



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 27th February 2022

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. Chris Sissons**

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

<i>6th March</i>	<i>10:30am.</i>	<i>Mrs. Vivian Thomas</i>
<i>13th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>20th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Wendy Cartwright</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please consider taking a lateral flow test in the morning before coming to worship.
- Although the regulations have now changed, you might still feel it appropriate to wear a face covering, particularly when not in your seat.
- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ **Offering Plate**

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship but are leaving one plate near the door and one by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of them if you have brought an offering with you today

❖ **Circuit Prayer Initiative**

During February, the Sheffield Circuit are inviting us to join together every Wednesday to listen for God's voice and pray that we will rediscover that, "all power is given to us in Christ". The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 99975

COMING SOON

❖ **God in Love Unites Us**

Following the decisions by the Methodist Church conference to permit same sex couples to marry in a Methodist Church, there will be a facilitated pastoral conversation on Thursday *March 10th at 7:30pm* to discuss whether Wesley Hall fellowship wishes to register the building for same sex marriage. This conversation will be led by Rev Gail Hunt and is open for all to

attend. The discussions will inform Church Council, who have the ultimate responsibility as trustees to make this decision.

❖ **Lent Prayer Invitation**

Gail has given us a Lent prayer sheet called, 'An Invitation to Prayer,' which she has written for Totley Rise, Dore and Wesley Hall. This will mean that folk from all three congregations will be praying together over Lent. The sheet will be attached to the newsletter email and printed copies will be available to pick up from church. Gail has also sent us the ROOTS at Home sheet for this week for families to use to pray together over Lent.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- We have our next Messy Church on *Saturday 12th March*, looking at the story of Zacchaeus, you are all more than welcome to come along and if anyone is available to help with crafts or in the kitchen that would be appreciated.
- Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make last week's Funday a success (if I say so myself), the children seemed to enjoy their day. Also thank you for your prayers for the event, it ran as smoothly as I could have hoped.
- Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Tribe rota for the next plan. I have sent the new rota out via email but there is a hard copy at the back if you would rather. There are still spaces to fill if you could have a look.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Pastures New for Sean**

Hi all, I just wanted to send this note in with news that I have. I have recently been offered a role as a call handler/ dispatcher for South Yorkshire Police, this is an amazing opportunity for me and a way that I can put all of my gifts to further good use. My first day at the new role will be on the 14th March, so I hope to be able to see all of you before then, but if not, it has been a true pleasure to be a member of the Wesley Hall congregation, I also hope to stay as a member of the community. Thank you for all for the support, love, and time you have given to me over the last 2 ½ years, I will never forget it and I will keep you all in my prayers. Sean Briscoe.

❖ **We Are Recruiting!**

Enormous thanks to Sean for all he has done at Wesley Hall in his time as Pre-teen and Youth Worker. He has done an amazing job at nurturing the young people, growing our established groups and even starting a new Pizza & Chat session. We wish him all the best in the new career.

We are now advertising for a part time (14 hours a week) Pre-teen and Youth Worker to continue this important and blossoming work. Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested and pray that God will provide the right person to fill this post.

❖ **Amelia's Christening**

Thank you to everyone who came to Amelia's christening last Sunday. Also thank you for your gifts, cards and well wishes, we and Amelia had a lovely day. Anne, Neil and Amelia.

❖ **Safeguarding Trainers**

At the moment we are reliant on the Circuit to provide our Creating Safer Space Foundation safeguarding training but with a large number of churches across the city, there are not many local training opportunities. One way to help with this would be for someone to take a course (for one evening only) to allow them to be able to run the Creating Safer Space Foundation module. This would then make it easier to train new and existing volunteers, which would be useful as we are actively trying to attract volunteers from outside the congregation to help run some of our sessions (like Toddler group and Drop Inn), who will all need training. It is quite acceptable to take the training course and say that you are only willing to train in your local congregation, so you will not be asked to run course anywhere else in the Circuit. If you are interested, please see Matt Irons or Judith Morris.

❖ **Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2022 are now available at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to start giving via envelopes, standing order to the bank account or any other method, please see Matt.

❖ **Welcome Rota**

After over 20 years of greeting us all with a warm smile and good humour, Dorothy and Jim have decided that it is time to take a well-earned rest. We extend enormous thanks and appreciation for their commitment and service over such a long period of time.

There are now a number of vacancies on the welcome rota and we would very much like to recruit some new volunteers. If you can help, either on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Alison. Your availability can be accommodated.

❖ **Flower Rota**

Sue & Pat thank everyone for their contributions over the past year. The new rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute, please add your name to the list at the back of church and then give your donation to Sue Mills a week or two before your chosen date.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for Pizza and Chat after the weekly after-school Drop Inn. Pray for interest and positive responses from the young people to invitations for them to come along to our Christian youth group, WHY.
- ❖ For Sean as he prepares to start his new job and for our recruitment, that God will provide the right person to continue our work with young people.
- ❖ For Jacque and Ben on the birth of their new baby son, Julian, a brother for Brendan.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Topley Rise and Dore as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be our new minister from next September.

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).