

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

The Messenger

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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, **Steward 1** and **Steward 2**

Sunday 6th January 2019

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton – Covenant Service

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jim Needham - Alternative Worship

Services in January

Sunday 13th January

10:30am Readers Service

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jeremy Tresise

Sunday 20th January

0:30am Service led by Deacon Jill Taylor

6:30pm Ecumenical Evening Service at St Gabriel's Church

Sunday 27rd January

10:30am Service led by Daniel Keen

6:30pm Service led by Ian White

Ecumenical Evening Service 20th January

This Ecumenical Evening Service will be held at St Gabriel's Church where all local churches will be attending to share some of their activities over the past 12 months and their future plans for 2019. All are welcome to attend.

Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! For Methodist People the Covenant service is an annual reminder of God's overwhelming and loving commitment to us in Jesus Christ, and our invitation to renew our response to that with our own loving commitment. At this year's service we will be giving to the Pastoral Visitors the membership tickets to remind us of that commitment, and launching our new fellowship Groups initiative.

Taking place in the following weeks beginning

14th and 28th January,

11th and 25th February

11th and 25th March,

and 8th April,

We hope that 5 new groups will enable us to study the Methodist Publication "Speaking of God Together". The aim is to equip and encourage us to talk about our faith on the following topics: A Present God, a Listening God, a Caring God, a Speaking God, and Jesus our teacher and model.

There will be group meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, a Monday Morning, a Wednesday afternoon, and another either Monday or Tuesday evening. By the time you read this there should be sign up sheets to say which group you'd like to join.

The Methodist membership ticket outlines the four areas we are called to as Methodist Christians - Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. It's learning and evangelism that perhaps are our weakest areas, hence the themes for these studies - learning together in a comfortable fellowship, supporting one another to talk about our faith.

Some of the most exciting times in my own faith journey have been when I've talked with other Christians about my faith, and what I have found God to be like. Often this has involved Bible story, other times just deeply sharing with each other an experience, a story, or a question. In those moments I have discovered more about God, I have learnt more about Jesus, and I have gently discovered more of what he asks of me in my own life.

I have to say that I have discovered possibly more faith when sharing my doubts with other people, heard their doubts expressed, and been asked searching questions to which I haven't readily had an answer. But in any instance, talking together about God has led me along that journey of faith.

So please consider signing up, and committing to that renewed journey together.

As I write this before Christmas, we still need two more people willing to facilitate a group, and one more person to open their home to a small group. (Leaders and hosts are to be different, you're not expected to do both!).

And we hope that the Wednesday afternoon group can be at Church so that those who come to the mid week morning service can stay for a light lunch and continue as a group together.

As Charles Wesley wrote:

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.
He bids us build each other up,
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope,
we hand in hand go on.

I look forward to the adventure,

Your Minister and friend, Rob

Can't Sing Choir Christmas Concert

Thank you to the Can't Sing Choir, Wesley Place folk who provided refreshments and all those who purchased tickets for this concert. The total was £475 .00 and is being donated to Wesley Place .

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by **Wednesday 8pm** please.



Birthdays in January

Joey Pleasance Happy 6th birthday for the 31st

Lots of love and best wishes

from all your friends at Wesley Place

Regular activities held this month

Sunday Evening Youth Clubs restart on the 20th January

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

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

Monday Fun every Monday 2pm-4pm

Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place at 9:30am 9th and 23rd

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

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

CAMEO Ladies meet 10am at Astbury Garden Centre on Thursday 17th

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