

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

# The Messenger



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March, 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 4th March 2018**

10.30am: Service led Rev Rob Hilton - Holy Communion

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service

6:30pm Service led by Mrs Susan Taylor - Alternative Worship

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE

## **Message from our Minister**

Dear Friends,

What a good start we have to our Lent Study, 'Holy Habits', nearly 30 people in Costa Coffee on a Monday morning, and just over half a dozen in the evening group at Church.

As we began to think about the Holy Habits of the very early Church as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, we thoughts about the habits of Wesley Place as a Church, and the habits of the smaller groups within it. Without any prompting from me, people listed both good and bad habits!

Then we thought about a Habitat - a place where something lives, grows and thrives.

When we compare our Church to the habitat of the early Church we find some similarities - openness and welcome, breaking into groups, some more welcoming than others; and we find some differences, perhaps a lack of intentional outreach because we concentrate on ourselves, for example.

The big similarity for me was that we are a community of Christian faith, the biggest difference that we concentrate our main energy perhaps into a Sunday morning activity, and we need to be more intentional about the kind of habitat we are in other ways and activities.

Lent is a time for taking a long hard look at ourselves, examining ourselves as God sees us, and if we are serious about it, letting go of the bad habits, and putting some effort into building the good habits.

The publishers of the 'Holy Habits' book suggest a Church might need up to 2 years to seriously examine each habit and try and implement it in the life of a local church.

Here's the list, in the context of the Acts reading, can you spot the 10 habits?

How does Wesley Place fare as a habitat that fosters their growth?

Acts 2: 42-42:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

It's certainly food for thought!

God bless,

Your Minister and friend,

Rob Hilton.

### **Readings for your Devotions**

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

### **Diary for Week Beginning Monday 5th March, 2018**

**Mon: 11:30am:**Funeral of Ursula Kirk  
**2pm-4pm:** Monday fun - table top games

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

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

**Sun: 5pm-6:30pm:** Sparkz - youth club for 7-11years  
**7pm-8:30pm:** Ablaze - youth club for 12-18 years

## Services in March

### Sunday 4th March:

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

6:30pm Service led by Mrs Susan Taylor - Alternative Worship

### Sunday 11th March

10:30am Service led by Rev Rob Hilton - Mothering Sunday

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

### Sunday 18th March

10:30am Service led by Rev Arthur Wakelin

6:30pm Service held at URC

### Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

10:30am Service led by Mrs Hilda White

6:30pm Service led by Mr Ian White

Service at Milton House      18th March      Rev Arthur Wakelin

## Regular activities held this month

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

Women's Fellowship meet on Tuesday 2:30pm

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

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 17th March

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

Youth Clubs Sundays- 5pm-6:30pm: Sparkz - youth club for 7-11years

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

## Dates for your Diary

<b>26 Feb- 26 Mar</b>	Lent Course
<b>6 Mar</b>	Women's Fellowship restarts
<b>15-17 Mar</b>	Panto
<b>29 Mar:</b>	Maundy Thursday at St Mary's
<b>30 Mar:</b>	<b>10am:</b> Good Friday - Hot Cross Bun Service
<b>1 Apr:</b>	<b>9am:</b> Easter Breakfast
<b>18 Apr:</b>	<b>8am-8pm:</b> Day of Prayer
<b>21 Apr:</b>	<b>7:30pm:</b> Winterley Brass Band Concert for RNLI
<b>28 Apr:</b>	Beetle Bag Drive
<b>13 May:</b>	General Church Meeting
<b>15 May:</b>	<b>7:30pm:</b> Worship Consultation
<b>19/20 May:</b>	Church Anniversary Weekend
<b>2 Jun:</b>	<b>10am:</b> Plant Sale in aid of Leprosy Mission
<b>9 Jun:</b>	Alsager Carnival
<b>14-16 Sep:</b>	Church Family Weekend

## Church Family News

The funeral of Ursula Kirk is on 5th March. Service of Thanksgiving at Wesley Place at 11.30, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Please note the sad death of Nancy Kellett on 27th February at Lawton Rise Care Home. A Thanksgiving Service for her will take place at Wesley Place on Monday 26th March at 2.15 pm. We hold Rob, one of her sons, and the rest of her family in our prayers

## "Stamp party"

We will again be trimming and sorting stamps in room 3 on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Come along, have a chat, biscuits and a cup of teas you trim and sort them. Please bring your own scissors. If you can't join us then but would like to help, please let me know, I have plenty of stamps! Gordon



## **Women's Fellowship**

Women's fellowship begins its spring / summer session on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, we have a varied program which hopefully will appeal to all.

