



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 6th November 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.

Today's service **10:30am** **Sheila Lomas**
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 13th November 10:30am *Jane Offord*
Sunday 20th November 10:30am *Michael Gagan*
Sunday 27th November 10:30am *Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*

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.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering this *Wednesday 9th November* will be hearing from Deacon Jackie Wright about the city centre chaplaincy work she is doing out of Victoria Hall. We will then respond by praying for Jackie's ministry.

You may remember that Jackie led worship for us in April and also led Joan Frith's funeral service in September. The prayer gatherings happen every week via zoom between 8pm to 9pm.

All are welcome. It's doesn't matter if you've never been before. Emma will be there, so you'll see a familiar face. The details are below:

<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 14th November*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ 'Stations of Lament'

Highfield Trinity Church are hosting this textiles art project by Rev. Louise Carr, forming an interactive pilgrimage for the season of remembrance. This will be accompanied by 'The Pandemic Experience', a glass artwork by Rev. Rachel Parkinson.

The dates are:

Thursday 10th, Friday 11th & Monday 14th November, from 11:00am to 7:00pm
Saturday 12th November, from 11:00am to 2:00pm

In addition, there will be 'Lament': a choral music event from Steel City Choristers, providing a soundscape to the 'Stations of Lament' exhibition. This will take place on *Saturday 12th November* from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Entrance to all events is free and all are welcome.

❖ Christmas Fair - UPDATED

Leaflets to promote the fair are now available, so please take some and give them out to people who may be interested in coming along!

Our Christmas Fair this year will be slightly earlier than usual, on *Saturday 19th November* from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It will be the usual mix of stalls, kids' activities and a café downstairs serving drinks, cakes and light lunches plus performances by the Lydgate Juniors School Choir and Steel City Voices. Please save the date and if you know anyone who might be interested in taking a stall, please put them in touch with Matt.

During the fair, there will be a tombola. If you have any small gifts you could donate as prizes for this, please see Sue Mills.

❖ Press Start Retrogaming Café

Our Retro-gaming Café is back on *Saturday 26th November* from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Come along and enjoy all the best consoles from the 1980s onwards, with a wide selection of classic games, as well as artisan coffee and themed activities for all the family. Admission is free and all are welcome; you are never too old or too young to game! We have flyers available at the back of church for your take and pass on to anyone who might be interested.

❖ Joint Churches Eco-Event

Moira Gibbons from STC Crookes is planning to hold an eco-event on *Saturday 20th May 2023*. This would ideally be jointly run by all the churches in Crookes, and the next step is to meet up and start planning! It would be great to have an involvement in this, so if you have an interest in environmental action, please see Matt and he will put you in touch with Moira.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Wesley Hall Church Offering

This year (2022/23) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has increased to £31,150 but the amount that we expect from the offertory is £24,000. With Gift Aid, this brings the total offertory income to just over £28,150 which is £3,000 short of the Assessment figure. The Circuit support us by providing a Minister, admin support through the office, and grants towards our children, families and youth work, so it is important that we continue to pay our full contribution to the Assessment.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church, with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding Neil and Jane to support their outreach work.

In the current economic climate, we fully understand that this might not be possible for everyone. Any other fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

If you do not currently give regularly and would like to start, popular methods are standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ **A Story of the Year 2022**

Sharing stories is one way to demonstrate how God is working in our lives, our churches and our communities. The Sheffield District have been exploring the importance of sharing these stories over the last year, so for the first time, they have created an annual report style collection of stories showing how they are fulfilling the District mission strategy 'For Such a Time as This'. Each circuit is featured so they'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to this magazine and have made it possible. Find the digital format [here](#) or ask Matt for a printed copy.

❖ **'Warm Spaces' - UPDATED**

We will be discussing this at our Leadership Team meeting on Monday 14th November. Without anyone to run it, we will not be this offer this to the community so if this is something you could help with, please let Matt know as soon as possible.

We are exploring the idea of offering something under the 'Warm Spaces' scheme, where people can come and sit inside a warm building if they are struggling to heat their own homes. This is likely to be in the Church Hall, with hot drinks available so people can come, chat and perhaps play board games or something similar. Two potential time slots we have come up with are Tuesdays from 1-3pm or Wednesdays from 1-4pm, but in order to offer anything we will need people to be here to welcome and chat to those who come along. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

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 Jane as she continues her new job as our Pre-teen and Youth Worker, that she would settle in quickly and soon feel part of the team.
- ❖ Please continue to remember Mike and his family in prayers, for a speedy recovery, and that he is able to get the rest he needs.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers which runs on a Thursday, we have some new mums coming, please pray that they continue to come, and that 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).