



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sundays 1st May 2016 and 8th May 2016

We hope you find a warm welcome, particularly if you are with us for the first time. All song words are projected onto the wall at the front or can be found in the books provided. Large print hymn books are available at the back of church along with separate printed sheets for songs that are not in the books.

Today's service **10:30am** **Preacher** **Mrs. Jane Offord (All Age Worship)**

The steward on duty today is Andrew Gay

Sunday 8th May **10.30am** **Preacher** **Rev. Gareth Jones (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty will be Jenny Jones

Sunday 15th May *10:30am* *Mr. Michael Cooper (United Service)* *6:00pm Prayer Service*

Sunday 22nd May *10:30am* *Mr. Neil Craig*

Sunday 29th May *10:30am* *Mr. John Wilkins*

6:00pm to 7:00pm Stay and Pray (Prayer at Home)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Christian Aid Walk

As usual, there will be the Christian Aid sponsored walk on **Monday 2nd May** where you can walk 5, 10 or 15 miles. It will start at St Luke's church at Lodge Moor. For more information and to register, please see www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk.

There is also the night walk (17 miles!) taking place on **Saturday 25th June**. For more information about this and to register, please see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk.

❖ Service at Mary Tozer House

The next service at Mary Tozer House will be this **Thursday 5th May** from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We have a short service for half an hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ Can you help at this Thursday's Lunch Club?

We will be short of volunteers at this Thursday's, **5th May**, Lunch Club. It would be great if 2 people could help us from 11.45am to serve meals and then help clear up and wash up afterwards. If you could help please have a word with Jim or Steve to see what's involved.

COMING SOON...

❖ Big Lunch 2016

The Big Lunch is back and we will again be inviting our neighbours to join us for a BBQ on **Sunday 12th June**. If you would like to be involved this year there are plenty of things to do, like setting up tables, helping in the kitchen, serving and BBQing. If you would like to know more or want to help out, please see Matt.

❖ Christian Aid Week (15-21 May)

In 2015, £73,230 was raised across Sheffield as part of Christian Aid Week, being one of the most successful areas in the country for fundraising. Many thanks to all who contributed to our own efforts last year, when an amazing £1,709 was raised (probably the most while Andrea Killingsworth has been co-ordinating the week's activities). This year their focus will be on climate change, especially working with local partners helping Bangladeshi communities badly affected by flooding (caused by climate change), and also tax injustice which defrauds the poor of huge amounts of money which could fund basic infrastructure such as education and health services.

As part of our fundraising efforts this year, and as a way of finding new ways to raise money for Christian Aid, there will be an afternoon tea with live piano accompaniment. This will take place on **Saturday 21st May** at 3pm and will cost £7 per person. Please do come along and invite your family and friends. Andrea will need to know numbers, so please let her know by booking places in person or by phoning [REDACTED].

There will be a cake sale as usual and each year lots of you kindly bake for this event. This will take place as part of Messy Church on the morning of **21st May** and also at the afternoon tea. Cakes and scones will also be needed for serving as part of the afternoon tea so, if you are able to help by baking these, please let Andrea know in advance so that she'll know there are enough for both events.

Please let Andrea know if you are able to help with Christian Aid week in any way: with the door-to-door collecting; the cake sale; or at the afternoon tea event. Thank you.

AND FINALLY...

❖ The Montgomery Flat

Do you have any spare kitchen supplies, beds, or linens?

Did you know there is a 3-bedroom apartment onsite at The Montgomery? Originally built as the "Caretaker's Flat," this unusually large property sits on the 2nd and 3rd floors. This summer, the Montgomery has the opportunity to let the flat to a local church hosting summer missionaries to Sheffield but help is needed to get it ready for them. Large white goods and living room furniture have already been donated by a very generous partner but the flat needs to be fully furnished. Could you help? If so, please contact Emma at the Montgomery at info@theMontgomery.org.uk (with subject 'Furnish the Flat') or phone 0114 2720455 by Thursday 12th May. (Matt Irons or Andrew Gray can access a 'wish list' with more details of the items needed.)