We are part of the wider fellowship of Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) and include in our program both Circuit and District MWiB events.

We look forward to welcoming ladies of all ages to our fellowship, and encouraging, equipping, and enabling all as we walk on our Christian Journey. Bronwen Degg



## **Fairtrade Stalls**

In response to the very limited availability of even basic fairly traded goods at ASDA, and the regrettable decision of Sainsbury's to produce their own label fairly traded tea, [which is not independently authenticated by the Fairtrade Foundation and carries no fair-trade symbol!], Wesley Place Church is trying out a Fairtrade stall on the first Sunday in each month beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The stall will be open between 11- 45 and 12 -45 after the morning service and between 5 - 45 and 6- 15 before the evening service. Copies of the Traidcraft catalogue will be available for you to take away and you can phone and order goods for collection. It might be nice to time your visit so you can attend the service too. [10 .30 am and 6 .30 pm.]

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL.

## **Wesley Place Methodist Church presents** **Aladdin**

A traditional family pantomime Written and Directed by Daniel Keen and Harriet Crompton

15th-17th March 7:30pm and 2:30pm on 17th.

Tickets: £7.50 Adults, £5 Children, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

Available soon from Daniel or Harriet. All proceeds to Church funds.

### **Can you help?**

Large white/light coloured sheets required for making into pantomime back drops. If you have anything could you please contact Colin McKie or phone 882352.

## **POLICY ON RAFFLES AT WESLEY PLACE**

Following a discussion at the Church Council it was agreed on a majority vote that the policy on raffles as stated in Methodist Standing Orders should be applied to all organisations. Methodist churches are now, under Standing Order 924, allowed to hold small raffles on Methodist premises where the sum expended on prizes does not exceed £50, none of the prizes may be cash prizes, and the raffle must not be 'a substantial inducement' for persons to attend the event. No other forms of gambling are permitted on Methodist premises or at Methodist events. We are also reminded that alcohol is not allowed on Methodist premises at all and therefore cannot be a raffle prize.

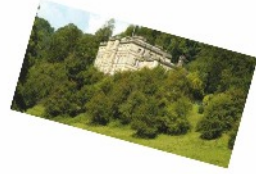
### **Recycling.**

Please do not put batteries or ink jet cartridges in your council bins as they cause contamination of land-fill sites. Batteries can be deposited at most supermarkets or in the box on or stage. Cartridges can be put in the box and I will sort them and get cash for some Canon and H. P. for much needed church funds

Stamps, postcards and tools are always required,

# Church Family Weekend

This year's Church Family Weekend will take place between 14th and 16th September at Willersley Castle, near Matlock Bath in Derbyshire. Booking forms, including details of prices, are now available from Jenny Marshall, or by telephoning 01270 876088. Please note that booking forms and deposits should be returned to Jenny no later than 11th March to guarantee a place at this year's Family Weekend.



## *Wesley Place Church Family Weekend*

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at Willersley Castle, Matlock, Derbyshire



- Workshops
- Discussion
- Challenge



**See Jenny Marshall for  
booking forms**



- Games
- Competitions
- Fun for all the family



Churches Together in Alsager

**Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal**

St. Mary's is now well-known in Alsager for hosting a Fellowship Meal on Maundy Thursday. This celebrates Our Lord's Last Supper with his Disciples, and this year we shall hold the meal on

**Thursday March 29th**

Please sign your name on the list in your church if you wish to attend.

Suggested donation £5

Alsager Community Theatre presents ...

**God's Own**

**Country** by Keith Plant

... Sometimes a death scars a nation -

the tragedy of Jo Cox

The Bank Corner, Alsager

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm

Tickets : £3

Booking 01270 883966

[www.alsagercommunitytheatre.org.uk](http://www.alsagercommunitytheatre.org.uk)



# Lifeboats

## CONCERT

Alsager Ladies Lifeboat Guild present

WINTERLEY METHODIST BRASS BAND IN CONCERT

here at Wesley Place on Saturday 21st April at 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 including interval refreshments from Ann H, Celia, Geraldine and Harriet or on the door if available. There will also be an RNLI gift stall.

