



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 22nd August 2021

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 Preacher** **Mr. Iain Cloke**
The stewards on duty are Linda and Stephen Wright

<i>Sunday 29th August</i>	<i>10:45am. Joint Service with Walkley Ebenezer (see below)</i>
<i>Sunday 5th September</i>	<i>10:30am. Mr. David Harris</i>
<i>Sunday 12th September</i>	<i>10.30am Rev. John Simms (Covenant Service)</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ Sunday 15th August

Today we welcome Iain Cloke to lead our service. Again, as we worship in the building, we are mindful of the changes to the Covid rules.

The Government has confirmed that the COVID rules have been relaxed. We are already meeting in person for worship, but this will mean some changes to our worship:

- As before, please consider taking a lateral flow COVID test on the morning before coming to worship (available free to all adults from your local pharmacy).
- As before, please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building.
- There will be no requirement to wear a face covering, but you are very welcome to continue doing so.
- We are being encouraged to continue to record those who attend worship, to help with NHS Test & Trace.
- We will continue with the more distanced chair layout but without enforcing social distancing, as we have been doing with the three crosses. The crosses will still be available if you wish to use them to give yourself space.
- **Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.**

Thank you to everyone for your continued adherence to the rules. It has enabled us to return to in person worship as safely as possible.

❖ TRIBE

Our Sunday morning children's group TRIBE (The Really Interesting Bible Experience) is taking its usual break over the summer. The crèche is now open again, so please feel free to use it for those younger children who might want to go out.

❖ **Sean and Amy's Wedding**

Hi all, I hope you are all well, thank you for your well wishes whilst Amy and I were self-isolating, I (Sean) was really lucky to not end up catching Covid and luckily although Amy had it, she wasn't too ill at all and is back to full strength now! Unfortunately, I won't see most of you now before September, but I would like to invite you to our Wedding Mass at 2pm at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield on *Saturday 28th August*. It's going to be a full Catholic wedding mass so be prepared for at least an hour if not longer! You are all welcome to see us get married, belt out some hymns and do lots of standing up and sitting down. And don't worry - we won't be upset if you don't come for whatever reason. Anything goes when planning a wedding in a pandemic!

Please spread the word to people I've missed! I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and hopefully see some of you soon. [Many thanks and God bless, Sean Briscoe](#)

❖ **Sunday 29th August**

We will be joining with our friends from Walkley Ebenezer on *Sunday 29th August* as they worship on the Bolehills, beginning at 10:45 am. Please do bring a chair and a spare if at all possible for those who are not able to do so. Being outside means that we can sing (hymn books will be quarantined and brought along) and can welcome up to 30 people. Please note that there will be no toilet facilities available. A copy of a map with the service location marked has been sent out with the newsletter.

COMING SOON

❖ **Welcome Stewards**

The new welcome rota covering the summer period and, hopefully, a more "normal" routine has now been drawn up. There are some vacancies. In particular, if anyone could volunteer on *5th and 26th September* that would be really helpful. Please let Alison know - [REDACTED].

❖ **Dates For Your Diary**

Dates in the diary for the Autumn:

- We are planning our Covenant Service for *Sunday 12th September* when the preacher will be Rev. John Simms
- We are planning to run our Harvest Supper on the evening of *Saturday 2nd October*, with our Harvest Festival on *Sunday 3rd October* when the preacher will be Rev. Phill Borkett.

❖ **Mental Health First Aid Training**

Good news! More mental health first aid training will be delivered in Sheffield. This time it is not just for those that work within the life of the church but also for church members and the Sheffield circuit would like to have at least one mental health first aider within every congregation (this does not need to be a person employed by the church). The training will be delivered by Timon Jansen via Pontes Mental Health Training and will be two full days of face-to-face training. At the end of the training, you will be a qualified Mental health first aider, receive a certificate from Mental Health First Aid England and you will have some really good resources at your disposal (for more information about MHFA please look at: <https://mhfaengland.org/individuals/adult/>)

Below is a list of dates planned for the rest of this year, all taking place at Wesley Hall, please book via the link provided (the circuit will cover costs for the training, but we ask you to take your booking serious as last-minute cancelations are not helpful):

- 23rd & 30th September, 9am-5:00pm both dates (book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/162249617975>)
- 7th & 14th October, 9am-5:00pm both dates (book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/162249932917>)
- 25th November & 2nd December, 9am-5:00pm both dates (book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/162250057289>)

If you have any questions regarding the course, then please get in touch with Tim via info@pontestraining.co.uk.

