



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 14th May 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** **Rev Maggie Herbert**
 6:00pm **Prayer Service**
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 21st May *10:30am* *All Age Worship*
Sunday 28th May *10:30am* *Rev Sally Coleman*
Sunday 4th June *10:30am* *Service at Walkley*

THIS WEEK...

- ❖ **Creative Café**
On *Friday 19th May, 6pm-8pm*, we will be having our first 'Creative Café'. People can come and do different crafts/arts, listen to music or just hang around in our café. Initially meant for teenagers, we would like to invite those who wait in the hall on Friday nights as well. If you feel like you want to be creative or want to help run the café, please see Tim or just turn up between 6pm and 8pm on the 19th.
- ❖ **Christian Aid Week**
Many thanks to all of you who 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 this year, which will be on *Saturday 20th May at 3pm*, and tickets cost £7. To book a place, please see Andrea Killingsworth. Please invite your friends and family along. If you are able to bake cakes, buns or scones, they would be very much appreciated, so please speak to Andrea. These are needed for the afternoon tea as well as a cake sale on the day. Many thanks for the help you all give to raise funds for Christian Aid week; it is always a great team effort.

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

COMING SOON...

- ❖ **Gift Day 2017**
We committed our Gift Days for 2015, 2016 and 2017 to supporting the employment of both a Children and Families Worker and a Preteen and Youth Development worker. Over this period these posts have been filled by Claire Eaton, Liz Harding and Tim Jansen who have done and continue to

do a great job working with the children and young people of both Wesley Ebenezer congregations and the local community.

Our Gift Day this year is *Sunday 28th May*, and special envelopes are available in which to make your gift. If you completed a pledge form last year and are not sure what you wrote on it, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons, who will give you a copy of your form. If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration, please include the date of your gift and your Gift Aid (envelope) number on the outside of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration, please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope.

We are very happy to accept gifts by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Gifts are welcome as a one off on or around the Gift Days or spread-over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date and if you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ **Fun Day Friday 2nd June- Can you volunteer?**

Our next fun day is on *Friday 2nd June* but several members of the team are on holiday. We currently have enough volunteers for the day to go ahead but only for 20-25 children instead of the usual 35. Would you be able to help? The day runs from 10-4pm for children aged 5-11 and involves crafts, games, stories and baking/ cookery. You can join all or any part of the day (from 9am- 4:30pm) as part of the 'up front' team, interacting with the children and making a mess, or the 'back stage' team, helping in the kitchen to prepare the snack and tidying up each consecutive mess that we make! If you are free, please get in touch with Liz today, or by email/ phone (see below). Thanks! Many thanks and God bless, Liz Harding, tel: 07412124310 email: families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ **Pat Wright is (almost) 80 Years Young!**

To help her celebrate in style, we are all invited to join her for afternoon tea, in the church hall, on *Saturday 10th June* at 4pm. If you would like to go, please add your name to the list at the back of the Sanctuary.

❖ **Big Lunch 2017**

The Big Lunch is back and we will again be inviting our neighbours to join us for a BBQ on *Sunday 11th June*. If you would like to be involved this year there are plenty of things to do, like setting up tables, helping in the kitchen, serving and BBQ'ing. If you would like to know more or want to help out, please see Matt.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Cleaner for Walkley Ebenezer**

Walkley Ebenezer Methodist Church (Greenhow Street, S6 3TP) require a self-employed person with public liability insurance to clean the church building. This will be for 4 hours a week to be undertaken at a mutually convenient day and time (preferably split over a Monday and Friday/Saturday) and the pay is £10/ hour. If you would like any further information please contact Victoria Simpson on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] by the 19th of May. Proof of self-employment status and public liability insurance will need to be provided.

❖ **Claire's Maternity Leave**

Claire Eaton started her maternity leave last week, having handed over Children & Families Worker responsibilities to Liz Harding. Liz can now be contacted via families@wesleyhall.org.uk or 07412 124310. Our prayers are with Claire, Dan and Ben as they prepare for the new addition to their family, and with Liz as she resumes leadership of our ministry to children and families.

