



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 23rd February 2020

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** **Mr. David Harris**
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay and Pray** **Prayer at Home (please see below)**
The steward on duty today is Emma Irons

Sunday 1st March *10.30am* *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 8th March *10.30am* *Local Arrangements*
Sunday 15th March *10.45am* *United Service at Walkley Ebenezer*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay and Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we also hold Stay & Pray on the fourth Sunday of the month. The idea is that people spend some time between 6:00pm and 7:00pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting together face to face, we will be praying together in our homes.

❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is on *Monday 24th February*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Yeast Can You Please Help

We have exciting news for the restarting of the youth group Yeast! Sean is very excited to let the congregation know that we will be restarting the fortnightly youth group with 4 members on *Thursday 27th February*. It will last around an hour and a half and we are hoping for a start time of 7pm in the Antioch room. There will be food, discussions and prayer. However, Sean would love some help, we cannot carry out the youth group without a second adult in the room. Therefore, we are asking for volunteers to help Sean out at the sessions, do not feel that you have to volunteer at every session but any you can do would be amazing and a great help. If you feel like you can help out at the sessions please contact him on either 07401980794 or youth@wesleyhall.org.uk
Many thanks and God bless, Sean Briscoe. Pre-teen & Youth Worker.

❖ Crookes Community Litter Pick

The next community litter pick will take place on *Saturday 29 February* (weather permitting).

TIME/DATE: 9.45 am on Saturday 29 February 2020

MEETING PLACE: inside The Ball pub, 171-173 Crookes

❖ Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting (ACM) will be held after our Sunday morning service on *1st March*. It will be an opportunity to hear from a number of different church groups including Lunch Club, the pastoral team and our lay workers. We will also be looking to appoint worship stewards, TRIBE leaders, Church Council and Circuit Meeting representatives as well as the members of Jacque, Sean and Matt's management groups. If you are interested in any of these roles, please see Matt.

COMING SOON...

❖ The God in Love Unites Us Report

The God in Love Unites Us report has been sent out to the whole of the Connexion by the Conference for consultation. Sally is offering two dates on Thursdays the *5th and 12th March*, for us to consider the report. It covers all aspects of human relating and asks us to make some responses, which we can do both together if we wish to, and as individuals. Copies of the report are available, and can also be found online, along with some more information here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019/the-2019-marriage-and-relationships-report/>

Sally encourages you to come to the consultation meetings which will be held at Wesley Hall on Thursdays *5th March & 12th March*: 7:00pm for refreshments; 7:30pm start; finish at 9:30pm.

❖ 'Left to Their Own Devices'

The internet has revolutionised the way we live our lives. Smartphones, social media and digital technology are now a vital part of how we function day to day and we have opportunities to build connections like never before. Many of our children have grown up in this digital world and it can leave us as parents feeling out of touch; unsure how to best protect them from the potential dangers such as online bullying, pornography and the pressure of the selfie culture. Care for the Family have put together a one evening session called 'Left to their Own Devices' to power up your parenting for the online generation. The Sheffield event is at St Thomas Philadelphia (S6 3BL) on *Wednesday 11th March*, 7:30pm-9:30pm. Tickets are available from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/left-to-their-own-devices-sheffield-tickets-83307901175> and cost £7.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES...

- ❖ Our next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 14th March between 10am and 12noon.
- ❖ A massive thank you to everyone who supports or is involved in the work with families and children in this church. Be it a physical presence at an event, collecting supplies, prayer or another way. It wouldn't be the same without you. Many thanks and God bless, Jacque Ryan, Children and Families Co-ordinator, tel:07412124310; email: families@wesleyhall.org.uk

PRAYER POINTS...

- ❖ For those of our church family who are ill at the moment, particularly for Louise as she continues her recovery in hospital and with grateful thanks for the improvement she has made so far. Please also pray for Louise's parents as they travel to visit her every day.
- ❖ For Ken, who has moved to a care home in Cwmbran, close to his daughter Gill and family.
- ❖ For new room hire bookings so that our income will still be on budget. Two regular users have stopped or reduced their sessions at Wesley Hall, leaving us with a shortfall.