AND FINALLY

❖ Church Burgesses Educational Foundation

We are really pleased to say that our application to the Church Burgesses Educational Foundation for a grant of £4,000 towards our children, families and youth work has been successful! In the letter which they sent they had the following encouraging message for us, "May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best with your continuing work. The Trustees hope that this grant funding will be a blessing to your church and the young people who engage in its work." Please continue to pray for the other applications that we have submitted and that are being considered (Circuit Mission Vision Team, Bramall Foundation, Jerusalem Trust and Methodist Youth Activities).

❖ Sean on the Radio!

Our own Sean Briscoe was on Radio Sheffield last Sunday morning talking about the Drop Inn at Wesley Hall. If you would like to listen back to his interview go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09qrgwl> (free BBC login required) and then skip to 2:42:00. Enjoy!

❖ Wonderful News

Hello all, I shall be away for a couple of Sundays but I don't want to wait that long to tell you some good news. Andy and I are engaged! We went for a walk at a foggy and windy Burbage Edge last week and he pretended to have something in his shoe which turned out to be a ring. Anyway, have a lovely couple of weeks and I shall see you soon, Liz (Harding)

❖ Christians Against Poverty

Christians Against Poverty are looking for befrienders to come alongside people in debt who, with the help of debt advisers, are working to tackle their money problems. Befrienders are not debt advisers, just a friend who can take an interest in people struggling with debt, by phone or meeting up for a coffee and chat.

If you think you might be able to offer a few hours a week, please let me know and I can put you in touch with CAP organisers. Rosemary Anderson [REDACTED] tel: [REDACTED].

❖ Andrew's 10k Hat-trick!

In order to raise money for Cancer Research, Andrew Gray will be attempting three 10k runs in the space of 6 weeks, with Joseph joining for two of those. They start with London on 5th September, then Sheffield on 26th September, ending with Scarborough on 17th October. If you feel you could donate, please do so via the Just Giving page: [JustGiving](#). Alternatively, please see Andrew.

❖ **Can You Please Help?**

As we prepare to return to a more usual schedule of events, there will be a fair amount of planning and preparation to do. It would be great if we find people who are willing to help with organising events (like the Harvest Supper, above) so that it does not always fall on the same person. If you are interested or have any questions at all, please see Matt.

❖ **AV Rota**

We are looking to put together the AV rota for the Autumn and would like to expand the pool of people able to assist with this. Full training will be given, and even if you are not able to help out regularly, it would be great to have some people available as standby/ cover for dates that we are not able to fill. If you are interested or have any questions at all, please see Matt.

❖ **Toddlers**

Thank you to all who have been involved in this past term. In the kitchen, or generally at toddlers, distributing Messy Church bags, or on the zoom. For those who have helped at TRIBE, and to those who have held us in your prayers. It is much appreciated.

❖ **Can You Help with Toddlers or TRIBE?**

We will need volunteers for the kitchen for toddlers in September, and for TRIBE on a Sunday morning (also, from September). If you feel able to help in any way, please let Jacque know.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For those who are putting together grant applications for the continued employment of our families and youth lay workers; that they would be able to find the right funders, and that applications would be successful so that we are able to raise all the money we need.
- ❖ That time off over the summer will be refreshing for all those involved in the work within children and families. Especially those volunteering.
- ❖ We are struggling to find people who feel able and willing to help with TRIBE each week. We are so blessed within our church community with a really wonderful group of young people, so please hold them and the TRIBE leaders in your prayers.
- ❖ For the room hire, that new groups would book our available space so that we would be able to produce (and stick to!) a balanced budget next year
- ❖ Pray for our grant applications to Methodist Youth Activities, the Jerusalem Trust and the Bramall Foundation for a funding towards our continued youth work over the next three years and for the generous grant we have recently received from the Church Burgesses.
- ❖ For Sean and Amy's wedding on 28th August and that they may have a wonderful married life together.
- ❖ For Joseph and Benjamin and their wonderful exam results.
- ❖ For Liz and Andy on their engagement and for their future happiness together.

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).