❖ **Easter breakfast**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter breakfast. The young people enjoyed planning, cooking and serving. As well as time together spent well, and making our baptism guests welcome with a bacon sandwich, we raised £40 to support Heeley City Farm in educating children about where our food comes from.

❖ **Office Space at Wesley Hall**

We have an office available to rent in the former stage area of the 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.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2018**

A few of us have just returned from Spring Harvest, having enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshment, bible study (led by inspirational speakers), amazing worship, fellowship and fun! We have provisionally booked accommodation for next year's event, which takes place 2nd-6th April (starting Easter Monday; not Holy Week next year!) and would love as many people as possible to join us. Although we will probably be able to add to the booking at a later date, to guarantee the accommodation we've reserved we need to pay a deposit next month. If you are interested, please see Carole or Andrew Gray for more information (or call Carole on [REDACTED]), by 21st May.

❖ **Welcomers Needed**

Could you be a Welcomer? With Sue Chapman and Sue & Brian Mills standing down from this role, we are now in need of new recruits on the welcome team. If you could meet & greet people before the service on a Sunday morning, either upstairs in the sanctuary or downstairs in the foyer, please speak to Alison Macfarlane. If you are unable to make a regular commitment but would be willing to do an occasional duty, that would be helpful too. Volunteers are still needed for 18th June. A very big thank you to Sue & Brian and Sue for their long standing service in this role.

❖ **Notice from Rev. Sally Coleman**

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in the long stretch between the celebration of Easter Sunday and Pentecost, the time in our church calendar when we like the first disciples are challenged through our readings to watch wait and pray. It is a reminder that our walk of discipleship need to be fully reliant upon God, and on waiting for the move of the Spirit.

As I write I am aware that we are preparing for our ACM, a chance not only to take stock of the last year but also to look for vision for the future. At the ACM, we vote for and appoint our Church Officers, this year we are looking for two additional people to join the Leadership Team. This team meets every month to pray and to seek God in prayer and through conversation with one another for the way forward. If you are interested in joining this team please see Sally, or one of the other members.

Looking forward in another way, we are charged to be mission minded, to look for what is happening around us and to relate to our community in effective ways. We do a lot as a church, with many folk coming through our doors every week. The question about how to best engage with them and with our community must always be on our minds, so with that question in front of us there is an opportunity for us to send one or two people on the Mission Shaped Ministry Course. There is a taster day in Rotherham on the 17th June, the course itself covers sessions (mostly evenings) over six months. Again, if you are interested please ask.

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Student Chaplain	Rev Catrin Harland 07597 673 106	Pre-teen & Youth	Tim Jansen 07401 980 794
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Another idea has been the development of a Chaplaincy Team, folk who are available in the foyer area during the day/ early evening just to chat to those who drop in, this will take some developing and there is training available. Again, ask if you are interested.

Almost done, looking at the outside of our building, I am sure some will be pleased to know that the Brick Street doors have now been painted! Other ways of making things look more appealing has been the suggestion of hanging baskets, and the development of the small piece of land to the side/ back of the building. The Rainbows and other groups might well take part in this, but we are going to need to do some work to clear the ground, perhaps installing a bench and some bird feeders to complement the raised beds that are there. If you are a keen or even not so keen gardener but might be interested in this please speak to Liz or Sally.

Lastly, following the success of our Lent Bible Study, I am going to offer another series of studies beginning on Monday 19th June- 24th July, we will look at the story of the lost son and how it relates to us today. I anticipate meeting in the Committee Room depending on how many come! I am also happy to consider another group at what might be a better time for some. Again, if you are interested speak to Sally.

Well that was a long list, some of these might come about, others may not, but let's commit to trying new things, listening to the Spirit and seeking God's way forward for us.

Peace and blessings

Sally