

Wesley Place Methodist Church,
Lawton Road, Alsager

The Messenger

www.wesley-place.org.uk

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Looking around.

See what's been done to turn an old Pub into a thriving Church right there in the community in West End Stoke. In mid June a dozen or so of us went there for coffee, look round and lunch. We encourage others to visit. Given that we beginning to plan ahead for our 150th Anniversary in 2019 -we need to take time and travel to see how others are developing premises to serve today's and tomorrow's needs. Stoke isn't a blueprint for us but there are several others out there which we can visit.

Maybe we also need to ask some people to come and look us over with fresh eyes before we get "Project 150" set.

For a different experience go and have a look at the outdoor worship space at Poole, just beyond Reaseheath, on the 2nd & 4th Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm (CW5 6AL).

We're also exploring a daytime visit to Sinderland, nr Altrincham, where Rev Kevin Johnson (who came to HF last Oct). Is developing a workshop & retreat centre. We have in mind Tues 20th July.

Holiday travels also give opportunity to worship in other Sacred spaces - they also may give us ideas to bring home.

Whether home or away have a good summer. Jim Needham

Thank you

This is a moment to say thank you for the help and support of so many people have given to Yvonne and me over the past 12 months.enabling me to make my "Gap year" a helpful and enjoyable one.

We'll need to step back for a while. Our main home will still be here but we'll keep a low profile and worship elsewhere.

Like you we'll keep the Hilton family in our prayers as they settle in and lead a new and exciting chapter for Wesley Place.

Regular activities held this month

Monday Fun every Monday 2pm-4pm

025 Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:30am (Term Time Only)

Women's Fellowship meet 4th and 11th July

Walking Fellowship meet at Wesley Place at 9:30am 12th and 26th July and 9th and 23rd August

Midweek prayer - Wednesday 10:30am followed by tea and biscuits

Guild meet at 7:30pm on Wednesday 5th and 19th July

CAMEO Ladies Thursday 20th July 10am at Astbury Garden Centre

Men's Breakfast 15th July and 19th August

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

Rome and beyond

Oakhanger Project Italy Trip May 2017.

On Tuesday 23rd May 8 members of Oakhanger Project boarded a flight from Liverpool Airport to embark on a 9 day adventure that would take them to Rome followed by six days sailing round the islands off the Bay of Naples. We were met at Rome Airport by two USA Air force One planes - Donald had arrived before us with all the heightened security at the airport and in Rome as he greeted the Pope.

After a fascinating introduction to the history of Rome including the mandatory visit to the Coliseum we were whisked by train at 300 kilometres an hour to Naples and then by taxi (of sorts) to Pozzeoli and a night on board "Ocean Trilogy" ready for our "expedition" to the islands. The following day we set sail for Procida and then on to Ventonine with its relaxed "off the beaten track" atmosphere where we swam by the caves used to store Roman galleys. Returning to Ischia we witnessed the celebrations to the Virgin Mary with its procession of Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus through the streets of the town and by boat along the island.

Our final night at sea was spent at Procida enjoying the hospitality of the small village of Coricella before we returned to the mainland on Tuesday 30th May. Wednesday 31st May gave us chance to explore the history of Paul's journeys. This was the town, then known as Puteoli, that Paul landed on his way to Rome. The amphitheatre is breathtaking and brought a lump to my throat as I stood alone in the middle of the vast auditorium with the sound of cheering crowds (or was that the crows!) echoing around me.

The area below ground is almost intact and I almost expected a lion or gladiator to appear from the dark corners of that mysterious setting.

A tired group reached Rome for a final Italian meal before their 10pm return flight to Liverpool.

Thanks to Andy for his leadership and to Andy and his friends for the use of their boat. Thanks also to the Methodist Church and the Oakhanger Project for their support in enabling this trip to happen.

During the trip the group took the opportunity to study Paul's journey in the Book of Acts and followed a daily Bible Study based on Paul's theme "Complete in Christ". For further details or a copy of the Study Guide we used on The Journeys of Paul contact

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Wesley Place Lay Worker

Jonathan Newbould will be starting his role as Wesley Place Community Youth and Young Adult Worker on Monday 3rd July. He will be coming to our morning service on Sunday 16th July where there will be an opportunity to welcome him to our church family. This is a 2 year fixed term contract and we wish Jonathan every blessing and success in this new role and new venture for our church.



