



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th August 2014

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** **Mrs Helen Hind**
6:00pm-7:00pm **Stay and Pray**

The stewards on duty today are Linda and Stephen Wright

<i>Sunday 31st August</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Jenny Carpenter</i>	
<i>Sunday 7th September</i>	<i>10:45am</i>	<i>Covenant Service at Walkley led by Rev John Simms</i>	
	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Circuit Welcome Service at Banner Cross Methodist Church</i>	
<i>Sunday 14th September</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms</i>	<i>6:00pm Prayer Service</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Welcomers Needed

Could you be a Welcomer? We currently have vacancies on the Welcome Team. After many years a number of our members have felt it time to stand down. We extend our thanks particularly to Dennis and Margaret, Ken and Enid and Sue and Brian for their long-standing commitment and service. We are, therefore, in need of some new recruits. If you could meet and greet people before the service on a Sunday morning either downstairs in the foyer or upstairs in the Church please speak to Alison. If you are unable to make a regular commitment but would be willing to do an occasional duty, that would be helpful too. In order to cover the summer period volunteers are needed for 21st September. If you can help with any of these things please speak to Alison or ring [REDACTED].

❖ Circuit Assessment

We have received 2 documents about proposals for the Circuit Assessment policy for our thoughts, comments and prayers ready for feedback prior to the Circuit Meeting in September. These have been given out to Church Council members but there are copies on the Church Notice Board and a few spares next to the Notice Board. Please pass any comments you have onto the Leadership Team.

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we hold our Stay & Pray on the fourth Sunday of the month the next one is today Sunday 24th August. 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.

COMING SOON...

❖ Wesley Hall Open Day

On **Saturday 6th September from 10am to 2pm**, we will be running an Open Day with cakes and drinks to publicise our events for the 2014-15 school year and as a welcome back after the summer. Liz will be making lots of flyers and boards for the building. The hope is that we can get lots of new people into the building, excited about what we do and aware of which events would be best for them. We'll have calendars/ flyers of events for different groups on a table out the front of church as well as in the hall.

We would be grateful if you could provide cake/ biscuits for the event and spread the word about it. Also, we need people to mingle and enthuse over tea or coffee

Please talk to Liz or Matt for more details.

❖ Covenant Service

This year's Covenant Service will be a joint service with our friends at Walkley and will be held at **10:45am on Sunday 7th September**, at Walkley. Following the service we will have a soup lunch together. If you would like to come to the lunch, please could you put your name on the sheet at the back of church, to help with numbers for catering. There is no fixed charge but donations will be gratefully accepted with all money going to Oxfam's collection for Gaza, Iraq and Sudan.

❖ Welcome Service for the New Chair of the District

The Welcome Service for the new Chair of the District, Rev Gill Newton, will be held at Talbot Lane Methodist Church, Rotherham at **4:00pm on Sunday 31st August**.

❖ Circuit Welcome Service

The Circuit Welcome Service for William Fletcher and Rev Devedas Matcha will be held at Banner Cross Methodist Church at **6:00pm on Sunday 7th September**.

❖ Harvest Festival 28th September

Our Harvest Festival Service at 10:30am on **Sunday 28th September** will be led by the Rev John Illsley.

❖ Away Day

Our Away Day this year will be on **Saturday 11th October** and we hope to go to Castleton. Please put this date in your diary.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Gaza, Israel and Iraq: Methodists called to pray

The situations in Gaza, Israel and Iraq dominate the news and papers, capturing our attention and prompting our compassion. In response the Revd Ken Howcroft and Gill Dascombe, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference call on all Methodists to urgent and informed prayer, commending all the peoples of the region to the care of Almighty God, and regular prayer for the needs of the Land of the Holy One. Methodists are not alone in this task. Christian Aid have provided a prayer for the region; an appeal for funds to help in the situation; and a call to sign a letter to the Foreign Secretary asking for Britain to take some action. These can be found on Christian Aid's website.