



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 15th January 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. Claudia Lupi (All Age Worship)**

The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 22nd January *10:30am Mrs. Wendy Cartwright* *6:00pm Stay & Pray*
Sunday 29th January *10:30am Mr. Chris Sissons*
Sunday 5th February *10:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Wesley Hall Lunch Club

Lunch Club continues to meet this and every Thursday. We meet at 12 noon for a wholesome, two-course meal cooked on the premises, followed by tea and coffee and a chance to meet old and new friends, all for £4.00. If you would like to come along or you know of someone else who would like to come, please have a word with Jim White or Steve Wright. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help at Lunch Club please speak to them.

❖ Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be *Saturday 21st January*, 10am-11.30am. The theme will be 'Joseph the Dreamer' and as well as the usual activities, we'll be making gift boxes, dream pictures, rainbow fruit and pop-up cups.

COMING SOON...

❖ Retro-gaming Café

Our Retro-gaming Café is returning on *Saturday 28th January* from 2pm to 5pm. 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!

❖ Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after the service on *Sunday 5th February*. The meeting will start soon after the service has finished so please feel free to take your tea or coffee in with you. We will be sharing some of the things that have been happening recently and also looking forward to the year ahead. One of things we will be discussing is which charities the church supports on a regular basis, so if you have any suggestions, please bring them along. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting.

❖ **Fun Day XL**

In order to have something new for young people aged 11 years and over (and getting a bit too old for our usual children's Fun Days), we hope to start our first 'Fun Day XL' on *Tuesday 21st February* (during the half-term holiday). Since it will be the first time arranging this event, Tim could really do with some help in being there and also setting it up. If you're interested, please contact Tim.

❖ **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 will be available in early January from Sue Mackley on [REDACTED].

❖ **Spring Harvest**

We'll shortly be making the final arrangements for this year's Spring Harvest break, taking place at Butlins, Skegness between *Monday 10th April* and *Friday 14th April*. The theme will be 'One for All', focussing on Christian unity and Jesus' prayer that we would be one. If you would like to join us, or just want to know more, please see Andrew or Carole Gray ([REDACTED]) as soon as possible. If we have enough interest to fill another apartment, we can add this to our existing booking.

❖ **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. To find out more or book a place, please see Dorothy.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Church Flowers**

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.

❖ **New Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2017 are now available to pick up at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

Dear Friends,

First may I say how lovely it is to be able to start this letter in that way and to call you friends. In many ways it is a thank you for the way that I have been made so welcome among you and as I slowly get to know you better.

Second I am writing this near to the beginning of 2017, so may I take this chance to wish you all a very happy New Year and add my prayers that it might be filled with many blessings.

I don't know about you but I am unsure whether to celebrate a New Year or hide from it, there always seem to be more things to do and more challenges to be faced, that said we can be thankful and confident that we do not enter into it alone, but can step out in confidence with the one who calls us to take his yoke upon us as we do so, with the promise that the yoke is easy and the burden is light! (Matthew 11: 28-30).

So how then do we step out together, one of the challenges offered to us by the Circuit review was to consider our Methodist Identity and what that might mean for us as a church. Many churches hold their Covenant Services at this time of year, and while we don't it might be good to be reminded of the beginning of that Covenant prayer which invites us to begin with the words:

"I am no longer my own but yours"

In doing so we give ourselves again to the wonderful covenant relationship that God invites us into, a relationship based on deep promises and a love that holds and keeps us when we allow it to do so, this like all relationships requires us to play our part or it is no relationship at all. Playing our part takes many forms of course and we respond to God every day in how we live our lives as well as through intentional worship, prayer, and service. We will be looking at this in some way in our Congregational Meeting on the 5th February directly after the morning service. In that meeting we will consider aspects of church life and discipleship with a special emphasis on the call to radical generosity and how this enables the mission of God to be taken forward.

One thing I would personally like to establish is a weekday, daytime fellowship/ Bible Study group. I would welcome your thoughts on that.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to drop into the Manse which is at 8 Reservoir Rd, S10 1EY, on Saturday 4th February between 11am and 4pm, just to say hello, to enjoy some refreshments etc. Come and go as you feel comfortable. Everyone is welcome, including children of all ages, it is my way of saying thank you, and if you want an excuse it can be your way of helping me to celebrate my birthday, though candles on cakes are not to be counted!

So, thank you again, let us continue to pray and work towards seeing a full expression of the love of God among us.

Peace and blessings, Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman)