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opportunity to go to Cliff Festival. The alternative is that you would be welcome to join in with worship at Walkley Ebenezer at 10:45. Or indeed any of the Circuit Churches close by.

There is a cost involved and we will need to book, we will also endeavour to help any who need it with transport.

Also, on the *20th May*, starting at 1:30pm there is a Pentecost celebration in Leeds at the John Charles Centre for Sport, here worship will be led by the Vice-President of Conference, Jill Baker, while there is no cost for this it would be good if those interested could get together to share transport.

If you are interested in either of these please let me know as soon as possible.

Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman)

#### ❖ **Children's Events**

The next Messy Church is *Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May*, Fun-day is *Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June* and Stay & Play is *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June*. If you can help in any capacity, be it setting up, organising a craft, washing up, clearing away, greeting parents or anything else, please let Jacque know.

#### ❖ **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid week will be *13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May* and the funds raised will go to help internally displaced people. Of the 65 million displaced people in the world, 40 million are displaced within their own countries. There will be a special focus on Haiti, which suffered an earthquake in 2010 and hurricanes in 2016 & 2017. How very fortunate we are in comparison!

As part of Christian Aid Week, there will be an afternoon tea on *Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm* at Wesley Hall, costing £7 per person. As usual, please reserve a place by letting Andrea know. Offers of cakes/buns for the event would be most welcome; we've already had a very kind offer to supply scones. Or if you'd be able to help on the day, please speak to Andrea. The afternoon tea has been both an enjoyable event and also a great fundraiser, helping us to maintain, and last year even increase, the overall amount we raise, despite amounts collected on the streets going down. Please do invite friends and family to this event. Many thanks, Andrea.

#### ❖ **Big Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea at Walkley Ebenezer**

Walkley Ebenezer are holding a Big Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea on *Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June* from 2.00 to 4.00pm. The sale is open to anyone who wants to sell their own plants at a small charge per table or you can just bring them along to be sold to raise money for church funds. Afternoon Tea will be available at a cost of £5 per person.

#### ❖ **Local Preacher Accreditation Service**

Wendy's Local Preacher Accreditation Service will be held at Walkley Ebenezer on *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June* at 6.00pm.

## **AND FINALLY...**

#### ❖ **Noah's Baptism**

We would like to say a very big thank you to all who attended Noah's Baptism, sharing in this special day with us. Thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts for Noah - you are very kind. Lots of people got stuck-in clearing up after our coffee and cake, so many thanks to everyone that did the tables and chairs, washing up and floor sweeping – it was very much appreciated! Claire and Dan.

#### ❖ **Garden grant success!**

Our recent application to the Greggs foundation has been successful: they sent us a cheque for £1180 this week to deck out our community garden so it is a great place for the people of Crookes to enjoy. This is fabulous news and means we can fill it with plants, maybe even a pergola! All the ground work has been done and Liz will make plans for which plants should go where before she finishes work on Monday.

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The editor for May is Steve Wright. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to [newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk) or call Steve on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.

We hope that the current volunteer team and The Hub at Walkley can work together to continue on the excellent start we've made over the last few months.

❖ **Goodbye from Liz**

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to you all for making Wesley Hall such a great church to be part of and such a good place to work over the last 5 or so years. Thank you for your friendship, for bringing supplies of wax or jars or loo rolls, for wiping up the craft messes, serving food, acting alongside me, digging soil, squirting paint, praying, laughing and making music. I will miss you all but will definitely be back to visit: I hope to not miss a single TRIBE nativity. Keep an eye out for postcards from the other side of the world. God bless you all, Liz xxxx

❖ **General Fund Donations**

A huge thank you to everyone who has given in response to our appeal for donations to the General Fund. To date, including Gift Aid, the total given is £5,200, which is fantastic. This will really help with the day to day running of the church finances and should also mean that we will be operating within our reserves policy again very soon.

❖ **Roomy McRoomface!**

Over the last year we have started using our Committee Room for a wide range of purposes including mental health training, TRIBE, yeast and lent reflections. All of these are considerably more inspiring than the name of the room suggests! We are therefore looking for a better name for this space. The suggestion "Roomy McRoomface" was made at our leadership team meeting, but we think you can do better than this. Please pass any suggestions to Neil Harland.

❖ **Manse Steward**

The Circuit are looking for a Manse Steward to look after Sally and Will's manses. Basically the manse steward liaises with the ministers who live in the manses to ensure that the house is in good repair etc. If you are able to look after one or two manses, or would like more information about the role, please get in touch with Ruth Ballantyne at the Circuit Office (0114 272 6561).

❖ **Can You Please Sponsor Andrea Killingsworth?**

Many thanks to those of you who have sponsored me for the Coast to Coast walk I am doing between *26th May & 10th June*, walking 192 miles from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay. If anyone else would like to sponsor me, this can be done on-line at my Total Giving site (I can e-mail you the link) or I have sponsorship forms. The two Christian Charities (Snowdrop Project & Hope for Justice) I am fund-raising for, both support survivors of human trafficking, helping them to rebuild their lives. Hope for Justice also works to end modern-day slavery through investigations, rescues, campaigning and training individuals/organisations on how to spot signs that someone may have been trafficked.

God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota is up at the back of church. Please sign up to sponsor the church flowers if you can.

❖ **CLC Bookshop has Moved!**

CLC Bookshop is now at 2 Church Street, S1 2GN (the blue corner building, just above the cathedral). This is a very strategic move for the shop and a huge answer to prayer. If you want to know more, please sign-up to the CLC e-mail newsletter by dropping a line to [sheffield@clcbookshops.com](mailto:sheffield@clcbookshops.com).

❖ **From Sally...**

Dear Friends,

This is an invitation to join in with the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative that is part of a national call to prayer from the Anglican, Methodist and other churches, beginning on Ascension Day, 10<sup>th</sup> May, and

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running through to Pentecost on 20<sup>th</sup> May. So you are invited to join in prayer together each day. From 8:45am-9:15am we will be joining to pray in the Committee room at Wesley Hall. We will start with prayer, and then for those who would like to stay, there will be a chance to share a coffee and chat.

Our Sunday evening prayer meeting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May will also be held during that period, starting at 6pm.

I do hope that you might be able to join me for a morning or two during that time. Prayer is of course an important part of the church's life; Jesus often withdrew to pray, sometimes spending the night in prayer, at other times rising early in the morning.

Those who are unable to make it to the church at that time are invited to sign up to commit to pray for half-an-hour every day at home; we will seek to provide you with the same materials that will be being used at church. Look out for the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Peace and blessings,

Sally