

Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 12th February 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. Judith Jessop**
 6:00pm Prayer Service **Rev. Sally Coleman**
 The stewards on duty are Linda and Steve Wright

Sunday 19th February 10:30am *Mrs. Sue Stanworth (All Age Worship)*
Sunday 26th February 10:30am *Local Arrangements*
 6:00pm-7:00pm *Stay and Pray (at home)*
Sunday 5th March 10:30am *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Hymn Books & Bible

As agreed at the congregational meeting last week, the book boxes, hymn books and Bibles have all now disappeared from the chairs! As before, Singing the Faith hymn books (including large print) are available from the welcome stewards for anyone who would like to use a hymn book. Bibles are also available from the welcome stewards for you to pick up on your way in, if you would like one. However, please feel free to get up at any point during the service to go and get one.

❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is this *Monday 13th February*. 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...

❖ Fun Day – 'Polar Explorers'

Our next Fun Day will be during the half-term holiday, on *Friday 24th February*, 10am-4pm, for children aged 5-11. Join us on a Polar expedition, as we discover how we are 'never too anything' for God to use us in the most amazing ways! With games, crafts, baking, big art, and a mysterious workshop, we have a lot to pack into our six-hour day of fun! Booking is essential, so please contact Claire on 07412 124310 / families@wesleyhall.org.uk for more details. Please bring a packed lunch (snacks and drinks provided) and a donation of £8 would be appreciated.

❖ **WEADS Panto, February 2017**

WEADS (Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics Society) will be performing the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th February 2017*. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children, for all performances. They are available from Sue Mackley on [REDACTED] (or see Sue Mills).

❖ **Weekend Away 2017**

We have again booked the Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool for our Weekend Away in 2017. This will run from the evening of *Friday 5th May to Sunday 7th May 2017* (the week after the Bank Holiday). All are welcome to come along. The price this year will be £121 per person (which includes 2 nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal, plus Saturday evening entertainment). To find out more or book a place, please see Dorothy by *13th February*.

❖ **Circuit Service**

A Circuit Service will be held on Aldersgate Sunday, *21st May 2017*, 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...

❖ **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.) Thank you, the Flower Team.

❖ **First Aid**

We would like to produce a list of all those people with First Aid training to ensure that there is always a First Aider present during Sunday Morning worship and so that the stewards know who can be approached if one is needed. If you have First Aid training and would be willing to be included, please add your name to the list at the entrance to the worship area.

❖ **CLC Bookshop**

Easter & Lent books are now on the shelves for browsing, buying and ordering in bulk... It's time to order the Real Easter Egg from us! At CLC we have many books, CDs and other resources to help in your walk with the Lord! We've picked out a few highlights which we know will be an encouragement for you or if given to the right person at the right time. CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, SHEFFIELD S1 4EQ

❖ **Congregational Meeting**

Thanks to everyone who came to the congregational meeting after the service last Sunday. We squeezed about 40 people into the Emmaus Room to hear about the work of the Wesley Hall and how we are engaging with our local community in various ways. From Toddler Group, Messy Church and the recent Ceilidh, the last Retro Gaming Café (100 people came), Drop Inn and Yeast through to Lunch Club we run a lot of successful events and groups! Attached to this newsletter is a report presented to the meeting about our regular offering at Wesley Hall. This has gone down by about £2,000 since last year and we are very keen to make up and exceed this shortfall to allow us to continue and expand what we do. Please take a look at the report and if you have any questions or are able to increase (or start) giving to Wesley Hall, please see our treasurer Matt Irons (in confidence).

Wesley Hall Church Offering

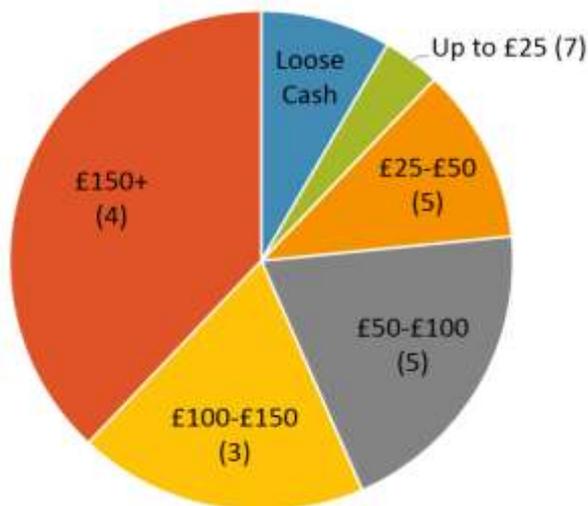


Last Year (2015/2016)

Last year we finished with a surplus of about £1,000 on the church side of the accounts which was a really good position to be in. The total income from our regular offering was £23,000 which increased to £28,500 after Gift Aid had been claimed. This was enough to cover the Circuit Assessment (of £28,000) which it is always good to be able to do from the offertory.

The Circuit Assessment is something that we need to pay to allow the Circuit to support and enable Methodist work in Sheffield. It is spent on employing 20 Ministers, including 4 co-Supers, and a Deacon (plus the upkeep of 25 manses) and 4 mission resource team staff who in turn all support the 64 Methodist congregations across the city.

Below is a pie chart breaking down our offertory income for 2015/2016 showing amounts given per month, the number of people who gave that amount (in brackets) and how much of the £23,000 total this made up. For example, it shows that 4 people gave £150 or more per month and that this made up over a third of our total offertory income. This means that we are reliant on a small number of people and if one of them were to leave, move away, be made redundant or otherwise see a reduction in their income this will have a significant impact on our finances.



Monthly Offering Breakdown (2015/2016)

Total £23,000

Monthly offering amount (with number of people in brackets)

This Year (2016/2017)

This year our part of Assessment has increased slightly to £28,275 but the amount that we expect to receive from the offertory has reduced to £21,500. With Gift Aid this brings the total offertory income to £26,500 which is almost £2,000 short of the Assessment figure. Just to break even we need to find an additional £2,000 but ideally would like to finish with a surplus to allow us to not just continue what we doing already, but to try new ideas and expand our work.

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 Claire and Tim to support the children, families and youth work. As the number of lives we touch continues to grow we fully understand that this may 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 (in confidence).