



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 15th April 2018

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** **Mrs. Wendy Cartwright**
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 22nd April *10:30am* *Rev. Sally Coleman (please note change to plan)*
Sunday 29th April *10:30am* *Rev. Dr. Catrin Harland*
Sunday 6th May *10:30am* *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ 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 16th April. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Messy Church

Messy Church is back here at Wesley Hall this Saturday 21st April from 10:00am to 11:30am for families with younger primary-aged children. We will explore the theme of Mary and Martha: A Tale of Two Sisters, through our usual mix of crafts, play, baking and worship. All are welcome to come along and join in!

COMING SOON...

❖ Christening Service of Noah James Eaton

We will be celebrating the Christening of Noah during the service on Sunday 22nd April, here at Wesley Hall. We hope that many of our congregation will be there to celebrate with us and support and bless Noah as he begins his journey with Jesus. Everyone is very welcome to join us and our families for coffee and cake in the downstairs hall after the service. Claire, Dan and Benjamin.

❖ Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting will be on Thursday 26th April at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room at Wesley Hall. Please you could you let Sally or Dan have any agenda items as soon as possible.

❖ Retro-gaming Café at Wesley Hall

Our Retro-gaming Café is returning on Saturday 5th May 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!

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❖ **Maggots and Posies Concert**

The Yorkshire Wind Orchestra and TUS Folk are holding a concert here at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 28th April. They will provide a fascinating insight into the influence of folk music on the wind band repertoire, with contrasting performances of folk tunes sung and played by a traditional folk band and arranged for wind orchestra by composers including Vaughan Williams, Holst and Grainger. Tickets cost between £6.50 & £10 and are available from Eventbrite or on the door.

❖ **Against The Grain: An Evening With Garth Hewitt**

On Saturday 12th May at 7:30pm at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Garth Hewitt has been prominent in the Christian music scene for 4 decades. Drawing on his extensive catalogue of songs old and new, Garth sings of hope and justice for uncertain times. Tickets from Eventbrite (£11 – search Garth Hewitt Sheffield) or on the door (£12) or contact Simon Ennais on [REDACTED]. Bar from 7:00pm; funds raised go to Amos Trust.

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid week will be 13th-19th May and the funds raised will go to help internally displaced people. Of the 65 million displaced people in the world, 40 million are displaced within their own countries. There will be a special focus on Haiti, which suffered an earthquake in 2010 and hurricanes in 2016 & 2017. How very fortunate we are in comparison!

As part of Christian Aid Week, there will be an afternoon tea on Saturday 19th May at 3pm at Wesley Hall, costing £7 per person. As usual, please reserve a place by letting Andrea know. Offers of cakes/buns for the event would be most welcome; we've already had a very kind offer to supply scones. Or if you'd be able to help on the day, please speak to Andrea. The afternoon tea has been both an enjoyable event and also a great fundraiser, helping us to maintain, and last year even increase, the overall amount we raise, despite amounts collected on the streets going down. Please do invite friends and family to this event. Many thanks, Andrea.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Can You Please Sponsor Andrea Killingsworth?**

Many thanks to those of you who have sponsored me for the Coast to Coast walk I am doing between 26th May & 10th June, walking 192 miles from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay. If anyone else would like to sponsor me, this can be done on-line at my Total Giving site (I can e-mail you the link) or I have sponsorship forms. The two Christian Charities (Snowdrop Project & Hope for Justice) I am fund-raising for, both support survivors of human trafficking, helping them to rebuild their lives. Hope for Justice also works to end modern-day slavery through investigations, rescues, campaigning and training individuals/organisations on how to spot signs that someone may have been trafficked.

God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Community Garden**

Our community garden is really coming together. The path and pond are established and box beds should be made over the Easter holiday. We think we are ready to put in some bird feeders; the cone feeders we made at Toddlers were very well received by the locals! Does anyone have any bird feeders, bird boxes or even a bird table which they could donate to the garden, please? This would enhance the nature area of the garden. If so, please pass them on to Liz. Thanks very much for your support of the garden project. Do pop in if you want to; you can now admire the soil from a lovely bench!

❖ **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota is up at the back of church. Please sign up to sponsor the church flowers if you can.

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❖ **CLC Bookshop is Moving!**

With effect from 1st May, CLC Bookshop will be at 2 Church Street, S1 2GN (the blue corner building, just above the cathedral). This is a very strategic move for the shop and a huge answer to prayer. For the time being, CLC is open as usual at 103 West Street. They really need and appreciate your prayers as they have a lot to do in quite a short amount of time. If you want to know more, please sign-up to the CLC e-mail newsletter by dropping a line to sheffield@clcbookshops.com.

❖ **Dear Friends,**

I do hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter Celebrations and were able to mark them in a meaningful way. As we continue to move through this season of new life, we come to our Church Council on the 26th April. Church Council can be seen as boring or simply necessary, but it is the decision-making body of the church and should therefore be a vibrant and visionary meeting. With so much going on at Wesley Ebenezer this should certainly be the case!

This time we are looking at the Second Round of our Church Review process, this will be facilitated for us by Revd. Debora Marschner, one of our Circuit Ministers. The idea is that we don't simply keep bowling along with busyness, but that we pause, reflect and look at what we are doing, and more importantly who we are as God's people, at this time and in this place.

Church Council is an open meeting, meaning that anyone can attend, if you would like to come to be a part of the conversation you would be very welcome. The Church review section will be at the beginning of the meeting, so you could attend simply to take part in that if you wished. Any voting undertaken by Church Council is of course for the appointed members only.

As we undertake this review (there will be meetings to follow), let us remember that the church is not a static entity, but the constantly changing, Spirit-led, Spirit-filled, body of Christ. We are, if we are willing, renewed day by day. I hope that you will feel able to take part in this potentially fruitful process. If you would like to talk to me about it I am happy to make the time for that.

Peace and blessings,
Sally (Revd. Sally Coleman)

❖ **Dear Friends,**

As you know, the Leadership Team at Wesley Hall works very hard on behalf of the church to ensure that our mission and ministry are fruitful and honouring to God. In this they are creative, prayerful, and dedicated. They also recognise that the whole congregation is committed to continuing the vision of serving the community of Crookes by being a community focused church, and taking its place within the Sheffield Circuit. I would like to take an opportunity to both commend you all for your willingness to volunteer in many ways, to pray, and keep seeking God for the future. This of course brings challenges and with that in mind, the leadership team, with much input from Matt, are bringing the challenge below to you. **(Please see overleaf.)**

Peace and blessings, Sally.