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).

AND FINALLY...

❖ Thank you from Alison

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Wesley Hall for all your prayers and support during my recent illness. I have been overwhelmed with messages, phone calls, visits and practical help. I have felt wonderfully cared for throughout a very difficult time and am enormously grateful. Very best wishes, Alison.

❖ Safeguarding

We have recently completed an audit of all the documentation that we need for safeguarding. If you are asked to complete a form, or go on a short Safeguarding course, please do not worry. We are just making sure we are where we should be, and that everything is up to date. We're sure you will agree that completing the necessary paperwork and checks is an important part of safeguarding the children, young people and vulnerable adults in our care. Kind regards, Matt Irons.

❖ Regular Giving to Wesley Hall

Thank you to everyone who gives to Wesley Hall, without your support we wouldn't be here! There a number of ways to give: cash in the offering plate, weekly gift via the envelope scheme, standing order via your bank or one-off gift. All gifts are very much appreciated, but regular gifts are really helpful for planning and budgeting. If you are interested in giving regularly, or have any other questions about giving, please see Matt. There are also some standing order letters and Gift Aid forms at the back of church if you would like to help yourself.

❖ Children, Families & Community Worker

Jacque will shortly be going on maternity leave and we're pleased to announce that Claire Eaton will be taking-up the role during that time.

❖ Flower Rota

The new flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you feel you could spare £15 (or so) and would like to contribute to the flowers, please put your name at the side of your chosen date and pass the money to Sue Mills or Pat Wright, a couple of weeks before.

FROM SALLY...

Dear Friends,

I know that you had expected me to be taking the remainder of my Sabbatical and so I offer you this explanation, I have received permission not to take sabbatical in the usual way which is in a large block of time. The reason for this is that I found taking 2 months for Sabbatical in the summer counterproductive and emerged from those 2 months struggling with depression. The reason for this is that I live alone, and Sabbatical meant me spending extended time alone, returning from time away with others and coming back to nothing was difficult and it took me a while to deal with that.

Therefore, I am in consultation with the Sabbaticals group to find a different way of doing things.

I am also aware that I have not been in and around Wesley Hall, Walkley Ebenezer and Stanwood, as much as usual recently, certainly for September and October it was because I was recovering from depression and needed to take things more slowly, then in November my daughter gave birth and suffered major complications for her and baby Jude, while they are now fine that swallowed up a good deal of time as I travelled to and from Leeds.

When things began to calm down just before Christmas and I wasn't travelling the full impact of what had happened really hit me and I became unwell again, being signed off just before Christmas into the New Year.

I guess all of this is simply to offer you an explanation of what has been going on in my life along with the reflection that I feel that I have let you down by not being available as I would want to be.

I add to this the state of things In Methodism, we have a number of churches without ministers in Sheffield at the moment, and as a Co-Superintendent I am responsible for helping to care for them and also our staff team who are becoming more and more stretched. This picture is not confined to Sheffield and affects the whole country as fewer and fewer people are offering for ordained ministry. It is also not confined to Methodism; the Anglican Church and the URC are contending with similar pictures. Quite simply we need to find another way of doing things and of being church together.

All of that said I am available to talk to, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone or send me an email, I will try my best to make time to see you, also please if someone is in hospital or unwell don't hesitate to let me know, I would much rather know 3 or 4 times than not at all.

Please know that you are in my prayers and that I appreciate all the love and support you have shown me. So, I wonder if we can begin to see our need to work differently as an opportunity rather than a problem, to seek together to find where God is at work among us and in his church today, all through history the people of God have been challenged to follow through difficult times, to re-build and to re-discover their faith, to deepen it by re-turning and re-connecting with God as he leads us on a journey of faith. The church has not finished, it is simply being called onwards, and God will meet us when we seek, and pray and reach out in love to the world he created.

So, I invite you to walk, work and pray with me. If you would like to talk to me about any of this, please do.

Finally, a date for your diary:

28th March, a Saturday morning from 10am-12pm where we can meet and talk about membership, this is open to both members and non-members. The meeting will be child friendly and be held at Wesley Hall.

Peace and blessings
Reverend Sally Coleman