

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

# The Messenger



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September, 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, **Stewart Carron and Sandra Rawlinson**

## **Sunday 2nd September 2018**

10:30am Rev Rob Hilton - Holy Communion

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

3:00pm Circuit Service - Top of the Town Farm, Broomhall

Redeemer God,  
you heard the cry of your people  
and sent Moses your servant to lead them out of slavery.  
Free us from the tyranny of sin and death  
and, by the leading of your Spirit,  
bring us to our promised land;  
though Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen**

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## **Message from our Minister**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! September is the time we Methodists start our administrative year, all the committee meeting dates are in the diary, and we review the last year and look forwards to the next.

With all our agendas, minutes, and papers, it's easy to get busy. Since I read two little books a few years ago, one about Sabbath, by a wonderful Jewish Rabbi, and one by a Church of England vicar on Time Wisdom, I have tried very hard to avoid being busy. That means taking time to listen, reflect, wait, and then speak and act when it's right to do so.

I knew a wonderful old lady once, (she wouldn't mind me saying that, she was over 80 and called herself a crumbly old woman!) one of the wisest and most spiritual people I have known. She'd been a Methodist all her life, held every office a lay person could except vice president of conference, and preacher, yet she knew when to speak. As the grandmother of two teenage girls she told them about life, the truth about men, and what opportunities they would have that she hadn't as she reflected on her whole life. She also told them about her faith, and the need for prayer. To pray with her was like creeping up to the gates of heaven itself, (which it in fact was!) and always sent a tingle down my spine. I was conscious of the deep connection with God she had, it underpinned her daily life, and rubbed off a bit on me. When she was present at worship I was leading, or a committee I was at, I always felt the presence of God more keenly.

Our committee meetings can often be times when pent up feelings are expressed, sometimes personality clashes can become evident, and the matters on the agenda appear vitally important in the moment. Yet the most important question behind everything on our agendas is 'What is the work of God here?' If it's our business we ask God to bless, we've kind of got it wrong. If it's God's work we're involved in, we're nearer, I think, to what I would hope our business is about.

The Kingdom of God as Jesus spoke of it nearly always turned things upside down, and went contrary to what most people expected, well, religious people anyway. If our lives and our church business, are approached with this seeking of God's presence, and activity, we will more truly be the Christian people, and the Church, He calls us to be.

Bring on those agendas and let's pray!

God bless,  
Rob

### **Diary for Week Beginning Monday 3rd September, 2018**

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

**Tues: 2:30-3:30pm:** Tea and Chat

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

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

### **Dates for your Diary**

**3 September-** Brereton Heath Family Fun Day

**4 September-** Worship Consultation

**14-16 September-** Church Family Weekend

**19 September-** 150 Anniversary Meeting

**6 October -** Barn Dance and Plougman's Supper

**7 October-** Harvest

## **Services in September**

### **Sunday 9th September**

10:30am Service led by Mrs Liz Duffy

6:30pm Service led by Rev Rob Hilton - Holy Communion

### **Sunday 16th September**

10:30am LA

6:30pm Service held at URC

### **Sunday 23rd September**

10:30am Service led by Rev Malcolm Lorimer

6:30pm Service led by Mrs Yvonne Needham

### **Sunday 30th September**

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jeremy Tresise

### **Service at Milton House**

9th September

Rev Arthur Wakelin

## **Regular activities held this month**

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

Tuesday Tea and Chat 2:30pm

Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place at 9:30am 12th and 26th

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

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

## **Wesley Place 150th Anniversary**

As most of you probably know it is the 150th anniversary of our church next year and planning is underway for a time of celebration, outreach and fundraising to commemorate 150 years of Wesley Place's presence in Alsager. An open meeting is going to be held at 6.30pm on 19th September for anyone who is interested in helping with the organisation of this big event in the life of the church. All are welcome to attend, even if you just want to listen, so do come and join in (there may well be cake!). Also, if you are on social media look out for a new Wesley Place Facebook group for the 150th anniversary and use the hashtag #ISOllovewesleyplace!

## **Harvest Supper and Barn Dance**

In keeping with this year's Harvest theme of British Farming we are celebrating Harvest with a Barn Dance (or Ceilidh) with Ploughman's Supper on Saturday 6th October at 5.30pm with live band 'Shave the Donkey'!

Tickets are £6 (half price for children) and are available from Harriet or The Stewards.

As ever, absolutely all are welcome, and be assured that you will not be pressured to dance if you don't want to, you can just come along and enjoy fellowship, food and music. However, if you like a good dance bring your dancing shoes and get stuck in!

If anyone has a spare gingham tablecloth, wooden serving board or kilner jar, or if you want to help set up or clear up on the day speak to Harriet or sign up on the ubiquitous sign up sheet on the notice board as any of these would be very welcome!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 6th October whether you want to sit, toe tap and watch, or throw shapes on the dance floor.

Harriet

## **Circuit Service 3pm on Sunday 2nd September**

This will be held on Top of the Town Farm, Heatley Farm Rd off Heatley Lane, Broomhall CW5 8BA at 3pm. We are looking forward to this as an opportunity to gather all ages together for a fun afternoon and to pray for a Faithful and Fruitful Future as the Cheshire South Circuit. Please do all you can to invite people to attend including, if possible, offering transport from your churches.

## **Church Family**

Chris and Peter wish to thank all those friends at Wesley Place who donated much of their time and love on visiting guiding and feeding us. As you may know Chris is now on the way to full recovery after breaking her hip on holiday.

If by any unfortunate chance you have a similar accident Rob's pastry and Ruth's filling is to die for.

With love,

Chris and Peter

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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



Birthdays in September

**Martha Blue** Happy 11th

**Jodie Rawlinson** Happy 14th

**Jenson Harvey** Happy 5th

**Molly Ibbs** Happy 13th

Lots of love and best wishes

from all your friends at Wesley Place

