

Wesley Place Methodist Church,
Lawton Road, Alsager

The Messenger



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May, 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 6th May 2018

10.30am: Service led Rev Charlotte Lorimer - Holy Communion

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jennifer Matthews - 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**

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

May is the month of Pentecost, remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit. It's therefore the most appropriate month for our General Church Meeting (13th) and our Church Anniversary (20th)!

There are two stories of Pentecost in the Bible. The well known one, in Acts Chapter 2 is the windy, fire-flame noise of speaking in tongues. The visions, dreams, and prophecy heralding 'the last days' - Jesus' work is done, now for the age of salvation.

The other, perhaps less well known, is set earlier in John's gospel. Jesus brings peace to frightened disciples, breathes the Holy Spirit gently upon them, and declares that what they forgive is forgiven.

My own Christian experience and that of others suggests that there are these two, and many other ways of experiencing the Holy Spirit of God. But then I reflect that the Gospels and Acts were not documentaries written at the time of their happening. They were written many years later, when the early Christians remembered those first days, and wrote about them with the hindsight of what they had come to mean.

So it doesn't matter if we speak in tongues, (I hope some of us do) or experience 'the still small voice' (I hope some of us do), what does matter is that we are people of the Spirit. When the young have visions, and old have dreams, and when prophecy is given, then the Holy Spirit is at work. So dream, see, and speak out in Love. It also matters that we are a people of peace and forgiveness, where fear is turned gently to confidence and faith.

Let us truly be a pentecostal people - in our business, and our celebrations!

With every good wish

Rob

Diary for Week Beginning Monday 7th May, 2018

- Wed: 9:30am:** Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place
10.00am: Church open for prayer from 10 to 12 noon with
“Time Out” at 10:30. Followed by Tea and Biscuits
7:00pm: Housegroup at the home of Doris Bach
- Sat: 10am-12noon:** Action for Children Coffee Morning

Dates for your Diary

- 13 May:** General Church Meeting
15 May: **7:30pm:** Worship Consultation
19/20 May: Church Anniversary Weekend
2 Jun: **10am:** Plant Sale in aid of Leprosy Mission
9 Jun: Alsager Carnival
14-16 Sep: Church Family Weekend

Readings for your Devotions

Acts 10: 44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5: 1-6
John 15: 9-17

What was the last things you saw or heard that put you in awe of what God is doing in someone's life?

The above question was asked at a recent Lent Course and the answers given were very interesting and inspirational.

Thank you for your reply

Someone was in urgent need of help and was praying for it. A few miles away, someone had been praying about various concerns and then felt being ‘nudged’ by God to visit.”But I only have a few minutes, it’s not worth going now”, but the feeling would not go away. The visit was made and only just in time. The need was satisfied, problem solved. Prayer answered. Eddy Askew said in one of his book “Conversations and Prayers”, “When I pray for my neighbour stir ME up to help”.

Services in May

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Sunday 13th May

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Sunday 20th May

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

6:30pm Service held at URC

Sunday 27th May

10:30am Service led by Mr Bryan Glassonbury

6:30pm Service led by Mr Ian White

Service at Milton House 13th April Joyce Owen

Regular activities held this month

Monday Fun every Monday with Stamp Party 2pm-4pm(not 7th)

Women's Fellowship meet on Tuesday 2:30pm (not 8th or 29th)

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 the 3rd Thursday of the month

Men's Breakfast 26th May

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

Youth Clubs Sundays- 5pm-6:30pm: Sparkz - youth club for 7-11years
(term time) 7pm:-8:30pm: Ablaze - youth club for 12-18 years

Concert in aid of Church Lawton School - Wistaston Singers

Church Lawton School is a school for children with Autism. Sensory input is very important for autistic children, and the staff would like to build a Sensory Garden for the children to enjoy.

The concert will be held at the church on **Saturday 12th May**, starting at 7pm. Admission is £5 which includes refreshments during the interval. Tickets will be available on the door. All profits will go to the school for their Sensory Garden Project.

