

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

The Messenger

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October, 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 30th September 2018

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jeremy Tresise

Services in October

Sunday 7th October Harvest

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

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jim Needham

Sunday 14th October

10:30am Service led by Hilda White

6:30pm Service led by Rev Jennifer Matthews - Holy Communion

Sunday 21st October

10:30am Service led by Ms Gifty Asamoah

6:30pm Service held at the URC

Sunday 28th October

10:30am Service led by Mr Daniel Keen

6:30pm Service led by Mr Ian White

Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

Over the last year I have enjoyed getting to know Wesley Place as a church. We are a friendly bunch of people, a welcoming church, and we know what we like and what we're good at. In the last 12 months I've been aware of a few new people finding a welcome that has meant they have stayed, joined in, and transferred their church membership here.

At the Church Council in September I shared some of my observations and reflections. One of the greatest and obvious gaps in our life as a church, is where we do our learning and growing; where our fellowship is more than just friendship, but a spiritual sharing that binds us together.

Jesus calls us to follow and learn, and we can't do that on a Sunday morning only. John Wesley organised the early Methodists into classes where they shared what their faith meant to them. Any new and growing Christian movement has within it small groups where people can trust one another, ask the questions they dare not ask unless amongst friends, support and pray for one another, get to know the Bible together, and grow and deepen their spiritual and psychological selves.

If that sounds a bit heavy, please don't be worried, it's as natural as breathing and as easy as living; which, yes, can be challenging at times!

The Church Council encouraged me to ask a few people if they'd be willing to open their homes and host a few people, and others if they'd be willing to lead a group. I'll be doing this over the next few weeks, and if you'd like to know more or volunteer, please contact me. Then, I'll be suggesting we build a few groups and start growing and learning together.

We do have a few groups that do this here at Wesley Place, but they're not as coordinated, say, as the pastoral committee, the property team, or the group that organises the Christmas tree festival. I'd like to look towards a time when the majority of the active church membership are meeting regularly, reading the Bible together, and praying together.

When we can say ‘At Wesley Place this autumn we’re learning about so-and-so, and do you know it’s made such a difference to me and my faith’.

Jesus started with one group of 12, and took it from there, sounds a good idea to me!

God bless,

Your ministry and friend,

Rob

Dates for your Diary

6 October- AM Decorating Church for Harvest
PM Barn Dance and Ploughman’s Supper

7 October- Harvest Services

10 November - Travellers’ Tales Social Evening

12 November- Remembrance Event for Schools

23-26 November- Christmas Tree Festival

01 December- Christmas Quiz

04 December- Worship Consultation

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 10th and 24th

Guild meet 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd and 17th

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 20th

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

Whats on at Wesley Place this week

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

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

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

Tues: 2:30-3:30pm: Tuesday Fellowship - Favourite CD's

Wed: 10.00am: Church open for prayer from 10 to 12 noon with
"Time Out" at 10:30. Led by Rev Jim Needham

Followed by Tea and Biscuits

7:30pm: Guild - David Maidment

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

7:30pm: Choir rehearsal

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

Service at Milton House

21st October

Hilda White

Lost Property

A ring was found last Wednesday. If you think it could be yours please speak to one of the stewards.

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

Harvest Decoration and Produce

As you all know (because you should have your Barn dance tickets!) this year's Harvest theme is British Farming. Decorating the church will take place on the Saturday morning (6th October) between 10am and 12pm. All are welcome, come, bring anything 'harvesty' (or farming related!) you may have to decorate around the pulpit and pitch in. There will also be a craft activity for the children (or the young at heart!) for display in the foyer!

All produce on display or bought on Sunday morning to give will be distributed between the Foodbank and Arch. (See list of items the Food Bank need on the back)

Look forward to seeing you!! (And don't forget your barn dance tickets either)

Christmas Angels

We are hoping to bomb the Village with Christmas Angles over the weekend of the Christmas tree festival.

So we need Knitters to make the angles, we have a very simple pattern so join the team and get knitting.

Lets see if we can make at least 100 and bring a smile to the people of Alsager.

Patterns from Bronwen.

Choir Performance at Wesley Place

Alsager Community Choir (conducted by Daniel Keen) present a concert in aid of CMT. On 13th October

Featuring a wide variety of music suitable for all ages and tastes as well as musical theatre numbers by guest soloist Lucy Jane.

Tickets, £5, are available in advance from Daniel or on the door.

Prayer Book

Due to data protection and personal confidentiality please note the following advisory information when writing prayers in the Prayer Book:

People must give their permission and agreement to be prayed for in public. Personal information should not be given unless there has been agreement. Prayers should be sensitively written so they can be read out correctly.

Points to Ponder

I am pleased that Rob is hoping to get new house groups started. I have learned so much by belonging to one and look forward to joining one again.

Worship on a Sunday, on its own, no matter how meaningful, is not enough and study and prayer are essential if we are to progress in our faith. At the church weekend Rob recommended a few books, “God of Surprises” by Gerard W. Hughes was one. The following extract is from it, it is a little ‘deep’ but worth thinking about.

I find prayer difficult but we were led in meditation at Willersley which I and others found very helpful, this book is a guide into meditation and knowing ourselves better and am finding it helpful. Gordon Degg

“True Christianity will always be critical, questioning and continually developing in its understanding of God and of Human life. The subject matter for religion is every human experience. In Christian understanding God is present in all things, and creation itself is an effective sign of his presence— a sacrament. That is why there has always been such an emphasis on learning in the Christian tradition. St. Anselm wrote, faith seeks understanding. The nature of true faith is to trust that God is at work in everything and that there is no question which falls outside the scope of religious enquiry.If the critical element is not fostered, Christians will remain infantile in their religious belief and practice, which will have little or no relation to everyday life and behaviour.”



Birthdays in October

Thomas Morris Happy 9th birthday for the 16th

Rosie Richardson Happy 11th for the 17th

Cameron Chambers Happy 12th for the 18th

Caitlin Spencer Happy 13th for the 22nd

Jemma Rawlinson Happy 6th for the 26th

Lots of love and best wishes

from all your friends at Wesley Place

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by **Wednesday 8pm** please.

Foodbank List

Breakfast Cereals

Tea and Coffee and Sugar

Soups (pkt or tins)

Tinned Meats

Tinned Veg including tomatoes and potatoes

Tinned Fruit

Jellies

Rice pudding, Jam, Custard

Noodles (dried)

UHT milk

Squash or Juice

Baked Beans and Tinned Spaghetti

Cook in Sauces

Pasta

Rice

Ladies Sanitary wear

Toothpaste/brushes

Toilet Rolls

Babies Nappies

Soap/Shower gel/shampoo

Pet Food