

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

The Messenger

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November, 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, **Helen Robertson and Lesley Peake**

Sunday 11th October 2018 - Choir Sunday/Remembrance

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Rev Rob Hilton - Memorial Service

Services in November

Sunday 18th November

10:30am Service led by Michael Guy

6:30pm Service held at the URC

Sunday 25th November

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

Dates for your Diary

12 November- Remembrance Event for Schools

23-26 November- Christmas Tree Festival

01 December- Christmas Quiz

04 December- Worship Consultation

09 December - Am service Toy Service

16 December - 4pm Cracker Service

23 December - Am service Nativity

23 December - Evening service Carol Service

Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

“Remember remember the fifth of November” - with bonfire night fireworks becoming ever bigger celebrations, and community events, and the guy on the bonfire being now decidedly un politically correct, we are in danger of forgetting that behind it lies a lesson from history about power, politics, religion and democracy. Every poll about the Brexit vote shows that the biggest single motivating factor behind those who voted leave, was sovereignty - who holds the power, to whom they are accountable, and the involvement of the British people in their own fate. Let us remember the lessons of history.

Remembrance day this year marks a century since the official ending of the First World War, as history is remembered, it will be edited, told, and some things forgotten, some hi-lighted. But as we host a Remembrance event for school children here at Wesley Place, it is hoped that some of the lessons of history will be remembered and passed on to today’s young generation.

That event will include remembering the first world war, as well as the last supper, when Jesus said ‘when you eat this bread and drink this wine, remember me’.

I am reminded of a remembrance day when Rob Frost’s gospel music ‘Breaking Bread’ was doing the rounds, the circuit choir was due to come and lead morning worship on remembrance day and many people said it was inappropriate to have communion, especially this new musical communion on remembrance day. Well, it went ahead, and many commented afterwards how appropriate in fact it had been.

Why?

Because remembering is very powerful, it summons up powerful motivations, asks often challenging questions, as well as deeply honouring the past - lives taken in war, and the life of Jesus taken.

We will also host the memorial service for those who have died these last two years, loved ones and funerals will be remembered, and those grieving pray for. I hope it will be a quiet, moving, and healing service for those who attend.

In this season of remembrance, let us do all our remembering gently, spiritually, and openly. As Christian people, let us remember, by dwelling in the presence of God who remembers and knows all things, holds all things, and seeks only the good of our world, and the healing and well being of all people, all communities, and all nations.

Your friend and Minister,

Rob.

Regular activities held this month

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

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

Monday Fun every Monday 2pm-4pm

Tuesday Fellowship every Tuesday starting at t 2:30pm

Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place at 9:30am 14th and 28th

Guild meet 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th and 21st

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 meet 8:45am Saturday 17th

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

Whats on at Wesley Place this week

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

Tues: 2:30-3:30pm: Tuesday Fellowship

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 Carol Simmons

Thur: 10:00am: CAMEO Ladies meet at Astbury Garden Centre

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

Service at Milton House

18th November

Joyce Owen

Can you help

“Wanted to borrow for the Christmas tree Festival small tables at least 15” diameter or square and about 18” to 21” high.

Please contact Gordon”

Christmas Gift Service - Sunday 9th December

We are looking forward to this important annual Service. This year Christmas gifts for all age groups are needed and Captain Susan Stubblings from Kidsgrove Salvation Army will be coming along to the Service to receive the gifts. These will be distributed in the local community and are much needed. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Sunday 11th November **6.30pm**

All those families for whom we have hosted a funeral, or Rob or Jim have led a funeral service, are being invited to Wesley Place for the evening service of 11th November. A roll of the names of those who have died in the last 2 years will be read, and it is hoped the service will be one of peace, remembering, and healing. If you would like the name of a loved one remembered, who may not be on the list, please let Rob know by 10th November. If you simply want to quietly remember someone in your grief, do come to the service.

Christmas Angels

Thanks to all our wonderful knitters we have over 200 Angels and still more to come in.

Now we need to get them labelled and will be doing this in room 4 on Monday afternoon Nov 12th & 19th 2-4pm

Also we need to add strings to the labels for the Memory tree at the Christmas Tree Festival

If you are able please come along and help the more the merry a and the sooner we will get the jobs done!

Many thanks Bronwen

Gift Aid Donations

Many thanks to all who have contributed to Church funds by regular giving or donations which has enabled us to re-claim a tax refund of £12,034 from HM Revenue and Customs. However, we do feel that this can be increased if more people gift-aided their donations. There is no additional cost to yourselves but it means that for every pound you give, the Church can re-claim 25p from the Government.

If you are a tax payer and do not already gift-aid your donation then perhaps you would consider this. Please contact me on 874109 or at Church. Joe Tabinor



Annual Christmas Tree Festival 23rd November – 26th November 2018

We are looking forward to one of our major outreach events of the year and everyone is encouraged to be involved. Help is needed with welcoming visitors, serving refreshments, providing cakes etc., & taking a turn on the stalls in the hall. A working party is also needed in the morning on Friday 23rd November to tidy the church, fold programmes and set up the hall before the Festival and on Tuesday 27th November to clean and polish the church after the Festival, refreshments provided! Or perhaps you can you spare an hour to be around when the trees are being decorated on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd or when they are being collected on Monday 26th in the evening?