CIRCUIT EVENT

Afternoon of Celebration for the
Ministry of Reverend Malcolm Lorimer

Saturday Afternoon 22nd July 2017

At Broomhall & Sound Chapel and Grounds

There will be something for ALL Ages. Bring your
family & friends to join in the celebrations!

Please BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

BBQ

Refreshments

Games

Cakes

Activities: 2pm – 3.30pm

Time of Worship: 3.45 – 4.30

Activities continue 4.45 – 6pm

Storytelling
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Plenty of parking. Stay as long as you want

Broomhall & Sound Chapel & Grounds, Newtown Road, Sound
CW5 8BG

For more information please email info@cheshiresouth.org.uk Or
07745235253

TO ALL CHURCH FAMILIES IN CHESHIRE SOUTH

I am sure you are aware that Rev'd Malcolm Lorimer will be retiring in August.

As a farewell the Circuit is organising a Celebration of his 40 years of Ministry at ***Broomhall & Sound Chapel on Saturday 22nd July***. We would like to make this event attractive to ALL age groups and are encouraging members of our Circuit churches to invite family and friends to come along as well.

Malcolm is aware that he is having a Celebration event but we are trying to keep many of the specific details as much of a surprise as possible!

The Circuit would like to involve all the Churches and Mission Areas in this celebration and would like to ask your church to consider helping out in the following ways:

- Providing Cakes
- Running a summer fair type game booth activity- gazebos will be provided
- Helping in the refreshments tents
- Providing Giant Jenga / Chess / Draughts if available
- Face Painting for our younger members

If you can help in any of the above please let the Stewards know or sign up on the notice board asap

Reminder: Contribution to gift

Rev Malcolm Lorimer will be retiring in August after over 35 years serving the Methodist Church. If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift from the Circuit, please pass your donation to one of the stewards no later than Sunday 9th July.

Family Fun Day Friday 1st September Brereton Park

Sandbach Methodist Church invites us to a Family fun day at Brereton Country Park on the Friday 1st September 10.30am - 3.30pm.

There will be Kayaking, Building bridges, Orienteering, Team games. Enjoy a fun day out with your family. Bring a picnic and change of clothes.

The day is organised by the Oakhanger Project and all staff and volunteers have dbs clearance. All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day. All attendees to meet at Brereton Lake car park promptly by 10.15am for a 10.30am start. To book on this event please confirm with Alison Steele or Jonny Newbould (our new Lay Worker).

MWiB

Summer Tea

& Songs

At

Willaston

Methodist Church

**Bring & Buy
& Wood Stalls**

**Saturday 8th July
2:30pm-4:30pm**

Family News

Subject to tide and wind conditions Tom and Jean Walker's daughter Claire is hoping to swim from Spain to Morocco during the next two days.

Services

2nd July: 10:30am Rev Jim Needham inc Holy Communion
6:30pm Service at St Luke

9th July: 10:30am Mrs Ruth Pickles - Action for Children
6:30pm Rev Jim Needham inc Holy Communion

16th July: 10:30am Rev Jim Needham
6:30pm Mrs Bronwen Degg - Songs of Praise

23rd July: 10:30am Rev Malcolm Lorimer
6:30pm Mrs Yvonne Needham

30th July: 10:30am Miss Joyce Owen
6:30pm Mr Ian White

6th Aug: 10:30am Rev Jim Needham inc Holy Communion
6:30pm Mrs Bronwen Degg

13th Aug 10:30am Mrs Bronwen Degg
6:30pm Rev Jim Needham

20th Aug 10:30am Rev Jim Needham
6:30pm Rev Arthur Wakelin inc Holy Communion

27th Aug 10:30am Mrs Hilda White
6:30pm Mr Ian White

Milton House

23rd July 3:00pm Rev Arthur Wakelin

20th Aug 3:00pm Mrs Hilda White

Minister: All the Members

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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