

April 2025

From your
Superintendent

News



Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share several important updates about our Methodist Circuit.

Youth Work and Mission - Following last year's "Listening Events," and following consultation with local churches, the recent Circuit Meeting has approved a significant investment in youth ministry which will be funded from our reserves. We will be recruiting two Youth Workers starting September 25, with funding committed for three years. These dedicated workers will:

- Support existing youth activities for under -18s
- Launch new youth engagement programs
- Collaborate with the Southport Area Schools Workers Trust (SASWT) to:
 - * Deliver Safe Spaces during secondary school lunch times
 - * Conduct assemblies in primary schools
 - * Run Impact Xtra Christian Youth Clubs in Ainsdale, Formby, and Marshside

Circuit Safeguarding - We are pleased to announce Debs Attwater as our new Circuit Safeguarding Officer with effect from 22nd April, 2025. With a background in nursing, Debs brings valuable experience to this critical role. Many of us know Debs as a Local Preacher, and she now introduces herself...

Hi, I'm Debs Attwater.

Some of you will have seen me around the Southport circuit as one of the local preachers.



I'm married to David and have 3 grown sons and one energetic daughter about to start school for the first time in September!

After retiring from school health, I was wondering what my next step would be, and have been wanting to use some of my skills to serve in some way.

When I saw this role advertised, I felt challenged to apply and here I am!

As Christians we feel passionately that church is a place where all are welcome. In order for this to be our reality, I feel strongly that safety has to be at the core of all we do - for the people who come into our spaces and for those of us who serve.

So, I'm looking forward to learning and continuing to grow with you a culture that is safe for us all in every aspect of our church life.

Watch this space for your invitation to my safeguarding training party!



Circuit Administrator - It is with sadness that Margaret Sadler, Circuit Administrator will retire at the end of August. Her wisdom and care will be deeply missed. Margaret is looking forward to spending more time with her son Nick in Canada. We will begin recruiting her replacement in the coming weeks.

Leadership Opportunities

Circuit Stewards - We are currently seeking additional Circuit Stewards, including a new Circuit Treasurer. This follows the retirements of Shirley Potts earlier in the year, and Barry Stewart (Treasurer) from August 2025. Barry has generously offered to support his successor for a year.



Circuit Stewards play a crucial role in our church community. Beyond overseeing practical challenges, they:

- Provide strategic leadership
- Offer a comprehensive view of our circuit's mission
- Help coordinate evangelism and development across local churches

When I've spoken to Circuit Stewards, past and present, they reflect on how the role has given them a fresh and new perspective of being church, and how their faith has developed and grown.

Interested in becoming a Circuit Steward? Contact for an informal discussion:

- Stephen Hardiman, Senior Circuit Steward, Tel: 07751 472845, Email: svaikers12@gmail.com
- Barry Stewart, Current Circuit Treasurer, Tel: 07919 152006, Email: brrystwrt@outlook.com

Easter Offering - "Education for All, Hope for All"

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) invite us to donate to the Methodist Church's World Mission Fund. This year's theme focuses on education as a transformative force for hope and community development.

Donation Details:

- Envelopes available across the Circuit on Palm Sunday (April 20th)
- Donations will be accepted at Easter Day services across the Circuit or at the.....

Easter Offering Service on Sunday, May 11th at 6:30 PM, Formby Methodist Church

This Easter Offering Service will offer highlights on how education can:

- Change individual lives
- Strengthen communities
- Open pathways to hope and opportunity

Thank you to Janet Bowker, our MWiB representative, for coordinating this meaningful initiative.



Favourite Hymns

We want to know your favourite hymns/songs so we can create a list from across the Circuit; please see page 3 of this Circuit News for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the life of our Circuit. Your commitment and support is very much appreciated.

Wishing you a blessed Easter,

God bless

Patrick


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Favourite Hymns - Born in Song

Methodists are well known as enthusiastic singers, in choirs and congregations. Singing is still an important means of learning about, sharing and celebrating our faith.

