



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

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.

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**Today's service**      **10:30am**      **Rev. Mike Jones (Harvest Festival)**  
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

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*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Rev. Romeo Pedro (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am Sue Stanworth*

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10:30am Rev. Mike Jones (Chapel Anniversary)*

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## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **Harvest Festival**

This morning is our Harvest Festival. Gifts of money and food will be gratefully received and will go to the Victoria Hall Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless in Sheffield. The food items most needed by this project are Cup-a-Soup, biscuits, and tea/coffee.

Following the service there will be a bring-and-share meal and the Big Tearfund Quiz. All are invited; and if you are not able to bring anything, you are still welcome to come and share in the meal.

We will need help setting up, washing up and clearing away, so it would be great if some people would be able to lend a hand on the day.

### ❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering**

The prayer gatherings are back and the Sheffield Methodist Circuit are again inviting us to join them every Wednesday. The theme for September is, 'Moving Forward', the meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

## COMING SOON

### ❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events, and their next meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

### ❖ 30 Years Since the Redevelopment

It is 30 years this October since the redevelopment (splitting the church to create an upstairs worship space and downstairs hall) at Wesley Hall was completed. To mark this occasion, we will be having a Chapel Anniversary service, led by Mike Jones on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It would be great to include first hand stories, so if you were here at the time and would like to say something, please get in touch with Mike.

### ❖ Save the Date – Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year will be slightly earlier than usual, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. It will be the usual mix of stalls, kids' activities and a café downstairs serving drinks, cakes and light lunches. Please save the date and if you know anyone who might be interest in taking a stall, please put them in touch with Matt.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ There is the new TRIBE rota at the back of the church. There are still a few gaps for both the leader and the second person (to help the leader), so please take a look and pop your name down if you are able to help at all.
- ❖ Our first Messy Church of the year is Saturday (8<sup>th</sup> October). We will be looking at why Jesus called himself 'The Good Shepherd'. Our next few Messy Church dates are 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> February, with our next Stay & Play on the 14<sup>th</sup> January in between!

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Andrea at Mercy Ships

I very much appreciate the prayer support from so many of you. I am amazed at some of the truly incredible surgeries that are done on ship, especially the maxillofacial ones, where at times, dreadfully huge tumours are removed from a patient's face; then the patient's face has to be reconstructed because in order to remove the tumour, parts of the face have had to also be removed. Having listened to Dr Gary Parker, a surgeon who has worked on Mercy Ships for 35 years, give a very graphic presentation on how tumours are removed, and facial reconstruction done, I am truly amazed at the skill and knowledge needed to do such operations. Recently a patient was operated on for an incredible 16 hours to reconstruct parts of his face following the removal of a tumour in May. In the West, such tumours would have normally been removed as soon as they started to grow, but due to not having access to surgery because of the cost, the size of some tumours is truly horrendous.

I have started a Just Giving fund-raising page for Mercy Ships; if you would like to donate, please log onto: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrea-Killingsworth1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrea-Killingsworth1).

If you would like to know more about Mercy Ships, please visit [www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org). On the website, you will see other ways that you can donate.

God bless, Andrea

❖ **Getting in Touch with Mike**

It was great to meet Mike as he led our Covenant Service. If you want to get in touch with Mike, he has asked us to please use his mobile number (07485 779 262) or e-mail ([michael.jones@methodist.org.uk](mailto:michael.jones@methodist.org.uk)), rather than call the landline at the manse. His day off will usually be Saturday, so please respect this.

❖ **Getting to Know Rev. Romeo Pedro, Our New Superintendent Minister**

“I am married to Firita. We have three children: Surita, Regardo and Serenity. Surita (a solicitor) is married to Byron and lives in Namibia, our home country. We have a beautiful granddaughter.

I started my theological studies in 1990 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Since then, I have studied and ministered in several places in Namibia and South Africa. Our last appointment was in Cape Town (Strand) before we moved to Northampton and then here to Sheffield.

I have a passion for issues of social justice and have worked in the field of HIV/AIDS - training lay counsellors and caregivers of orphans and vulnerable children.

I am also very passionate about creating safe spaces wherein people can begin to have “healing conversations” – that is, specifically so in multi-ethnic settings. My other passion is collaborative leadership and change management.

I am an ardent reader and enjoy gardening. Firita was a teacher in Southern Africa and enjoys reading and sports. Regardo is a Civil Engineer, and Serenity just started University.

We are excited to be a part of the team here in the Sheffield Circuit, and we look forward to working with you.”

*Romeo is leading a service of Holy Communion here at Wesley Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.*



## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail
- ❖ Please pray for Andrea as she settles into her new role aboard the “African Mercy”, in Senegal.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Hall, Totlely Rise and Dore, as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he settles into his new role as our Minister.
- ❖ Please pray for Jane as she starts her new job as our Pre-teen and Youth Worker, that she would settle in quickly and soon feel part of the team.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers which runs on a Thursday. We have had a couple of new mums attend; please pray that they continue to come and Wigglers will continue to grow.

**If you have any prayer points to include in the newsletter, please pass them on to the Editor (see contact details at bottom of page).**