

Keeping in Touch

Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Remembering - November at Wesley Place

Dear friends,

As autumn deepens and the year draws to its close, we enter a season of remembering.

On Sunday 2nd November, Wesley Place hold its annual Memorial Service, a quiet and prayerful time to remember those we love but see no longer. Whether you can attend in person or pause at home with a candle and a memory, I invite you to join us in giving thanks for the lives that have shaped our own.

Then on the 9th and 11th November at 11am, we recall humanity's ultimate sacrifices caused by our seemingly endless propensity for war.

In the Bible, remembering is a sacred act. God's people were urged to "remember the Lord your God," to recall the ways in which God had led them through wilderness and worry, and to tell those stories to the next generation. The Psalms speak repeatedly of remembering the deeds of the Lord — of finding hope by tracing God's faithfulness in the past.

When Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Those words continue to shape our worship. To remember, in the Christian sense, is not simply to look back but to make love present again — to bring into today the faith, kindness, and courage that once blessed us.

At Wesley Place, we remember with gratitude those who have gone before: family members, friends, and fellow worshippers whose faith and generosity helped to make this church what it is. Their prayers and stories are woven into our life together still. We walk paths they once trod and continue the work they began.

But remembering also turns our hearts toward the future. The same God who has guided us thus far continues to call us forward. As we reflect on what has been, we listen for what the Spirit is saying now — how we can live out our mission to bridge faith and life, to be people of welcome, service, and hope in our own time.

Every act of kindness, every shared prayer, every open door is a living remembrance — a way of keeping faith alive.

So, this November, let us remember with gratitude, give thanks for the past, and look forward in faith. The God who has been our help in ages past will surely be our hope for years to come.

With every blessing,

Neal - Minister at Wesley Place Methodist Church

Wesley Place - November 2025

2nd November 10.30am - Tim Cooke

9th November

9.30am 2nd Sunday Family Brunch

10.30am Remembrance Service

16th November 10.30am - Lesley Peake

23rd November 10.30am

Rev'd Neal Street - Christmas Tree Festival

30th November 10.30am - Daniel Keen



Wesley Place Methodist Church



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Friday 21st November

2-5pm

6:30pm 'Carols around the Trees'

Saturday 22nd November

10am-4pm

Sunday 23rd November

2-8pm

Monday 24th November

10am-1pm



Christmas Tree Festival 21st to 24th November 2025



We are looking forward to this whole church event which is a major fundraiser. The sign up sheets are now available for this year's festival and much help is needed as usual with working parties to set up the church and clear up afterwards, welcoming at the door, stewarding in church, helping on the stalls, serving drinks and cakes in the hall and taking payment for refreshments.

We also need the ever popular cakes and mince pies of course and items for the handmade and craft stall. All are needed to be involved and if you are able to help this year, please sign up on the sheets.

The Festival will open at 2pm on Friday 21st November with the choir from Highfields School. and there will be Carols around the Trees at 6.30pm. On the Saturday and Sunday there will be children's activities and on Sunday evening we join together to sing Carols in the Gallery after the Christmas lights switch on.

Please come along over the weekend, support this event and take part.

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 5th November: - Elsbeth O'Dell

Wednesday 12th November - Rev'd Neal Street with Holy Communion.

All welcome Looking forward to seeing you

Memorial Service

On Sunday 2nd November, at 5pm, Wesley Place will hold it's annual Memorial Service, led by Rob Hilton.

It will be a quiet and prayerful time to remember those we love but see no longer.

Whether you can attend in person or pause at home with a candle and a memory, I invite you to join us in giving thanks for the lives that have shaped our own.

Action For Children Saturday Coffee Mornings

There will be no Action for Children coffee here at Wesley Place until the new year.

We are looking to reopen again next year, slightly different to how we do it now. Details to follow in the new year.

Thanks for all your support, whether you are a helper or you come and enjoy the company.

Stuart, Beverley and Deb.



Iris Barker Funeral

As many of you are aware, our lovely Iris Barker has passed away. Her funeral is on Tuesday 11th September at 11am. There will be a 2 minute silence at the start.

The family will leave for a private family committal followed by a reception at the Manor House Hotel.

We send our prayers and good wishes to Julia and Family.

Wesley Place Contact Information

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NEW GUILD

The New Guild on 5th November will be in conversation with Andy Lee about his move from Hong Kong to Wesley Place

Date - Wednesday 5th November
Time - 7pm
At Wesley Place Alsager



Faith

Fellowship

Fun

live music

lovely conversation

lively speakers

All more than welcome

For contact: Ian White
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Alsager Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar

Well, we are almost in November now and this has been when we have usually launched our Reverse Advent Calendar. This year we have decided to do it again as many people ask us about it. It can be individuals, family, friends, church, sports, social, residential or any other groups who do it. It can be just a few items from it, if that's all you wish to do, there are general items and Christmas items. And if you don't wish to do it you might just decide to share it for others to think about (even people out of area, everyone has a Foodbank nearby).

If you wish to do it we would be grateful if you could get them to us by the beginning of December so we can get Christmas Hampers made up. We are so, so grateful to this wonderful community who always help those in the area who need a bit of support.



