



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 21st 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** **All Age Worship**
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 28th May *10:30am* *Rev Sally Coleman*
Sunday 4th June *10:45am* *Pentecost Service at Walkley- Rev Sally Coleman*
Sunday 11th June *10:30am* *Rev Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is this *Saturday 27th May* from 10:00am to 11:30am for families with younger primary age children. We will explore our theme of 'Never giving up love' through our usual mix of crafts, play, baking and worship. All are welcome to come along and join in!

❖ Testimonies for Messy Church-Saturday 27th May

The theme for our May messy church is the 'Never-Giving-Up Love' of God. Using Paul's journeys and his Armour of God metaphor, we'll explore how God's love can sustain us through hard times and empower us to face difficult circumstances, knowing we're not alone. For the story/ sharing part of Messy Church, it would be brilliant to have two or three testimonies of when God's love or protection has been evident in someone's life. If you have an experience of this which you might be willing to share with the families who come the Messy Church, either in person or via someone else/ something written/ video, please get in touch with Liz.

❖ 12 Hours of Prayer at Victoria Hall Methodist Church

On *Friday 26th May 8am-8pm* there will be 12 Hours of prayer at Victoria Hall Methodist Church in the city centre. Please feel free to come and join us throughout the day. For more information please contact Donna Tel: [REDACTED] or Email: [REDACTED]

COMING SOON...

❖ Gift Day 2017 Sunday 28th May

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.

❖ **DATES FROM THE CIRCUIT...**

Our common life together as Methodists finds expression in many ways. One is when we come together in worship to celebrate our common faith and experience. In the coming months there are a number of opportunities to meet in larger numbers for mutual support and encouragement. These are moments to learn, to express gratitude for ministry well done, to say farewell and to just tell good news stories. So please put these dates in your diary:

- *Sunday 21st May*, Hillsborough Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Circuit Service led by the 'Justice and Peace Mission Action Group', taking John Wesley's famous dictum, "I look on the whole world as my parish", it will focus on World Mission.
- *Sunday 4th June*, Trinity Firvale Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Circuit Service to celebrate their ministry prior to closure.
- *Sunday 11th June*, Greenhill Methodist Church, 6:00pm. Service of accreditation of two local preachers.
- *Wednesday 12th July* at 7:00pm (venue to be advised). Circuit Service incorporating a farewell to Deacon Meredith Evans, Rev. Claudia Lupi and Rev. Stephen Pratt.

- *Sunday 17th September* at 6:00pm (venue to be advised). Circuit celebration of our life together.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **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.

❖ **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.

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.