



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 30th April 2023

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** **Louise Etherington**

The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 7th May *10:30am* *Glenn Evans*

Sunday 14th May *10:30am* *Rev. Graham Wassell*

Sunday 21st May *10:30am* *Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK

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

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **Gift Day 2023**

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker. About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year is £8,000, with £2,000 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, we have not yet managed to secure all the grant funding we had hoped for, so if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, although we do completely understand that there are many other pressures on people's finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year was last Sunday, but we are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.stewardship.org.uk), but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off on or around the Gift Day, or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt Irons.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering:**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place this Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948 Passcode: 999757

(Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

COMING SOON

❖ Funding for Heating System Upgrade

We have a grant application in with Biffa Award for £50,000 to fund the replacement of our 30 year old central heating boilers and further zoning to help us to only heat the parts of the building that are being used.

As with all the landfill trusts, a Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment must be made in order to release the grant. For Biffa this is 10%, or £5,000. This cannot come from the church's own reserves, but it is possible to fundraise for it. If you are happy to switch your usual offertory to be used as part of the CTP, please let Matt know. There would be no additional cost to you, your usual offertory would just be allocated to go towards the CTP until we reach the required £5,000. If anybody would like to make an additional donation, that would also be welcome, but we are very aware of the recent appeal to increase the offertory to cover the assessment, and our Gift Day.

❖ Superintendent Romeo Pedro's Thoughts – April 2023

Romeo is currently sharing monthly messages. To watch a video of April's message, please click here <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/lets-talk-superintendents-thoughts-april.html> or there are some printed copies on the heater at the back of church.

❖ Community Garden Party

To celebrate our 25th anniversary, the successful recent fundraising appeal for our spire and, of course, the Coronation, St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church is hosting a Community Garden Party on *Monday 8th May* in the grounds of the Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Kenwood Road (S7 1NQ). There will be lots to enjoy, a bouncy castle, ice cream and pizza stalls, bar and discounted cream teas in the hotel, music, children's crown competition, games. Everyone is welcome and entrance is free. Not to be missed, put it in your diary now!

❖ Joseph Gray - Leeds Half Marathon for Charity

On *Sunday 14th May*, Joseph will be running his first half marathon. He will be fundraising for the 'Bodie Hodges Foundation'. After Henry, Joseph's cousin, died at just 8 months old in August 2020, this charity provided Henry's family with bereavement counselling, and continue to support them now. Donations to help the charity continue this invaluable service would be gratefully received. Please use the link below, especially if you're able to Gift Aid your donation; alternatively, see any member of the Gray family. Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joe-gray03?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=joe-gray03&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=65c6444da2174d819c70aa97bf7dc729

❖ Cliff Festival 2023

Cliff Festival 2023 runs from *Friday 26th – Monday 29th May* at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Expect morning and evening worship and Bible teaching, seminars, games and activities for people of all ages, opportunities to be reenergised and resourced for mission – and all in the stunning surrounds of the Peak District. The theme this year is Eden Restored and the morning bible studies will be led by Dr Ruth Valerio. Other contributors will be announced shortly and closer to the event the programme will be available on the Cliff College website. They run excellent youth and children's work provision for children aged 2 and upwards.

There is the option to visit for the day as well as buying a ticket for the whole weekend (entry is free to all under 18s). Day passes are £22 for adults or £15 for concessions (65 or over/ students/

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living with a disability or on benefits). We won't be having a service here at Wesley Hall on *Sunday 28th May*, so that would be a great opportunity to come and see what it is like!

Come for the day or bring your tent (like the Irons family) and stay for the weekend. Visit www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival to find out more and book.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES / YOUTH

- Our next event is Stay & Play on *Saturday 13th May*, which has an international theme and will be upstairs in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome so please take a flyer and invite any families that you know!
- For the Stay & Play above, if you have any cardboard tubes (toilet or kitchen rolls), or any 1p or 2p coins please could you bring them to Neil or leave in the office.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill or recovering from surgery
- ❖ For the property projects to do with the heating system and car park, that they would progress quickly and fundraising applications would be successful
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ Thank you for Wesley Wigglers, for the growth of the group and for all those who are coming along
- ❖ For upcoming meetings about the future of youth work and mission at Wesley Hall
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes

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).