ALSAGER & DISTRICT
FOODBANK



Reverse Advent Calendar

2025 NOVEMBER

Place one item into your bag every day this month and donate to the foodbank at the beginning of December. Feel free to change an item or add in extra items including non food items like toiletries, personal hygiene products, toilet roll or pet food.

To deliver your donations drop into us on Tues or Thurs am or telephone: 07743659906 or email: alsagerfoodbank@aol.co.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					01	02
					Biscuits	Custard
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Jar of Pickles	Tinned Meat Meal	Jar of Cranberry Sauce	Tin of Fruit	Tinned Tomatoes	Savoury biscuits	Fruit juice
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Festive Cake	Hot Chocolate	Bag of nuts	Tub of gravy mix	Tin of Veg	Jar of chutney	Mayonnaise
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
UHT Milk	Seasonal Chocolates	Jar of Pickles	Tin of Rice pudding	Jar of Salsa	Christmas pudding	Seasonal Chocolates
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Tin of Fish	Chocolate Spread	UHT Milk	Crisps or snacks	Festive Treat	Take to the Foodbank	By the 1st December
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Thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger

www.alsagerfoodbank.org.uk



Trinity Church - Leek Methodist / URC

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Church and Community Worker to join our team and to lead and support us in developing our mission to share God's love, actively looking for opportunities for outreach within the market town community of Leek.

What we offer:

- An enthusiastic team to work with
- 37 hours/week post worked flexibly
- Salary £27,148 p.a.
- Length of contract - 4 years fixed-term
- Ongoing training and support, locally and across the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
- 6% employer's pension
- 31 days leave inc. bank holidays + weekdays between Christmas Day and New Year's Day

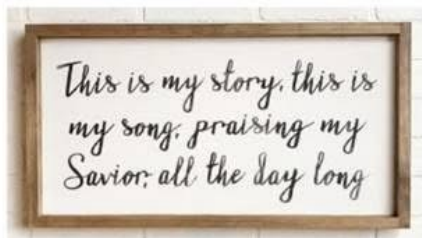
For a job information pack, please contact:
admin@staffmoorlandsmethodists.org.uk

Closing date: Wed 6th November 2025 at 12 noon
Interviews: Tuesday 25th November 2025
Post expected to begin: January 2026



District Prayer Handbook 2025-26

Our Story, Our Song



Available on the district website:
www.chesterandstokemethodists.org/resources



Methodist Women in Britain

CHESTER & STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT



LOVE AND LIGHT

To be held at

Wolstanton Methodist Church

on A527, High Street, Wolstanton, ST5 0HS

On

Monday 17th November 2025

Drinks at 10am for 10.30 start.

Please bring your lunch, drinks provided

Please choose two workshops on the booking form

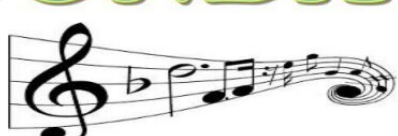
Suggested donation of £5 will be collected on the day.

There will be a short service after lunch, followed by tea and cake



Winterley Methodist Brass Band

BAND SUNDAY



16 November 2025
at 6.30 pm

Service led by
Rev'd Carolyn Lawrance - Band President

Selection of music by
Winterley Methodist Brass Band
& Trainer Band



Winterley Methodist Church, Crewe Road, Winterley CW11 4RP

The **Methodist** Church
Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District

Watching and Waiting in Advent



A Quiet Day led by Revd Helen Kirk

Saturday 6 December 2025
10:00am to 3:30pm
at The Oblate Retreat Centre
Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS

Lunch will be provided
Retreat cost £10 per person

Please book with Rob via chester.stoke@btconnect.com
stating any special dietary requirements or access needs

The **Methodist** Conference Telford 2026

25th June - 1st July 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An exciting opportunity to support
The Methodist Conference taking place at The Telford
International Centre

Please make initial contact through YOUR District

West Midlands: info@wmmethodists.org.uk
Chester and Stoke: chester.stoke@btconnect.com

The **Methodist** Church

**Be part of the team that makes
The Methodist Conference work!**



DISTRICT EVENT ON ZOOM TO ENCOURAGE CHURCHES IN THEIR ECO JOURNEY AND TO PROMOTE A ROCHA ECO CHURCH AWARDS

Wesley Chester has recently achieved Gold Award, after a journey which involved a number of assessed criteria including Worship and Teaching, Use of Land, Community and Global Engagement, Lifestyle and Buildings.

Member of Wesley's Eco Group are joining us on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7:00pm (to 9:00pm) to share some of the lessons learned along the way and to describe some ways they approached some of the topics. If you are new to the A-Rocha Eco-Church Award or perhaps have become a bit stuck on the way, do consider joining this event. There will be some very short presentations and then opportunity for conversation and questions.

The Methodist Church has committed to Net Zero by 2030, and Eco activities have proved an effective way of growing church communities. Wesley Chester will participate with enthusiasm. Do you share this, but wonder where and how to engage others in your church? Every Church approaches this differently, none of us are experts, but this session is offered as a practical encouragement.

The Zoom link is:
Topic: Eco Meeting
Time: Jan 20, 2026 19:00
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93505957702?pwd=o1MDov249bkibyqNmXu14ytXMtBVBV.1>

Meeting ID: 935 0595 7702, Passcode: 633353

For more details about Arocha www.arocha.org.uk