



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 5th March 2017

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	Rev. Sally Coleman (Communion)
		Worship Leader	Neil Harland
		The steward on duty is Jenny Jones	

<i>Sunday 12th March</i>	<i>10:30am Mrs. Sue Stanworth</i>	<i>6:00pm Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 19th March</i>	<i>10:30am Mr. Timon Jansen (All Age Worship)</i>	
<i>Sunday 26th March</i>	<i>10:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (Café Church)</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Lent Bible Study

Our new daytime Lent Bible study begins this *Monday 6th March* at 10:00 in the Committee Room here at Wesley Hall and will last for 6 weeks. After this we will then consider as a group how best to take things forward. The Topic for the Lent Study will be, "Finding hope in the desert", and will look at desert experiences of characters in both the Old and New Testaments. You don't need to bring anything but yourself a Bible, and a note book if you wish to.

❖ Moana Film Show

There will be a screening of Moana here at Wesley Hall next *Saturday 11th March* (doors open 2:30pm, film starts at 3:00pm). The cost is £1 per person and refreshments will be on sale. All welcome!

COMING SOON...

❖ Crookes Forum AGM & Open Meeting

The Crookes Forum AGM will be here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 18th March* from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Nominations are invited for the elected posts of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the committee of the Crookes Forum. Please send nominations to crookesforum@gmail.com. All welcome to attend the meeting.

❖ Circuit Service

A Circuit Service will be held on Aldersgate *Sunday, 21st May* at Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HE. Tea and homemade cakes will be served at 5pm with stalls/prayer stations covering various mission links and concerns. The service itself will start at 6pm. Taking John Wesley's famous dictum "I look on the whole world as my parish" the service will focus on World Mission.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Office Space at Wesley Hall

We have an office available to rent in the former stage area of Brice Hall here at Wesley Hall. The office is about 300sq ft so will fit about 4 or 5 desks in it and costs £285 per month (including utilities). If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to call Matt on 267 9040.

❖ Flower Rota

The new flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to choose a date to sponsor the church flowers, please add your name to the rota. (Please note, at Sally's request, there will not be any flowers in church during Lent except on Mothering Sunday). Thank you, the Flower Team.

❖ Membership/ Baptism

There has been some interest shown in either becoming a member of Wesley Hall and/ or requests for Baptism. My plan is currently to bring people into Membership either by transfer or for the first time, and to offer Baptism for those requesting it on Easter Sunday. This has traditionally been a day for Baptisms or Confirmations as both are symbolic of resurrection. So far there is one adult and one infant Baptism planned for that day. If you would like to become a member or have never been baptised and feel this would be right for you then please have a chat with me and we will make plans to do just that. Thanks, Sally Coleman.

❖ Mothering Sunday

You have probably noticed from the Newsletter that I have asked that during Lent that there won't be flowers in the Church, this is to reflect the desert journey of Christ and to help us to focus on the season of repentance. It will also emphasise the joy of the celebration on Easter Sunday when we can fill the place with flowers if we wish to!

That said the one exception to this is Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday is a traditional feast day in Lent, and while there are many explanations as to its origins my favourite is that of refreshment Sunday, when the rules for Lenten fasting were relaxed and young people who were working away from home (in service) would be given a day off to return to their "Mother Church". This brought with it family gatherings and celebrations. Originally, both Old and New Testament lessons on Mothering Sunday made a point of food.

On Mothering Sunday, there will be flowers, and there will also be refreshments as we are going to hold a café style service and will begin rather than end with tea/ coffee There will also be cake! That means that we will be seated around tables, there will be discussion starters and other things to do, along with images to pray with. All of this will sit within the context of a worship service with some hymns, and of course Scriptures and prayers.

So, I am asking for your help, it would be good to have some colourful table cloths to help to create a celebratory mood, they don't all need to match one another, so if you have a small but pretty table cloth and are willing to lend it for the day that would be wonderful. We would need these the week before please.

The second thing I am asking for is this, I need photos of someone who has loved and cared for you this may or may not be your mum, I will leave that to you. Or you might like to bring an image that speaks to you of God's care. If you are offering a photograph you might want to photocopy them as I would like to make a celebratory/ thanksgiving banner, that will help us to reflect upon the God who tends his flock like a shepherd: gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; and gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40: 11). Photos and pictures can come on the day.

I look forward to celebrating with you, Sally Coleman.