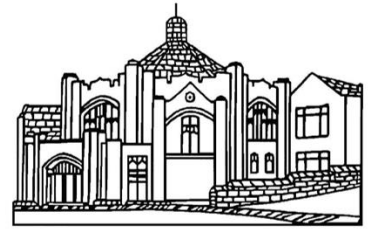




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 9th 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.

Today's service **10:30am** **Rev. Romeo Pedro (Holy Communion)**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 16th October 10:30am Sue Stanworth

Sunday 23rd October 10:30am Louise Etherington (Chapel Anniversary)

Sunday 30th October 10:30am Rev. Peter Edwards

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.

❖ **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 10th 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.

COMING SOON

❖ **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, which will now be led by Louise Etherington, on Sunday 23rd 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 Louise. If you have already been in touch with Mike about this, please could you now speak to Louise as well?

❖ **Streets Of Light Trail 2022: Monday 26th October to Sunday 1st November**

You may be aware that our friends at St Thomas' next door have pioneered the 'Streets of Light' trail, which has grown over the years and now become a city-wide initiative. The idea is to decorate one, or more, windows of your house, flat or workplace and then leave the lights on from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, so our friends, neighbours and communities can see our beautiful light-filled displays. Your design can be anything you like, but should include one or more of the words LIGHT, LOVE or HOPE somewhere within it. At a time when most people are celebrating and focusing on Halloween, the Streets of Light initiative aims to shine God's light, turning streets of darkness and fear into streets of light, love and hope.

For more information, go to the Streets of Light website <https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk/>. Those who sign up by TODAY (Sunday) will be included in the trail booklet. They have 10,000 to give out this year. The booklet will contain mini trails across different areas of Sheffield. If you sign up after then, don't worry as you will still be added to the interactive map on the website. Your address will be used to create the online interactive map but will not be shared with anyone else. The programme that they use for plotting the trails and maps does not make anyone's address public. If you have any questions, please e-mail admin@stcsheffield.org.

❖ **Save the Date – Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair this year will be slightly earlier than usual, on Saturday 19th 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 next few Messy Church dates are 5th November, 3rd December and 4th February, with our next Stay & Play on the 14th January in between!

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.

❖ **Update on Mike**

Thank you for all your prayers for Mike, following his heart attack last week. He is now recovering at home, with strict instructions to rest, and the Circuit are covering while he recuperates. If you have any pastoral concerns while Mike is off sick, please contact Rev. Romeo Pedro, who will then refer them to a member of the Circuit staff.

❖ **Big Tearfund Quiz**

Thanks to everyone who brought food or came along to our Harvest Lunch last week. After the lunch, we took part in the Tearfund Big Quiz, and congratulations go to Andrew & Carole Gray who came first! The idea of the quiz is to raise money for Tearfund, so if you would like to make a donation, please do so using their Just Giving page at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/BQN22>.

❖ **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.

If you would like to know more about Mercy Ships, please visit www.mercyships.org. On the website, you will see other ways that you can donate.

God bless, Andrea

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 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 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 had a couple of new mums attend; 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).