



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 29th October 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 (led by Neil Harland)

The steward on duty is Anne Thompson

<i>Sunday 5th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Catrin Harland</i>	<i>(Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 12th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman</i>	<i>(Pastoral Service)</i>
	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman</i>	<i>(Memorial Service)</i>
<i>Sunday 19th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Glenn Evans</i>	<i>(All Age Worship)</i>

THIS WEEK ...

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this Thursday 2nd November from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Joe Carpenter**

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Mr Joe Carpenter, husband of Jennifer Carpenter (Local Preacher in the Sheffield West Circuit and former Vice President of Conference). The funeral will be at 1:15pm on Wednesday 8th November at Hutcliffe Wood, followed by a service at the Beacon Broomhill. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jenny and the family.

❖ **Circuit Welcome Service**

On Thursday 9th November at 7pm, at Gleadless Methodist Church, there will be a Circuit Service to welcome Melissa Quinn and Jonathan Buckley, and also to accredit Simon Ety as a local preacher.

❖ **'Wesley Hall in the Great War' Talk**

On Friday 10th November at 7:30pm at Tupton Hill Congregational Church, Dan Eaton will be repeating parts of his talk about Wesley Hall in the Great War, as well as speaking about life in general around Crosspool and Crookes during the period of WWI. There is no admission charge or tickets but there will be a collection for the Royal British Legion.

❖ **Roger Olivant's Funeral**

The funeral of Roger Olivant will take place on Friday 10th November at Wesley Hall at 12pm, then at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium at 1:15pm. The family have asked if we could provide some refreshments on return from the Crematorium and we will also need some stewards on the day. Marcus and all who mourn will be in our prayers.

❖ **How to... share your cloak – more info**

We place great emphasis on our hospitality to people who use Wesley Hall throughout the week and to the people of Crookes. Often we wonder if this could lead to a deeper level of relationship, pastoral support or community chaplaincy. On Saturday 11th November there will be a Methodist training event in York on "How to... share your cloak" ie celebrating and exploring diverse models of chaplaincy. One of the workshops is "Are we not of interest to each other? Can we risk making spaces for us to inhabit that enable experiences to be shared and relationships grown with each other and God?" The conference is free (including lunch) and places are on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in going, please speak to Neil Harland.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **'Thank You' from Pat Wright**

Pat would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, gifts and prayers after her recent illness. She would also like to let everyone who joined her at her birthday afternoon tea know that £140 was raised for the Archer Project.

❖ **Action for Children Christmas Cards...**

... will be on sale after Morning Worship on the 5th and 12th of November. They are priced at £2.65 or £2.85 for 10 cards. These will be in display on a table near the hatch. There will be a chance to order additional cards and diaries.

❖ **Tables & Chairs**

One of the tables and six chairs from the Church Hall have disappeared! If you know where they are, please could you let Matt know (or bring them back). Thanks very much.

❖ **Kilombero Rice Challenge**

Wesley Hall has taken receipt of 90 bags of delicious Kilombero rice. If we can sell them all at £3 per bag, the growers in Malawi will have earned enough to send one of their children to high school for a year. Neil Harland will be selling bags after the service, and hopes also to distribute them via our building user groups. Any assistance with these would be welcome.

Dear Friends,

As you are probably aware, here at Wesley Hall we collect, pack, and wrap shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, which is run by Samaritan's Purse. This has been done as an act of love and giving, and as an expression of our desire to share with others. Over the last couple of years, however, we have become aware of negative publicity surrounding the Charity and its CEO Franklin Graham.

We had a conversation at our Leadership Team, and I (Sally) called Samaritans Purse in the UK, and spoke to Nick Cole, who leads the Operation Christmas Child initiative here, and had very open and honest conversation with him.

The result of that conversation left us content that Operation Christmas Child does not discriminate against children of other faiths, as some of the negative publicity has suggested. What we were less happy about was both the political stance and exclusive rhetoric of Franklin Graham himself, who remains the head of the organisation.

All of this has led to us deciding to support Operation Christmas Child this year, as people have been making/collecting gifts and we do not have time to find another charity who do a similar work for this year. However, next year we will be looking for an alternative way of showing love and care. We would welcome any ideas that you have, and I would be happy to answer any questions arising from this decision.

Peace and grace

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