



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th February 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** **Local Arrangements**
Worship Leader Louise Etherington
6:00pm **Stay and Pray at Home (see below)**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

<i>Sunday 5th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 12th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Sue Stanworth</i>
	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman –Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 19th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Tim Jansen (All Age Worship)</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we continue our 'Stay & Pray' on the fourth Sunday of the month which is today *26th February*. 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.

❖ Service at Mary Tozer House

The next service at Mary Tozer House will be this *Thursday 2nd March*. We have a short service for half an hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome to come and join us.

COMING SOON...

❖ Circuit Service

A Circuit Service will be held on Aldersgate Sunday, *21st May 2017*, at Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HE. Tea and homemade cakes will be served at 5pm with stalls/prayer stations covering various mission links and concerns. The service itself will start at 6pm. Taking John Wesley's famous dictum "I look on the whole world as my parish" the service will focus on World Mission.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to everyone who supported Leprosy Sunday and the people with collecting boxes. £139.82p has been sent to Transform Purulia Hospital for leprosy affected patients. God bless, Sue Mills.

❖ Flower Rota

The new flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to choose a date to sponsor the church flowers, please add your name to the rota. (Please note, at Sally's request, there will not be any flowers in church during Lent except on Mothering Sunday). Thank you, the Flower Team.

❖ CLC Bookshop

Easter & Lent books are now on the shelves for browsing, buying and ordering in bulk... It's time to order the Real Easter Egg from us! At CLC we have many books, CDs and other resources to help in your walk with the Lord! We've picked out a few highlights which we know will be an encouragement for you or if given to the right person at the right time. CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, SHEFFIELD S1 4EQ

❖ News from Sally

Bible Study

The Leadership Team have discussed the need for a daytime Bible Study and it has been decided that we will begin one in Lent, starting on *Monday 6th March*, and lasting for 6 weeks, we will then consider as a group how best to take things forward. I have often found that taking things in 6 week blocks is a good way to do things, the topic of each of the 6 weeks' studies would be advertised in advance, that way people could choose studies/ topics that interest them.

The Topic for the Lent Study will be: "Finding hope in the desert", and will look at desert experiences of characters in both the Old and New Testaments. You don't need to bring anything but yourself a Bible, and a note book if you wish to.

Venue to be confirmed.

Membership/ Baptism

There has been some interest shown in either becoming a member of Wesley Hall Church and / or requests for Baptism, my plan is currently to bring people into Membership either by transfer or for the first time, and to offer Baptism for those requesting it on Easter Sunday. This has traditionally been a day for Baptisms or Confirmations as both are symbolic of resurrection. So far there is one adult and one infant Baptism planned for that day. If you would like to become a member or have never been baptised and feel this would be right for you then please have a chat with me and we will make plans to do just that.

Mothering Sunday

You have probably noticed from the Newsletter that I have asked that during Lent that there won't be flowers in the Church, this is to reflect the desert journey of Christ and to help us to focus on the season of repentance. It will also emphasise the joy of the celebration on Easter Sunday when we can fill the place with flowers if we wish to!

That said the one exception to this is Mothering Sunday, Mothering Sunday is a traditional feast day in Lent, and while there are many explanations as to its origins my favourite is that of refreshment Sunday, when the rules for Lenten fasting were relaxed and young people who were working away from home (in service) would be given a day off to return to their "Mother Church". This brought with it family gatherings and celebrations. Originally, both Old and New Testament lessons on Mothering Sunday made a point of food.

On Mothering Sunday, there will be flowers, and there will also be refreshments as we are going to hold a café style service and will begin rather than end with tea/ coffee, and there will be cake. That means that we will be seated around tables, there will be discussion starters and other things to do, along with images to pray with. All of this will sit within the context of a worship service with some hymns, and of course Scriptures and prayers.

So, I am asking for your help, it would be good to have some colourful table cloths to help to create a celebratory mood, they don't all need to match one another, so if you have a small but pretty table cloth and are willing to lend it for the day that would be wonderful. We would need these the week before please.

The second thing I am asking for is this, I need photos of someone who has loved and cared for you this may or may not be your mum, I will leave that to you. Or you might like to bring an image that speaks to you of God's care. If you are offering a photograph you might want to photocopy them as I would like to make a celebratory/ thanksgiving banner, that will help us to reflect upon the God who tends his flock like a shepherd: gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; and gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40: 11). Photos and pictures can come on the day.

I look forward to celebrating with you.

Sally

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