Rotas If you would like to offer help at the Festival **please sign up on the rotas in the Hall** or speak to Celia. Your help really is valued and there are plenty of slots to be filled so please do make sure your name is on the rota if you are able to join in. Don't forget to make a note of your chosen start and finish times to ensure a smooth handover!

Christmas Crafts and Wood Stall Lesley Peake is the contact for the stalls this year, please contact Lesley if you have any Christmas crafts, homemade goods & gifts or bring them to the stall on the Friday or over the weekend.

Refreshments. Seasonal refreshments will be available all weekend, please sign up to help or to offer cakes and mince pies etc.

Memory Tree This year the funds raised from the Memory Tree will be donated to Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

Opening Times The Festival will be opened at 2pm on Friday 23rd November by Rev'd Rob Hilton.

Friday 23rd November 2pm – 5.30pm and re-opening at 7.30pm for informal Carol Singing by the Christmas Trees with tea and mince pies.

All are welcome to come along.

Saturday 24th November 10am – 4.30pm

Sunday 25th November 2pm – 8pm

Monday 26th November 10am – 4pm

For any more information about the CTF please speak to Gordon and Bronwen.

Lucky Bags

Following the success of “Lucky Dip Bags” during previous years’ Christmas Tree Festivals, we would like to repeat the stall once again at this year’s Festival.

We would be grateful if you could supply some small gifts which will fit inside a large paper bag and which would sell for £2. Any gifts of a “stocking filler” nature will do; these could range from sweets and chocolate through to cosmetics, soaps etc. Please, no cast-offs; the rule of thumb is that if you would be pleased to receive it, then it is suitable.

Could you please give any gifts to Jenny Marshall or Janet McKie as soon as possible. Alternatively please contact Jenny or Janet if you would like someone to collect them.

Christmas Crafts

I am organising the Craft and Gift stall for the Christmas Tree Festival again this year. I would be very grateful for your donations and ideas. The festival runs from Friday 23 to Monday 26 November. Many thanks
Lesley Peake

150th Anniversary

Thank you to all who came to the first open meeting for our 150th Anniversary celebrations!

Your many ideas were so wonderful!

Please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 28th November at 7pm at church where we can look at the progress that has been made and you can decide where, when and how you might want to be involved! As ever, these meetings are open to everyone, and it's important the whole church can be involved and feel part of this event. Hope to see you there.

Jonathan Veira Concert

One man concert at St Mary's Church Nantwich (CW5 5RQ) by Jonathan Veira on Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 each - ring 07718 894335 or pay at door.

Jonathan is a regular on Songs of Praise and at Spring Harvest etc and recently recorded the prize winning new hymn for Remembrance "Hope for the world's despair"



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

MWiB Conference

11th -13th march 2019 at Willersley Castle, Lead by Ann Browes

Booking forms now available from Bronwen

Thank you

Arch have sent a letter of thanks for the donations of Harvest Food to the refuge accommodation.

Your donations help to ensure that there is emergency items to give out to people on arrival at the refuge. Without this people would not have access to emergency food until they are able to get an alternative provision, such as a food bank.



Wesley Place Church Family Weekend

20th – 22nd Sept 2019 at the Ambassador Hotel, Llandudno

- Workshops
- Discussion
- Challenge

**See Ian Marshall for
booking forms**

- Games
- Competitions
- Fun for all the family

CHESTER & STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT

LOVE AND LIGHT

To be held at

Wolstanton Methodist Church

on A527, High Street, Wolstanton, ST5

OHS

On

**Monday 19 November
2018**

Drinks at 10am for 10.30 start.

Please bring your lunch, drinks provided

**Please choose two workshops on the book-
ing form**

**Suggested donation of £5 will be collected
on the day.**

**There will be a short service after lunch, fol-
lowed by a drink and a mince pie**

Booking form from Bronwen

Winterley Methodist Church & Community Centre

Crewe Road CW11 4RP



BAND SUNDAY

18 November 2018

at 6.30 pm

Service led by
Rev'd Malcolm Lorimer



Selection of music by the
Winterley Methodist Brass Band
& Trainer Band

**Come and help us celebrate 80 years of
music making**

Minister: Rob Hilton (01270) 872597 robakiddles@icloud.com - Day off Friday
Lay Worker: 07799 192626
Senior Steward Team: (01270) 878753 and (01270) 874698
Booking Secretary: (01270) 879633
Notices for Pew Leaflet and Projector:
Contact **both** Sarah Simpson (01270) 874393 or e-mail: sarahsimo28@live.co.uk
and Andrew Tyrell email: andrew@tyrells.co.uk
by **Wednesday 8pm** please.



Birthdays in November

Anna Lindblad Happy 15th birthday for the 8th
Eleanor Morley-Smith Happy 13th for the 23rd

Lots of love and best wishes
from all your friends at Wesley Place

"Alsager Community Church invite us to..."

Come spend an evening with us and Evangelist Luke Vardy.

Saturday 24th November at 7:30pm

Luke is a skilled communicator who has travelled the country and the world sharing his engaging message of hope on the streets and in large venues and praying for people to be healed of sickness. He is not to be missed!