❖ Spring Harvest 2017

A number of us from Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer went to Spring Harvest together this year and enjoyed great worship, teaching, fellowship and fun! We've made a provisional booking for next year and would love as many of the church family as possible to join us. There's something for everyone and you can do as much or as little as you like. Next year's theme is 'One for All', focussing on the importance of Christian unity. The dates are **Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April 2017**. If you would like to join us, or would just like to know more, please see Carole or Andrew Gray, or call Carole on [REDACTED] by **Monday 9th May**.

❖ **Gift Day 2016**

We have committed our Gift Days for 2015, 2016 and 2017 to supporting the employment of both a Children and Families Worker and a Preteen and Youth Development worker. From September 2015, these posts have been filled by Claire Eaton and Tim Jansen who are doing a great job working with the children and young people of both Wesley Ebenezer congregations and the local community.

Our Gift Day this year is **Sunday 15th May**, and special envelopes are available in which to make your gift. If you completed a pledge form last year and are not sure what you wrote on it, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons, who will give you a copy of your form. If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration, please include the date and your Gift Aid number on the outside of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration, please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope.

We are very happy to accept gifts by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Gifts are welcome as a one off on or around the Gift Days or spread-over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date and if you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ **District Celebration Service**

There will be a District Celebration Service at The Crossing, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT on **Sunday 12th June 2016 at 4pm**. The preacher will be Revd Dr Chris Blake, Principle, Cliff College. Come and support our Probationer Ministers; Revd Will Fletcher (Sheffield), Revd Tracey Harris (Chesterfield), Revd Andrew Mumford (Doncaster), as they offer their testimonies and prepare for ordination. Refreshments to follow.

❖ **Circuit Pilgrimage**

Revd Mark Goodhand will be walking the Circuit during the coming year. It will provide opportunities for people to meet with him and ask questions about the Circuit, and if people are able, to walk part of the route with him. It will be a time to pray for our Circuit and the city we serve.

On **Saturday 7th May** 10.00am meet Mark at **Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church**, Middlewood Road, S6 4HE. Tea and coffee will be available and a time for conversation. Setting off at 10.40am to walk to **Wisewood Methodist Church**, Ben Lane, S6 4SB, arriving at approximately 11.00am. Time for refreshments and conversation. Then Mark moves on, 11.40am, to walk to **Fourways at Stanwood Methodist Church**, Stanwood Drive, S6 5HZ, arriving at approximately 12.20pm. Again refreshments and conversation concluding at 1.00pm with final prayers.

On **Tuesday 10th May** meet Mark at **Tinsley Methodist Church**, Ingfield Avenue, S9 1WZ, 10.00am for refreshments and conversation. Setting off at 10.40am to walk to **Church of Christ Darnall**, 61 Station Road, S9 4JT, arriving at approximately 11.30am in time for refreshments and conversation. Then Mark moves on again to **Handsworth Methodist Church**, 289A Handsworth Road, S13 9BN, arriving approximately 12.30pm time for refreshments conversation and final prayers at 1.00pm.

On **Wednesday 18th May** 10.00am meet Mark at **Mosborough Methodist Church**, Chapel Street, S20 5BT. Tea and coffee will be available and a time for conversation. Setting off at 10.40am to walk to **Emmanuel Waterthorpe LEP**, Thorpe Drive, S20 7JU. Arriving at approximately 11.10am. Time for refreshments and conversation before Mark moves on at 11.40am, to walk to **Killamarsh Methodist Church**, Sheffield Road, S21 1DY, arriving approximately 12.20pm for time for refreshments and conversation concluding at 1.00pm with final prayers.

NB. Because of the Church Away Weekend in Blackpool this newsletter is for 2 weeks.