



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 31st 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. Jenny Carpenter**
The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

Sunday 7th September *10:45am* *Rev. John Simms* *Covenant Service (at Walkley)*
6:00pm *Circuit Welcome Service (at Banner Cross Methodist Church)*

Sunday 14th September *10:30am* *Rev. John Simms* *6:00pm* *Prayer Service*

Sunday 21st September *10:30am* *Rev. Catrin Harland*

THIS WEEK...

❖ **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 today at Talbot Lane Methodist Church, Rotherham at 4:00pm.

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 4th September* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ **Wesley Hall Open Day**

This *Saturday 6th September* from 10:00am to 2:00pm, we will be holding 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. 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.

❖ **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.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Covenant Service**

This year's Covenant Service will be a joint service with our friends at Walkley and will be held at 10:45am next *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.

❖ **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 next *Sunday 7th September*.

❖ **Harvest Festival**

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 will be held in Castleton. Please put this date in your diary.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Update on Roof Works**

The strengthening work to the entrance area roof (phase 1) is now complete. The ceiling tiles have yet to be replaced so you can see what has been done on your way past. The pink beams are the original steel beams that have corroded due to years of water leaking in. They are no longer able to safely support the roof so the silver beams and wood have all been added to do this job instead. The next step is to get the walls plastered and painted and then finish off with new chairs and a new big screen monitor to advertise all that is going on at Wesley Hall.

There is a meeting this Tuesday with our architect Mike Leigh and Keith Groom who has been doing our quinquennial inspections for some years. The aim of the meeting is to prioritise the identified works for phases 2 and 3 and rank them in order of priority. Please pray for this meeting and for wisdom and discernment as we decided what works we need to do now (phase 2) and what can wait until further funding is found (phase 3).

❖ **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. Christian Aid envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to make a donation to the emergency appeal.