

Keeping in Touch

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Dear Friends,

Harvest at Wesley Place: Things that Grow

At this time of year, when fields are gathered in and gardens give up their final crops, we are reminded of the God who gives growth. Psalm 65 tells us that the Lord "cares for the land and waters it... crowning the year with bounty." Jesus adds, in his parable of the mustard seed, that even the tiniest beginning can become something great. We are reminded that we live not by accident or our own effort alone, but by the gift and grace of God who makes things grow.

Harvest is more than fruit and vegetables. It is also about the growth we see in one another and in our church family. We grow in faith when we pray and lean on God in daily life. We grow in fellowship when friendships deepen, and no one feels a stranger. We grow in service when we find ways to share our gifts with others. And we grow in hope when, even in uncertain times, we trust God for the future.

This year at Wesley Place we are inviting the children to take home an acorn to plant and care for. By next Harvest it may have sprouted into a tiny oak tree. We will see what happens. That simple acorn is a picture of God's work in all of us. Small beginnings can become strong and fruitful when placed in God's hands.

For those who cannot be with us in church just now, please know that you are part of this growth too. Your prayers, your faith, your example, and your friendship are seeds that continue to bless others. Even from home, you share in the harvest of love and kindness that makes Wesley Place the family it is.

Harvest also calls us to be mindful of those who have little. While some enjoy plenty, others go hungry. As we give thanks for our blessings, we are challenged to share with those in need, whether through gifts to the foodbank, acts of kindness in our community, or support for neighbours near and far. Growth is not for us alone, but so that others may flourish too.

Perhaps you might pause, even as you read this, to think about the ways God has been growing something new in your life this past year. It might be patience in difficulty, courage in weakness, or hope in dark days. It might be a prayer you have learned to pray, or a word of encouragement you have given to another. These are harvest gifts too, every bit as real as apples and wheat.

So, as the season turns, we thank God for things that grow — in gardens, in fields, and in our lives. And we pray that God will continue to sow seeds of faith, hope, and love in you and in us all, until the day comes when his harvest is complete and all creation rejoices.

"Lord of the harvest, help us grow in you."

Neal Street

Wesley Place - October 2025

5th October 10.30am

Rev'd Neal Street - Harvest Festival

12th October

9.30am 2nd Sunday Family Brunch

10.30am Reflective Service

19th October 10.30am - John Wilson

26th October 10.30am

Rev'd Neal Street - Holy Communion



Prayers from the Wesley Place Prayer Group for 2nd October

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Thankfulness and gratefulness to God for....

... ..for the beauty and colour of the autumn leaves beginning to turn on the trees around us
..... for the recent success in finding ways to treat some of the neurological diseases like Huntington's disease and the hope this brings to many families....

..... for the new Guild that met last night for the autumn colours in our gardens and the begonias still in flower....

.... for the ongoing support from family and friends the fellowship in the new Guild for Bronwen and Gordon's updated 'Odd Couple'... and Neal and Mary's wonderful presentation about Monet's garden....

.....for the U3A walk yesterday....and the support of friends who are always there to chat with....

....for the wildlife in our gardensthe birds visiting the bird feeder....the hedge sparrows enjoying the bird bath....the evidence of hedgehogs on the lawn that haven't been seen yet.....for Graham coming down to Southampton to visit with Tim and Sarah....

....for always having something to be grateful for even during difficult times... for Emma's continued care from carers from Somalia that demonstrate such kindness and compassion... for Jonty and Jacob as they plan and prepare for their individual trips to China....

..... for Peter's good news at his recent hospital appointment and him feeling so much better....

.....for the sense of enthusiasm emerging from our Wesley Place Christian community and the warmth and encouragement received....for our 20 year old cat who has been eating and enjoying her food again....

Prayers for....

....for Elsie as she prepares for her upcoming treatment next week, and Alison and the family as they support her ...

.....for Bruce and Liz Liddle as they now convalesce in a local Alsager care home ...

....for Doreen Tabinor who is now out of hospital and is being supported by her family as she recovers.....

