



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 13th 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** **Jane Offord**
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 20th November 10:30am *Michael Gagan*
Sunday 27th November 10:30am *Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 4th December 10:30am *Greg Unwin*

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.

❖ **Update from Mike**

Hello all,

Thank you for all the support that you have shown me and my family following my heart attack with your prayers, thoughts and cards and through the covering of things that I would have done.

I have been slowly recovering, and I am happy to say that I am back in circulation now.

It will be a gradual return to work and initially I will be fulfilling my preaching appointments on the plan, and carrying out some pastoral visiting. I will not be participating in meetings at this stage, but hope to be back into a fuller workload after a couple of weeks.

I look forward to, slowly, catching up with all that has been going on.

Regards, Mike.

❖ **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 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.

❖ **'Warm Spaces' - UPDATED**

We will be discussing this at our Leadership Team meeting tomorrow. 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.

❖ **Thursday Fellowship Group**

Having had a short break, Fellowship Group will start meeting again this *Thursday 17th November* in the Antioch Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. We are going to be following a 6 week course called Life on the Frontline thinking about how our interactions with others during the week are full of possibility and potential and how God can use us. We'll then spend some time in prayer. All are welcome!! If you want any more information, please see Andrew & Carole or Emma.

❖ **Christmas Fair - UPDATED**

Our Christmas Fair is this coming *Saturday 19th November* from 10:00am to 2:00pm. As usual we will be selling drinks, cakes and light lunches in the Church Hall, so please get busy baking and bring your creations along on the day. If you are able to help out in the café, even for part of the day, please see 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.

COMING SOON

❖ **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.

❖ **Walkley Ebenezer Christmas Fayre**

The Walkley Ebenezer Christmas Fair is *Saturday 26th November* from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be stalls of crafts, books, plants, cakes and bric-a-brac, the model railway exhibition and sausage and bacon butties! If you're able to help in setting up, on the day of the Fayre itself or in packing everything away when it closes, do let Freda know.

❖ **Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is on *Wednesday 30th November* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room, but also with a Zoom option. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Council members can vote on any decisions. Please pray for the meeting and let Matt know if there is anything you would like to go on the agenda.

We are always looking for new members of Church Council so if you would like to have a greater involvement in decisions about the church, and can spare four evenings a year, please see Matt.

We are also looking for a Church Council Secretary. This mainly involves taking and circulating the minutes for the meetings so if you are interested or have any questions, please see Matt.

❖ **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.

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, as he returns to work that he is able to strike the right balance as he continues to recover
- ❖ 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).