

**Wesley Place Methodist Church,**  
**Lawton Road, Alsager**

# The Messenger



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June, 2018

Welcome to worship today. We are pleased that you are able to join us. Whether you are visiting briefly or are new to Wesley Place we hope that you feel at home and among friends. Please introduce yourself to one of the stewards.

## **Sunday 3rd June 2018**

10.30am: Steward's Service

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Hilda White - Alternative Worship

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,  
the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty  
and increase in us compassion for the hungry;  
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**

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## **Message from our Minister**

Dear Friends,

“Where there’s no vision, the people perish” - Proverbs 29: 18

It’s been fascinating reading through the responses from the General Church Meeting to the question ‘What kind of church do you think God wants us to be in 10 years time?’. As I suspected, there are many different opinions!

Our task now is to think more about the question, ponder what the responses mean, and start to discern God’s voice from all that was said.

It was apparently the Rev Jabez Bunting, an immediate successor of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, who said ‘Methodism hates democracy as much as it hates sin’ While I don’t function autocratically as he did, (he was president and secretary of the Methodist Conference and ran everything himself) I do agree with him! We’re a church of representation and listening, but it’s not the majority who form the strategy and policy, it’s those in whom are discerned the voice of God, whispering, leading, inspiring, challenging and calling us forward. (The technical word is a ‘theocracy’ meaning we are run by God, a democracy is where the majority of those eligible to contribute run things).

So I’m listening to what’s been said, and what stands out, what resonates with the Bible’s content, and where the Holy Spirit seems to be leading us. It’s not our Church, it’s God’s Church.

When I read that the children want a colourful church, I think of the colours of creation and the need for inclusion of everyone, as well as an interesting and vibrant building. When I read of the need to change, I recognise a restlessness and a yearning for more, for something different, for something new - and I sense we are searching for that future together. When I read of music groups and singers to lead us I sense we want to worship in more depth and with more meaning, when I read of the need to ‘return to the gospels’ and housegroups, I sense a hunger for the scriptures.

It was famously St Augustine who said 'Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you'. The same is true for a church I think, we are restless until we sense God's presence and we are confident of our response.

I don't intend to rush things, but to let us ponder these responses until we reach a mind on where God is leading us - and I invite everyone to contribute. One of my other favourite Bible verses is in Acts (15: 28), where, after the apostles have made a big decision they said 'It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us' - that's what I'm aiming for. When, after a church meeting, we can together, prayerfully say 'it seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us', then we can commit ourselves to that future together.

God bless, and thanks for welcoming me and letting me take part so far!

Rob

## Diary for Week Beginning Monday 4th June, 2018

**Mon: 2pm-4pm:** Monday fun - table top games

**Tues: 2:30pm:** Women's Fellowship

**Wed: 10.00am:** Church open for prayer from 10 to 12 noon with  
"Time Out" at 10:30. Followed by Tea and Biscuits

**7:30pm:** Guild - Jonathan Newbould

**Thur: 8:45am:** Breakfast Housegroup - Mad, Sad or Glad

**Sat: 10am-12noon:** Action for Children Coffee Morning

**Sun: 5pm-6:30pm:** Sparkz - youth club for 7-11years

**7pm-8:30pm:** Ablaze - youth club for 12-18 years

### Dates for your Diary

<b>9 Jun:</b>	Alsager Carnival
<b>30 Jul - 3 Aug:</b>	Summer Holiday Club
<b>9 Aug</b>	Family Fun Day
<b>21 Aug</b>	Family Fun Day
<b>4 Sep:</b>	Worship Consultation
<b>14-16 Sep:</b>	Church Family Weekend
<b>7th Oct:</b>	Harvest