.....for Barbara Spencer who is now home from hospital prayers that her future hospital appointments will be able to help her with her recovery.....

....for Wesley Place friends who remain currently in Leighton hospital Barbara Haughton and Russell Booth for pastoral visitors who continue to support and visit them, as well as our new Lay Pastor John Wilson and hospital chaplain Revd Charlotte Lorimer

....for Julia as she continues to care and support her mum Iris in such a beautiful, kind and compassionate way...

....for friend living in Guernsey who has Parkinson's disease and is trying to look after her husband who has Alzheimer's, may a care package be found that supports them both....

All these prayers in Jesus's Name. Amen

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Toilet Block Refurbishment and Remodelling Project

During this time available toilet facilities will be limited to the one disabled toilet situated in the entrance foyer at the side of the Church Building.

Further, during the works there will be no access to the creche room off the main Hall or the corridor to the toilets including coat pegs so that the contractor's working area is isolated from ongoing Church activities.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and would be grateful for your forbearance during the contract period.

If you do have any queries in the meantime, please speak to me as I am overseeing the project.

David Crompton - cromptondm@aol.com /07787 538144

MONDAY AFTERNOONS@WESLEY PLACE

Please join us on Monday afternoons 2pm to 4pm for Board Games, fellowship and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS@WESLEY PLACE

Please join us on Wednesday mornings between 11am to 1pm for fellowship, refreshments and a short informal service at 11.30am led by:

Wednesday 8th October - Elsbeth O'Dell

Wednesday 15th October - Ian White

Wednesday 22nd October - Lesley Peake

Wednesday 29th October - 'B@ in a Bonnet

All welcome Looking forward to seeing you

Recycling

Spectacles can be taken to Specsavers where they are passed on, dismantled and all parts recycled.

Tablet blister packs can be recycled at Boots in Crewe and possibly other branches. Boots also recycle many hard to recycle beauty, health, wellness and make-up packaging, lipstick tubes etc..

If you wish, you can register and claim Boots Advantage points to get a little money back.

Contact me please for questions regarding the donations of unwanted tools.

Gordon

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32** Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."
34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

Harvest Festival Going for Growth



Psalm 65

The whole earth is filled
with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns,
where evening fades,
you call forth songs of
joy.

An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus' name, I pray,

Amen.

Fundraising

Hi everyone. Harriet has had to stand down as lead on the fundraising team because of work commitments. Sandra Moors and I have been asked to lead our future efforts. We already have a group of brilliant helpers who support us without whom we would be unable to continue but we would like to ask if any more of you have the skills we need to continue to be effective.

We would welcome any new ideas for fundraising especially if you would like to take charge of an event (with our support of course). We often need people who will bake cakes or offer to help with setting up the room for events, preparing food in the kitchen, serving or washing up. There always has to be someone with a food hygiene certificate in overall charge but helpers are welcome.

It always surprises us how wonderful people are at helping to clear away after an event. Every small offer you can make is valued. Please could you let Sandra or I know if you want to be part of the fund raising team, to help plan events so we have a plan for the year ahead. Thank you for all the support you have given us and please consider if you are able to offer your time in the future.

Just a quick reminder. It will soon be the Christmas Tree festival and Celia will be putting up the lists for all the stalls, kitchen, church and serving food rotas. It is our most important fund raising activity and all of you who are able will be needed in some way. Please sign up for whatever you can do. We all love our church and playing a part in keeping it going is very satisfying.

Thanks again

Margaret Keeling

The Methodist Conference
Telford 2026



25th June – 1st July 2026

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Chester and Stoke chester.stoke@btconnect.com

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Methodist Conference work!**



Dates for your Diary

We are pleased to confirm
the **Christmas Tree Festival**
is going ahead again this year
and will open on **Friday 21st**
to **Monday 24th November**.

David & Celia Crompton



Methodist Women
in Britain

Love and Light 2025

Date for your diary:

Love and Light day will be held
on Monday 17th November at
Wolstanton.

More information to follow.

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