Please come along and help to raise much needed funds for the RNLI MAYDAY appeal.

## “The Poverty Thief”

“The thief comes only to steal and destroy but I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly” John 10. 10

It is a profound statement that picks up on the hopelessness that results from unending poverty. A poverty can be material emotional, spiritual or all three. Many in Africa have so little materially because of lack of education and skill that their self-worth and dignity is none existent . This in turn leads to a spiritual poverty of seeing themselves of no value or worth to God. This is the result of the “Poverty Thief” placing an almost unbreakable hold on a person. The challenge for Tools With A Mission is to break that grip by tool kits, and the training given by the help of partners across Africa. This is done day in and day for thousands of people providing a skill and a new trade. The tools that you donate provide far more than a livelihood, they defeat every hold the Poverty Thief has on a life. The latest project is aimed and educating deaf children and many laptop computers (in any condition) are required for this.

## **EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT**

**Audlem** - The Vicar of Dibley — admission £6. Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 March — contact Julia Parton 01270 811761 or email [programmes@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:programmes@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk)

**Broad Lane** -Sankey / Gospel Services 2.15pm Sunday 4 March — Rev'd Jeremy Tresise Sunday 8 April — Rev'd Malcolm Lorimer. Sunday 1 April — Easter Day Communion at 2:15pm with Revd Charlotte Lorimer

**Haslington** Good Friday- HMC will be open for quiet reflection from 10am. Refreshments will be served around 11 am following the Walk of Witness around Haslington.

**Nantwich** - Nantwich Christian Men's Supper Club- meets on the second Wednesday of the month from October to April at 7.00pm at Nantwich Methodist Church. The meal will cost £8.00 and bookings should be made by noon on the preceding Monday with Margaret Kirkman on 01270 611942

- 14/03/18 RURAL DISTRICT NURSING      ZOE LLOYD
- 11/04/18    THE RNLI APPROACHING 200 YEARS SERVICE  
BRYAN HUGHES

**Winterley Methodist** Brass Band is performing a concert - 'Welcome Home' at Winterley on Saturday 17 March at 7.30 pm. The event is to celebrate the band's return to Winterley following the completion of the building project. Tickets £6

**Minister:** Rob Hilton (01270) 872597 [robakiddles@icloud.com](mailto:robakiddles@icloud.com) - Day off Friday  
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**Lay Worker:** Jonathan Newbould 07799 192626 [jonathannewbould@aol.com](mailto:jonathannewbould@aol.com)  
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 Janet Keen - [janetkeen4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janetkeen4@yahoo.co.uk) (01270) 874698  
**Booking Secretary:** Ann Pask (01270) 879633  
**Notices for Pew Leaflet and Projector:**  
 Contact **both** Sarah Simpson 07718140733 or e-mail: [sarahsimo28@live.co.uk](mailto:sarahsimo28@live.co.uk)  
 and Andrew Tyrell email: [andrew@tyrells.co.uk](mailto:andrew@tyrells.co.uk)  
 by **Wednesday 8pm** please.

Church e-mail address - [Wesley.Place@tesco.net](mailto:Wesley.Place@tesco.net)  
 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

Church Rota	4th Mar, 2018	11th Mar, 2018
<b>Morning Readers</b>	Liz Hough Alison Bell	David Crompton Harriet Crompton
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet Keen Helen Robertson	Isabel Brislen Andrew Shaw
<b>Offertory</b>	Anne Milner Jean Walker Liz & Tony Hough	Clive Pretty Sandra Rawlinson Ruth Heeks George Heeks
<b>Welcome Morning</b>	Glennis Roper Barbara Haughton	Liz Hough Tony Hough
<b>Evening Stewards</b>	Margaret Keeling Carol Challinor	Hilda White Geoff White
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Women's Fellowship	Joy
<b>Counting</b>	Janet Keen Margaret Keeling Hilary Gray	Andrew Shaw Gwynneth Proudlove Rod Fletcher
<b>Vestry Steward</b>	Gwynneth Proudlove	Lesley Peake