

FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

This is a season of waiting in the church year – the 50 days between Easter with the amazing news that Christ had risen until the disciples received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which we will celebrate on 19th May. This was the birth of the church and we will familiar with how this new community organised itself from Acts 2: ‘They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..... praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.’

Now of course there are Christians worshipping God in every corner of the world. As a circuit we are facing some challenges with older buildings and dare I say an older congregation who have faithfully served the church for many years but are tired. My prayer for the circuit is that we will have a fresh outpouring of the Spirit and know what God is calling us to do, and importantly what God is calling us to lay down.

As a circuit we adopted the acronym ACTS for our mission statement some years ago.

Access to high quality worship and teaching that is relevant to those we seek to share the gospel with

Creative community engagement with appropriate partners

Transforming lives through discipleship

Strategic use of buildings and people

There have been many changes in the circuit, but there is a great deal of change to come. The early church came together to pray and worship – I would encourage every member of the circuit to take the opportunity to come together to do the same. As we spend time together, learn from each and understand each other, the body of Christ can only be strengthened. The circuit is us and each one of us has an important part to play. Please join us for the circuit services – 9am on the first Sunday of the month at PPW, 6.30pm on the second Sunday at Leyland Road and the last Sunday of the month at 6pm at Leyland Road. Please pray for the Circuit leadership team – especially for the circuit stewards Stephen, Barry, Ray, Lesley, Shirley, Sally and Jean.

Every Blessing

Marie-Anne Kent
Circuit Superintendent

The Revd David Hardman Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem.....



Following David Hardman’s visit to Southport earlier in the year, we have received a ‘Thank You’ from the Project Director, Khader Saba. He writes.....

Hope my email finds you well in Christ’s name.

It is with great pleasure we have been notified by GBGM-Advance team, that your offerings and regular contributions of 266.15 USD have been credited to our School account; Advance project #12018A on March 4th, 2024 .

I’d like to grab this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your consistent donations and reliable commitment, especially during these challenging times. Your support towards Hope School, is truly inspiring, it means a lot to our mission in the Holy Land.

How good is God!!! How amazing is our world-wide Christian family!!! We are so proud of you... it means a lot to have people supporting education and Christian mission in the Holy Land, it is extraordinary gesture to have brothers and sisters who support vulnerable children in the other part of the world. Your love, commitment, faithfulness are traveling thousands of miles to reach our mission.

Your offerings and donations amidst all the turmoil and uncertainty under which we live in these days, mean a great deal to us. Be sure that your compassion and willingness to help make a real difference, and it doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for being such a shining example of goodness in a world that sorely needs it.

Despite the somber atmosphere of the current days, we made a deliberate effort to embrace some Easter traditions, like egg hunting. It was heartwarming to see the joy on our children’s faces as they searched for eggs, even amidst the challenges we’re facing. These simple activities served as a welcome break, providing moments of happiness and togetherness that are so important, especially during these gloomy days.

Please keep our children and ministry in your prayers.
We pray for you.
May God bless



Khader Saba
General Director
TEL: +970-2-274-2268
FAX: +970-2-274-4332
MOBILE: 0599811938



Web: www.hopesschoolbeitjala.com

**2024 Ecumenical Study Course
& Discussion**

Digging Deeper

A Journey through the Psalms

First Wednesday of the month
10.30-11.30am

(coffee from 10.00am)

Leyland Road Church Lounge
For further information contact

Stuart on 07801 031694

1st May 2024

Psalm 46

Speaker: Revd Ben Dyer

christian
aid

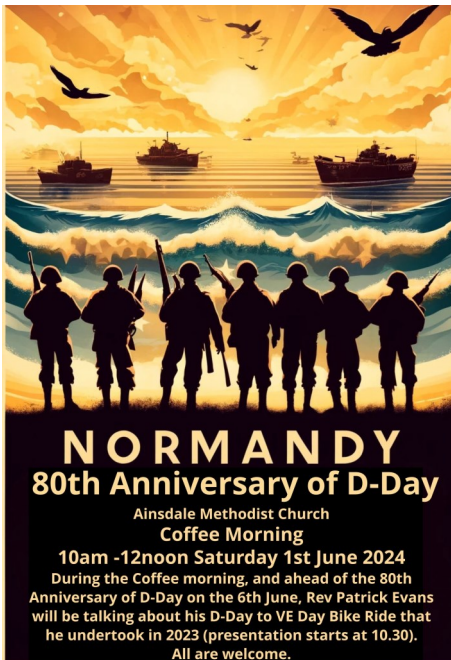
Coffee
Morning

At PPW on

Saturday 11th May

From

10am—12.30pm



NORMANDY
80th Anniversary of D-Day

Ainsdale Methodist Church
Coffee Morning
10am -12noon Saturday 1st June 2024

During the Coffee morning, and ahead of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on the 6th June, Rev Patrick Evans will be talking about his D-Day to VE Day Bike Ride that he undertook in 2023 (presentation starts at 10.30). All are welcome.

