



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 9th April 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 services **10:30am** **Preacher** **Mr. Nick Waterfield**
 6:00pm **Prayer Service**
 The steward on duty is Anne Thompson

<i>Sunday 16th April</i>	<i>8:15am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Easter Breakfast)</i>
<i>(Easter Sunday)</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (All Age Worship)</i>
<i>Sunday 23rd April</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Local Arrangements</i>
<i>Sunday 30th April</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs Wendy Cartwright</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ **Lent Bible Study**

Our daytime Lent Bible Study continues this *Monday 10th April* at 10:00am in the Sanctuary but will be our last one. We will be considering as a group how best to take things forward. The topic for the Lent Study is "Finding hope in the desert", looking 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.

❖ **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

Monday	10 th April	7:00-7:30pm	Preacher Rev. Sally Coleman
Tuesday	11 th April	7:00-7:30pm	Preacher Rev. Sally Coleman
Wednesday	12 th April	7:00-7:30pm	Preacher Rev. Sally Coleman
Thursday	13 th April	7:00pm	Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion (at Walkley)
Good Friday		10:00am	Walk of witness from Wesley Hall to Walkley
		11:00am	Good Friday service (at Walkley)
Easter Sunday		8:15am	Easter Breakfast and Holy Communion (at Wesley Hall)
		10:30am	Easter Morning Service (All Age)

❖ **Easter Breakfast update**

The children and young people from TRIBE will be laying on breakfast for us on Easter Sunday between our 8:15am communion and 10:30am main service. We will be collecting donations for Heeley City Farm, so that people can learn about where our food comes from. A mighty (ambitious) spread of food is planned, so make sure you don't eat beforehand!

COMING SOON...

❖ Church Council

The next meeting of Wesley Ebenezer Church Council is on Thursday 20th April in the Emmaus Room here at Wesley Hall. All are welcome to come along but only Council members can vote on any decisions.

❖ Fun Day Volunteers

Our Fun Days are popular events and the children really enjoy their time with us. Currently we have 30 children attending each time and we'd love to take more, especially as we sometimes have to turn people away. This is only possible if we have enough adults helping on the day. The next Fun Day is *Friday 21st April*, 10:00am–4:00pm. Adults that are available to help do not need to commit to helping for the entire day but are welcome to do so. We would like help with the following:

- Setting up and packing away at each end of the day
- Kitchen help such as washing up and preparing snacks
- Shopping for the snacks (you would be reimbursed)
- Baking some cakes, buns, etc for the children's snack
- Leading games and treasure hunts
- Craft activities
- Technical stuff (AV)
- Leading a small group of children during our Bible focused activities
- Leading a baking activity or helping a small group with the baking
- Sourcing/running a workshop (if you have a particular skill you would like to teach/share)
- Songs, stories and sometimes short talks/presentations relevant to the theme
- Large artwork activity

If you feel you could help out with any of the above, please contact Claire ASAP so that we are able to establish a strong team before we advertise the forthcoming event.

❖ “Local Arrangement” Service

We have no preacher booked for our morning service on 23rd April, which gives members of our congregation opportunity to take on responsibility for the service. At our last “local arrangement” in March, we chose music (with Emma), prayed (with Louise) and discovered connections between some Bible passages and our own experiences (with Sally). If you would like to play a part (big or small) in this service, please speak to Neil Harland today. This is especially an opportunity for those who would like to be involved as a one-off or to explore something new, without committing to doing so regularly. Our theme will probably be based on John 20:19-31 (“Jesus Appears to His Disciples”).

❖ Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all of you that support Christian Aid Week. Last year we raised an amazing £1,643, of which £782 was from the door-to-door collecting, so well done those of you that collect on the streets. A further £544 was raised from the afternoon tea and cake sale. Last year was the first time we did an afternoon tea and approximately 50 people came, so it was a great success. We are holding another afternoon tea this year, which will be on Saturday 20th May.

At this stage, we need volunteers for:

- helping with the afternoon tea on the day;
- street collecting. (The usual collectors on two of the roads that give the most and are 'easier roads' to collect on are not able to help this year, so we're keen not to lose the opportunity to collect on them. Can you help?)

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please speak to Andrea Killingsworth.

DATES FROM THE CIRCUIT...

Our common life together as Methodists finds expression in many ways. One is when we come together in worship to celebrate our common faith and experience. In the coming months there are a number of opportunities to meet in larger numbers for mutual support and encouragement. These are moments to learn, to express gratitude for ministry well done, to say farewell and to just tell good news stories. So please put these dates in your diary:

- *Sunday 16th April*, Dungworth Methodist Church, 5:00pm. Circuit Service to celebrate their ministry prior to closure.
- *Sunday 21st May*, Hillsborough Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Circuit Service led by the 'Justice and Peace Mission Action Group', taking John Wesley's famous dictum, "I look on the whole world as my parish", it will focus on World Mission.
- *Sunday 4th June*, Trinity Firvale Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Circuit Service to celebrate their ministry prior to closure.
- *Sunday 11th June*, Greenhill Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Service of accreditation of two local preachers.
- *Wednesday 12th July* at 7:00pm (venue to be advised). Circuit Service incorporating a farewell to Deacon Meredith Evans, Rev. Claudia Lupi and Rev. Stephen Pratt.
- *Sunday 17th September* at 6:00pm (venue to be advised). Circuit celebration of our life together.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Hope for Justice**

Hope for Justice is a Christian charity which fights to eradicate modern-day slavery and people-trafficking. Andrea Killingsworth is part of an Abolition Group linked to Hope for Justice, which mainly meets as a prayer meeting and occasionally does some fund/awareness raising. They meet on a Wednesday evening once a month and if you would like to join them, please talk to Andrea.

❖ **Action for Children**

Action for children boxes are due so please could you pass these on to Dorothy. Thanks.

❖ **Bra Recycling**

The women's institute are appealing for woman's bras (any condition) to raise money for the air ambulance. Please pass these on to Dorothy.

❖ **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 300 sq 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 won't be any flowers in church during Lent). Thank you, the Flower Team.