As a Circuit we are gathering a list of our favourite hymns and songs, and we'd love to know what yours are. We will then use this to help inform our worship across the Circuit and at Circuit events. We will publish the top twenty hymns... Where will yours feature?

Please can you let us know by Tuesday 22nd April as follows:-

- Complete the form overleaf and pass it to a Minister or Church Steward.
- Complete the form and post or pop it into the Circuit Office to: Margaret Sadler, Circuit Administrator, Leyland Road Methodist Church, Leyland Road, Southport, PR9 9JQ.
- Email your top five hymns to margaret@southportmethodist.org.uk



The Post of PARISH NURSE is to become available in April

Full details of the post and how to obtain an application pack will be circulated widely next week

Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport, is looking to employ a Nursing and Midwifery Council Registered Nurse/Midwife (NMC), band 6, in a part time salaried position to lead their new Parish Nursing Service and will be supported by a small team.

This innovative service is provided in partnership with Parish Nursing Ministries UK and aims to complement statutory services and improve and maintain the holistic health and wellbeing of neurodiverse children up to the age of 25 and their families.

Intrigued? Why not enquire further about this exciting new role before making a formal application, please call Leyland Road Methodist Church office.

Telephone: 01704 536648 or email: leyland.road@btopenworld.com



**CIRCUIT
EVENING SERVICE**
Sunday 13th April
at Liverpool Road
**PASSION SUNDAY
REFLECTIONS**

LORD STREET WEST UNITED CHURCH

Church Cleaner (part-time)
Permanent contract
11 hrs per week

The post involves, providing effective cleaning of the Church worship area, function halls/ corridors, toilets, internal and external entrances and to ensure the appearance of the building is maintained to the required standards and any other duties identified by the Line Manager and Leadership Team of the church.

For further details and an application form please contact

lordstreetwestunited@gmail.com

Telephone: 01704 530007

Closing date 7th April

The London Marathon

On Sunday 27th April 2025

**In moment of madness,
I agreed to run the London
Marathon for Christian Aid.**

Yes 26.2 miles

How hard can it be? Very, as it happens. No one told me you couldn't run it in instalments! I would really value your encouragement on wet and cold nights training, so please sponsor me if you can. My fundraising page is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/
page/marie-anne-kent-
1732551019605?utm_
medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/marie-anne-kent-1732551019605?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



or just search
Marie-Anne Kent
on **Justgiving.com**
Many thanks to you all



**CORNERSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH
BRUNCH**

26th April 2025

10.30am - 1.00pm

ALL WELCOME



MY FAVOURITE HYMNS & SONGS

(please state the first line of the hymn/song and if you want, the hymn number and hymn book title - thank you)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Painting Pottery Sessions

Liverpool Road Methodist Church
Open to children aged 4-12 years and their parents, there's no need to book - just come along and have fun! These sessions are designed for Southport young families and will take place on the **4th Saturday of each month from March to October, running from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.** They are completely free of charge.
For more details, please contact Caroline Broadhurst on 07967 971484.

LENT 2025 AT PPW

Start!

6 week course exploring the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed format

EVERY MONDAY IN LENT
Afternoons: 2-3.30pm
Evenings: 7-8.30pm

It's for EVERYONE. It's for YOU!
for those wondering what the Christian faith is all about; for those who have been a Christian for decades; and everyone in between

Please sign up with Beth Matthews to give us an idea of numbers

Easter Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 5th April at 2pm
Cornerstone Church Hall
£10 a ticket including 8 games & refreshments.
Easter Egg prizes
"Love to Shop" Vouchers Jackpot

Tickets available from the following:
Stan 07970 225067
Mike 07976 511678
Joyce 07964 387376

11	42	14	33	36
14	34	35	38	22
10	18	33	38	26

**Lord Street West
United Church**

**Saturday 3rd May
at 10.30am**
The theme is
**Here comes the Sun
(the moon and the stars..)**
All the family
Are
WELCOME

RAISING PRAISE RAISING

At Leyland Road Methodist Church
on Sunday 27th April
at 6.00pm
when we lift our thoughts,
prayers, our voices
and concerns
to God
in worship and fellowship
ALL WELCOME