**Easter Offering Service
At Formby Methodist Church
On Sunday 12th May
At 6.30pm**

About Easter Offering

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas



'REJOICE!'
Flower Festival

Formby Methodist Church
Special Commemorative Event
All Welcome!

Celebrating 150 Years

Plus
History of Elbow Lane
Exhibition

6th - 9th June

Thursday to Saturday 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Sunday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Refreshments available!
Entry by donation

Formby Methodist Church
Elbow Lane, L37 4AF



**RAISING
PEACE
RAISING**

At Leyland Road
Methodist Church
on Sunday 26th May
at 6.00pm
when we lift our thoughts,
prayers, our voices and
concerns to God
in worship and fellowship
ALL WELCOME

Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. donations in support of God's mission. In 2023, collections from Easter Offering services raised over £190,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodists. Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world.



Formby Methodist Church
Elbow Lane

150th Anniversary

**COMMEMORATIVE
EVENTS**



Formby Methodist Church
150th Anniversary

**'Music
Through the Ages'**

with
Professor Ian Tracey
and
Jack Watson

Friday 10th May 7.30pm

Music like...
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring
The Lost Chord
What'll I Do?
Over the Rainbow
Smile
and many more...

Entry by donation on the night
Please arrive early!

Formby Methodist Church
Elbow Lane, L37 4AF

**No One's A Stranger Twice
150 Years of Methodism
In the Formby Community
By Local Author Alastair Gillies**

"It was not until I had the privilege of reading this carefully researched and thoughtfully written book, beautifully illustrated, that I came to realise the breadth and depth of the history of Formby Methodist Church within the Formby community. Enjoy!
You are in for a treat."
(Revd Dr Sheryl Anderson
Chair of Liverpool District)
Copies still available
At Derbyshire's, Chapel Street,
Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane
£10 plus (£2.50 p&p)
and Southport Circuit Office
Tel: 01704 264775 or email
margaret@southportmethodist.org.uk



**Cornerstone
BRUNCH**

On Saturday 11th May
From
10.30 - 1.00pm

VACANCIES AT LEYLAND ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Parish Nurse Manager

This proposed project is seeking a *voluntary person* who will manage the staff and ensure that the project is meeting its objectives. Initially 2 hrs a day over two days but later, once established, only a couple of hours each week.

You will work with the post holder to determine priorities for the work and prepare a personal development plan with the lay employee

Ensure good communications between groups and networks involved.

Monitor and evaluate progress with the Lay Employee on a regular basis and act as a "sounding board" to the Lay Employee.

Desirable experience, Previous person management, Experience of the project tasks and objectives, Understanding of budgetary controls, Prepared to undertake training in areas considered weak

If this job is one you wish to apply for, please would you contact johnattwater2@gmail.com who would be very pleased to give you more details.

FAMILY WORKER - Part time

We are seeking a practicing Christian who is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with children and young people. You must be an active member of the Christian church, excited about growing faith in families and enthusiastic to explore new ways of being Church.

We are looking for someone who will demonstrate this by serving and supporting children and their families as they explore coming to know Christ and grow in faith. We need someone who has the ability to confidently present the Gospel.

In this job, you are to assume overall responsibility for the work of the church in relation to children and their families.

Part Time: 16 hours per week worked flexibly in agreement with your line manager

You will not be expected to work on more than five days in a calendar week but will be expected to work on Sundays. Salary: £10438 annually i.e. £12.55 per hour.

The contract is for 3 years (subject to annual review). Start date: To suit successful applicant.

The application pack containing full job description, person specification and a profile of the church can be obtained by writing to:

Leyland Road Methodist Church,
Leyland Road,
Southport PR99JQ,
Telephoning 01704 536648
or email to leyandroad@btopenworld.com