General Church Meeting

This is planned to take place as part of our Morning Worship on Sunday 13th May. It is our opportunity to appoint the church stewards for the year and also the representatives to the church council. Nomination papers for the church council can be found on the table behind the back pew, please pass any completed nomination papers to Celia Crompton or the senior stewards by Sunday 6th May. Thank you.

Carnival (June 9th)

We have once again booked a stall on Carnival Day, on the Playing Fields, to advertise the presence and importance of Wesley Pace within Alsager. We are looking for volunteers to spend an hour or two, either setting up the stall during the late morning, or manning the stall to distribute leaflets etc. If you are able to give your time in this way, please can you put your name on the rota on the notice board outside the Hall as soon as possible.

PLANTS, CAKES AND COFFEE MORNING

Alsager Ladies Lifeboat Guild warmly invites you to come along for coffee on Saturday 12th May 10am to 12 noon at St Marys Church Alsager. Coffee and biscuits £1. Stalls include plants, cakes, craft items and RNLI goods. All proceeds to the RNLI Mayday appeal.

Church Anniversary and Gift Day

Church Anniversary and Gift Day - Coming up fast!!

Just a little update with some more finalised arrangements for everyone on this event!

As you know, this year our Church Anniversary Weekend is a little earlier than usual on the 19th and 20th May. This coincides with the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle and it's also Pentecost!

In honour of our church community and a good cross Atlantic wedding we are going to host an American style brunch on Saturday 19th from 10.30am before screening the Royal Wedding Coverage in the church and then finish with a quintessentially British afternoon tea from 2.30pm - outside if the weather lets us!

The brunch is ticketed, but only for catering purposes so if you want to attend please let Harriet know or sign up on the noticeboard. And if anyone knows how to roller skate - let me know...

The Afternoon Tea will be a Faith event and you should find food sign up sheets on the notice board. All contributions welcomed!

There are also the ubiquitous rotas up for help on the day, anyone who wants to join in the behind the scenes fun is welcome.

We really want this to be an event that absolutely everyone enjoys, no matter your age so whether you want to simply attend quietly, help out a little, or donate to the Gift day, this weekend really is a cause for celebration!

So, re the Gift Day -

We have heard the cries of church goers and room users about the horror that is the schoolroom chairs - we've all dodged an interesting stain or two, and then there's the chair we broke in the pantomime...

So, following on from the funds generously donated from the Can't Sing Choir's concert we are holding a Gift Day on the 19th to find new chairs. Hooray! One chair will cost approximately £50 so whether you feel able to donate a leg, a back, a seat, or a whole chair, every little helps!!

If you are able to donate someone will be in the vestry throughout the day to receive your donations which will be very much appreciated.

For more information please speak to Harriet.



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

**Chester and Stoke on Trent
District Spring Day and Easter Offering**

Nantwich Methodist Church,

Monday 21 May 2018

With a presentation in the morning by

Sandra Goodwin

(Connexional MWiB President)

Drinks from 10am for 10.30 start

Please bring your lunch, drinks provided

**There will be books, cards, Fairtrade and resources for sale.
The afternoon service at 2pm will include the dedication of the
Easter Offering.**

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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

Visit the Circuit website (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	6th May, 2018	13 May, 2018
Morning Readers	Ann Pask Roger Pask	Glenis Roper Carol Challinor
Stewards	Janet Keen Helen Robertson	Isabel Brislen Andrew Shaw
Offertory	Anne Milner Jean Walker Liz & Tony Hough	Clive Pretty Sandra Rawlinson Ruth & George Heeks
Welcome Morning	Alan & Muriel Rhead	Val Snowden Elsie Pritchard
Evening Stewards	Ann Pask Gordon Degg	Stuart Carron Val Carron
Coffee Morning	Joy	The Novices
Counting	Helen Robertson Geraldine Higgason Alicia Crompton	Isabel Brislen Margaret Keeling Hilary Gray
Vestry Steward	Gwynneth Proudlove	Lesley Peake