### Readings for your Devotions

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

## Services in June

### Sunday 3rd June

10:30am Steward's Service

6:30pm Service led by Hilda White - Alternative Worship

### Sunday 10th June

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton - Holy Communion

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### Sunday 17th June

10:30am Service led by Ian White

6:30pm Service held at URC

### Sunday 24th June

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

6:30pm Service led by Mr Ian White

### Service at Milton House

3rd June

Margaret Keeling

## Regular activities held this month

Monday Fun every Monday with Stamp Party 2pm-4pm

Women's Fellowship meet on Tuesday 2:30pm

Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place at 9:30am 13th and 27rd

Midweek prayer - Wednesday 10:30am followed by tea and biscuits

Guild - Wednesday Evening 7:30pm - 6th and 20th JUNE

Breakfast Housegroup meet 8:45am on the first Thursday of the month

CAMEO Ladies meet 10am at Astbury Garden Centre on the 3rd Thursday of the month

Men's Breakfast (not held in June)

Action for Children Coffee Morning - Saturdays 10am-12 noon

Youth Clubs Sundays- 5pm-6:30pm: Sparkz - youth club for 7-11years

## **Open House**

to celebrate Bronwen's 75th birthday Tuesday 19th June 10-12 noon  
2-4-30pm.

The usual gateaux's plus an opportunity to sit in the garden.

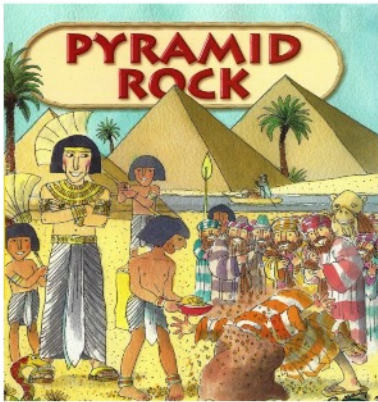
No presents but if you like donations to Wesley place and MWiB.

## **Can't Sing? Choir Concert**

On Friday June 8th at 7.30 At Wesley Place Church, Alsager  
£6.00 includes refreshments Tickets available from Ann Pask, Ann  
Hughes, Bronwen Degg or Church Stewards or pay at the door

Proceeds are being given to Wesley Place Church Funds

**Calling all 5 – 11 year olds**



# **Dare to Dream!**

**Wesley Place Summer Holiday Club July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:30 – 12:00 each day**

£3.00 p.d. or £12.00 for the whole week. Subsidies available for more than one child.

Go to [www.wesley-place.org.uk](http://www.wesley-place.org.uk) to book your place

A Toddler Group will run alongside the Summer Holiday Club for younger brothers and sisters too!!

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 by **Wednesday 8pm** please.

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Wesley Place facebook page - Wesley Place church

If you miss a copy of the pew leaflet or would like to see photos of what has been happening here at Wesley Place you can find them on the Wesley Place website - [www.wesley-place.org.uk](http://www.wesley-place.org.uk)

Visit the Circuit website ([www.cheshiresouth.org.uk](http://www.cheshiresouth.org.uk))

for the Circuit news letter and forthcoming events.

A paper copy of the weekly news letter is available to read on the Circuit notice

Church Rota	3rd June, 2018	10th June, 2018
<b>Morning Readers</b>	Val Snowden Ruth Heeks	Sandra Rawlinson Helen Robertson
<b>Stewards</b>	Sandra Rawlinson Andrew Shaw	Isabel Brislen Stuart Carron
<b>Offertory</b>	Carol Challinor Bernard Maskery Glennis Roper Elsie Pritchard	Bruce & Elizabeth Liddle Arthur Pointon Chris Morris
<b>Welcome Morning</b>	Anne Milner Dot Milner	Andrew Shaw Sarah Simpkin
<b>Evening Stewards</b>	Margaret Keeling Carol Challinor	Hilda & Geoff White
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Walking Fellowship	Women's Fellowship
<b>Counting</b>	Andrew Shaw Joe Tabinor Glennis Roper	Isabel Brislen Harriet Crompton Alison Bell
<b>Vestry Steward</b>	Geoff White	Gordon Degg

