

Keeping in Touch Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on Thursday afternoon ready for the Messenger and I think I am right in saying that this year's holiday club has been a massive success, thanks to Jonny, his team of helpers all week and thanks to the enthusiastic participation of all the children who have attended. We even had tears on Wednesday when one little boy was upset that he would miss Thursday because he was going to the Commonwealth games. Wow, we are more popular than the Commonwealth games!

Between 25 and 30 children have attended each day with around 40 individual children taking part in one or more days during the week. Some of these are regular attendees at Wesley Place, but we have also reached many more young people from the village.





Our theme this year has been Superheroes, and each day we have focused on a different superhero from the Bible. We have heard about Joseph, of multicoloured dreamcoat fame, Ruth, Mary mother of Jesus, Peter and Jesus himself. Each day we have joined in with stories about what made them a superhero and listened to interviews with the characters. We have played games like dodgeball, cones and domes and obstacle races. We have competed in quizzes testing our knowledge of world landmarks, chocolate and identifying animals from close up pictures, (who would have guessed what sharkskin looks like under

a microscope?!). Each day we have completed at least two craft activities. We completed superhero crafts, making masks, arm shields, spinners and designed our own superheroes. We made 'I had a dream' clouds looking at our dreams to remind us of Joseph, friendship bracelets to remind us of the love and friendship Ruth showed to Naomi, hand biscuits for Mary's helping hands, fishes for Peter the fisherman, and gingerbread men for Jesus, the fisher of men.

On Thursday the children started the morning making painted footprints across paper to represent Jesus and Peter walking on the water. We learnt that Peter needed to keep his eyes on Jesus to stop himself from sinking, and when he was distracted and fearful and lost sight of Jesus, he needed to refocus on Jesus to be saved. Following on from the story was our usual water games day. It was a bit chilly, but it didn't stop the children enjoying a water relay race, the water slide and finishing off with a water fight using water filled water bombs. Jonny and Imogen both got pretty wet, but the rest of us managed to stay dry.



Friday will focus on the biggest superhero of all, Jesus, and we will attempt to build our own superheroes, which hopefully you will be able to see on Sunday. We will also be finishing the week by inviting parents and carers to join with us for lunch.

The service on Sunday will be a follow up from the week. It will be a cafe style service, taking place in the hall, with cakes and hot and cold drinks available. Please come along to find out more of what we have been up to this week and to support this very important aspect of our continuing mission here in Alsager.

Thank you to all the team who have worked hard all week to make our holiday club such a success. A lot of planning and preparation has gone into this, and the support the volunteers have all offered to the children has been lovely to see. We couldn't do it without your help.

At our recent Enabling team meeting we discussed the problem of food poverty in the village this summer. This is one of the reasons why we decided to have a lunch together on Friday following holiday club. We also decided that, although we are not having a full second Sunday family brunch meeting this month, we will be holding a breakfast in the hall next Sunday. We would also like to put on a tea time meal, weekly, during the school holidays. If anyone else would be prepared to help with any of these events please contact Jonny, Rob, Lesley or Helen.

Thanks

Helen

Sunday	Time	Worship
7th Aug	10.30	Local Arrangement
14th Aug	Youtube	Led by Rev Rob Hilton
21st Aug	10.30	Led by Rev Rob Hilton
28th Aug	10.30	Led by Rev Jim Needham

MONDAY AFTERNOONS @ WESLEY PLACE

Please join us on Monday Afternoon 2pm-4pm for Board Games, tea/coffee, biscuits and chat.

Looking forward to seeing you

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS @WESLEY PLACE

Church open 11am-1pm

Please join us next Wednesday at 11. 30am for a short, informal service. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits and, of course, chat afterwards. BYO Lunch if you would like. Please join us. We'd love to see you

SUNDAY MORNING

Please note this Sunday morning's Holiday club service at 10.30am, led by Jonny and the children, is cafe style with tea, coffee and cakes and will be in the hall.

Upcoming baptism

We welcome by baptism, the family of Felicity Bloom, daughter of Rosie Reeks and Ben Bloom on Sunday morning 21st August.

