

- Mondays** 10am-4pm Warm Space  
**Tuesdays** 7.30am Ecumenical Prayers at Lakeside 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

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us:  
may the light of faith, kindled in our  
hearts, shine in our words and  
deeds; through him who is Christ the  
Lord, who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Spring is just around the corner

Hallelujah!! ..... but we need help in the  
Community Garden & Welcome Bed.

Please speak to Neil Mackenzie or Joan Hayward if  
you feel you could help in any way.

THANK YOU.

## Dining Club

Next Diners Club will be on Thursday 20th February 12.30pm at the Mount.  
Please place completed Menu Choices in the Box as usual **by Sunday 16th.**

Thank you.

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# Presence Event

**Saturday 22nd February at Leyland Road**

**Church led by Paul Critchley**

No need to book just turn up on the day! Everyone welcome.

*Packed with the power of prayer and community vibes, where everyone together connects with the Holy Spirit.*

**10:30am - 12.30pm**

Dive into living in God's presence.

This workshop is all about sharing stories and learning from one another in a welcoming space.

Led by Paul Critchley, we'll focus on practical tips for bringing prayer into our daily routines, helping us feel closer to God and to each other. Including tea/coffee and cakes at 10.30am.

**6:30pm - 8.30pm**

The evening celebration - led by Paul Critchley

The place will light up with praise and worship.

Join us for uplifting songs, heartfelt testimonies, and sandwiches and drinks will be available at 6.30pm.

It's the perfect chance to strengthen our community bonds and soak in a joyful atmosphere that lifts our spirits and leaves us all refreshed and ready to carry the Holy Spirit into our everyday life.

See you there!

Dear Friends

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday which was established by the Methodist Church in 1995 following the tragic racist murder of Black teenager Stephen Lawrence two years earlier. The Lawrence family attended a local Methodist Church who agreed to support the family's justice campaign to find young Stephen's killers. A few years later, the Churches' Commission for Racial Justice (CCRJ), a Churches Together in Britain and Ireland programme, agreed to mainstream the special Sunday so that all the churches could engage with it.

This year's theme, 'Coat of Many Colours', reflects the increasing diversity that exists in the churches. The Bible is replete with references to diversity; a 'house of prayer for all nations' (Isaiah 56:7), the events of Pentecost (Acts 2) or the 'multitude ... from every nation' (Revelation 7:9-17), which all include words meaning 'every tribe and nation', to see that ethnic diversity is part of God's divine plan. There is little doubt that British churches, especially in the larger cities, are a microcosm of the world in a congregation, which is indeed a blessing that must be celebrated. Equally, the fact that the diversity of believers has breathed some much-needed spiritual life into our churches reveals that this is a movement of God for which He must be praised.

Despite this amazing reality, inequality still exists still blights the experiences of too many people in our churches. This leaves people not feeling as if they belong, or not being given the opportunity to use their God-given talents. We must wake up to the reality that God is doing a 'new thing' (Isaiah 43:19) among those Christians who now call these shores home. May we embrace them. Let us pray:

*Jesus, as you walked this good earth, your feet upon land that is blessed and holy, crossing borders and boundaries to minister to those in need, you encountered many people from different cultures and different nations, you listened to them, you spoke with them, you touched them and healed them, you blessed them and forgave them. May we follow your example, loving and tending all you have made, healing and sowing peace wherever you call. Amen*

God bless

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