Sing Along

Harriet has suggested some hymns for the week

Now thank we all our God

<https://youtu.be/s99dNPKYtHk>

Be Thou My Vision

<https://youtu.be/6AdBkJurR4>

The Lord's My Shepherd

<https://youtu.be/wrSOVXOOepc>

Tools With A Mission

require cloth bags and tool rolls. Can you help by making some please? I have patterns showing what is required. These bags are used to help pack sewing and knitting accessories and the tool rolls for chisels etc. All tools are sent to Africa and given to women and men after finishing their training in a particular trade. This enables them to earn a living, start their own business, pay for their children's education etc. I am still collecting tools (for TWAM) stamps (for Scripture Union helping to raise over £3500 last year) and postcards (for Mission Aviation Fellowship) Thanks, Gordon.

Christmas Tree Festival 2022?

Our Christmas Tree Festival is a great event, enjoyed and celebrated by Alsager, an opportunity to open and show off who we are and the building we call home, as well as a fund raiser.

But do we want it to continue?

Gordon and his team have worked tirelessly for 14 years and aren't as young as they were when they started! The team is also getting smaller.

If the festival is to continue, three things are asked for -

1. Someone, or a small team, to work with Gordon and learn the ropes this year, ready to take over next year.
2. A few people to offer muscles to lift and carry in setting up, and taking down the festival in the last week of November.
3. People to staff and run the stalls ...This year, if we are to have a festival, the weekend date would be 25-27th November. Work begins with cleaning and clearing the church on Tuesday 22nd, and continues until the following Tuesday in taking it down and cleaning and tidying ready for Advent and Christmas.

Please consider this notice YOUR personal invitation to be involved!

Crafty Ranters

No previous experience necessary!

A relaxed group that meets every 2nd Friday of the month to enjoy Chat, Cake, Coffee & Craft!

11 am to 1 pm

at

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum

CW2 5QW

Friday 12th August
Englesea Brook cross stitch

Cross stitch is a craft that embraces all walks of life and gender. To celebrate the cross stitch pictures that are at Englesea Brook we will make our own simple samplers.

To book your place please contact Ruth: director@engleseabrook.org.uk

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Here comes the sun! and we'll be

Travelling Light

at

Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum

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Join us each Saturday in August, 10.30am to 12.30pm
for summer fun, crafts, cake
and
sensory storytelling!

- Saturday, 7th August: **'Oh I do like to be by the seaside!'**

Come and enjoy a morning at the Englesea Brook beach, build a beach hut and design your own ice-cream.

Sensory story at 11am



- Saturday, 14th August: **'Pitch your tent here!'**

Come and meet us at camp in our beautiful countryside setting, go bug-hunting and make a bug shelter.

Sensory story at 11am



- Saturday, 21st August: **'Over the sea and faraway'**

Sail with the Prims to faraway lands and do a spot of boat-building to discover what floats and what doesn't.

Sensory story at 11am



- Saturday, 28th August: **'In the footsteps of saints'**

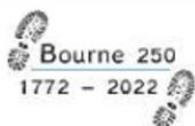
Did you know Englesea Brook is on the Two Saints Way? A route of pilgrimage between Chester and Lichfield. Discover who the two saints were and make your own peace sandals.

Sensory story at 11am



Activities are suitable for all ages and are free of charge, although donations are always very welcome!

Here at Englesea Brook Museum we aim to be as accessible as possible to all – if you have any particular needs please contact Elizabeth: learning@engleseabrook.org.uk
tel 01270 820836 (Weds to Fri) so that we can do our best to meet them.



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❤️🙏 Prayers from the Prayer Group this week: ❤️🙏

Each day and each night, each shade and each light, we bend our knee in the eye of the Father who has created us, in the eye of the Son who has redeemed us, in the eye of the Spirit who has cleansed us; in love and affection; in wisdom and grace in faith and in fear, for ever and ever Amen
(Gaelic prayer)

We are thankful for:

- *Clean water which we take for granted
- *What nature brings and fellowship
- *Willing volunteers
- *Counting and enjoying all our blessings
- *An all-inspiring Sunday Service
- *Patience in waiting with positive anticipation
- *Recovering from Covid
- *Celebrating family birthday's month

We pray:

- *For our planet
- *For the broken world
- *For politicians and leaders
- *For the poor and needy
- *For our churches locally and in the circuit
- *For Wesley Place
 - Holiday Club
 - Planning of the Tea Club
 - Pastoral visitors attend to the need of our congregation

Father, help us to live this day to the full; being true to you every way.

Jesus, help us to give ourselves away to others, being kind to everyone we meet.

Holy Spirit, help us to love the lost

Proclaiming Christ in all we do and say

Amen ❤️🙏