



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 1st August 2021

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** **Rev. James Morley (video service)**

The stewards on duty are Linda and Stephen Wright

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| <i>Sunday 8th August</i> | <i>10:30am.</i> | <i>Rev. Judith Jessop (Communion Service)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 15th August</i> | <i>10:30am.</i> | <i>Rev. Phil Borkett</i> |
| <i>Sunday 22nd August</i> | <i>10:30am.</i> | <i>Mr. Iain Cloke</i> |

THIS WEEK

❖ Sunday 1st August

Today we have a video sermon from Rev James Morley one of the Co-Superintendent Ministers. Again, as we worship in the building, we are mindful of the changes to the Covid rules.

The Government has confirmed that the COVID rules have been relaxed. We are already meeting in person for worship, but this will mean some changes to our worship:

- As before, please consider taking a lateral flow COVID test on the morning before coming to worship (available free to all adults from your local pharmacy).
- As before, please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building.
- There will be no requirement to wear a face covering, but you are very welcome to continue doing so.
- We are being encouraged to continue to record those who attend worship, to help with NHS Test & Trace.
- We will continue with the more distanced chair layout but without enforcing social distancing, as we have been doing with the three crosses. The crosses will still be available if you wish to use them to give yourself space.
- **Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.**
- We will be singing as part of our worship.
- We will be serving drinks after the service, but not biscuits. Those serving drinks will be practising increased hand hygiene and will prepare your drink, including adding milk and sugar, before handing it to you. This will reduce the shared use of spoons, milk jugs etc.
- **Please continue to be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing after the service.**

Thank you to everyone for your continued adherence to the rules. It has enabled us to return to in person worship as safely as possible.

We will not be live-streaming our service this week.

❖ **TRIBE**

Our Sunday morning children's group TRIBE (The Really Interesting Bible Experience) is taking its usual break over the summer. The crèche is now open again, so please feel free to use it for those younger children who might want to go out.

COMING SOON

❖ **Welcome Stewards**

The new welcome rota covering the summer period and, hopefully, a more "normal" routine has now been drawn up. There are some vacancies. In particular, if anyone could volunteer on *5th and 26th September* that would be really helpful. Please let Alison know - [REDACTED].

❖ **Sean and Amy's Wedding**

Hi all, I hope you are all well, thank you for your well wishes whilst Amy and I were self-isolating, I (Sean) was really lucky to not end up catching Covid and luckily although Amy had it, she wasn't too ill at all and is back to full strength now! Unfortunately, I won't see most of you now before September, but I would like to invite you to our Wedding Mass at 2pm at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield on *Saturday 28th August*. It's going to be a full Catholic wedding mass so be prepared for at least an hour if not longer! You are all welcome to see us get married, belt out some hymns and do lots of standing up and sitting down.

And don't worry - we won't be upset if you don't come for whatever reason. Anything goes when planning a wedding in a pandemic!

Please spread the word to people I've missed! I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and hopefully see some of you soon. *Many thanks and God bless, Sean Briscoe*

❖ **Dates For Your Diary**

The Leadership Team met this week we have put some dates in the diary for the Autumn:

- We are planning our Covenant Service for *Sunday 5th September*
- We are planning to run our Harvest Supper on the evening of *Saturday 2nd October*, with our Harvest Festival on *Sunday 3rd October*

❖ **Circuit Farewell Services for Revd's Katie Leonowicz and Henry Ohakah**

Due to logistics and the current rise in COVID cases, this act of worship will take place on Zoom and will also be live streamed to the Circuit's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

You can register

at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcucO6srijkvGtT75AkA4vRZmQwENInjJz2j>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the service.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Christians Against Poverty**

The editor for next week is Stephen Wright. Please e-mail items for the newsletter to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Stephen on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.

Christians Against Poverty are looking for befrienders to come alongside people in debt who, with the help of debt advisers, are working to tackle their money problems. Befrienders are not debt advisers, just a friend who can take an interest in people struggling with debt, by phone or meeting up for a coffee and chat.

If you think you might be able to offer a few hours a week, please let me know and I can put you in touch with CAP organisers. Rosemary Anderson

tel: [REDACTED].

❖ **Can You Please Help?**

As we prepare to return to a more usual schedule of events, there will be a fair amount of planning and preparation to do. It would be great if we find people who are willing to help with organising events (like the Harvest Supper, above) so that it does not always fall on the same person. If you are interested or have any questions at all, please see Matt.

❖ **AV Rota**

We are looking to put together the AV rota for the Autumn and would like to expand the pool of people able to assist with this. Full training will be given, and even if you are not able to help out regularly, it would be great to have some people available as standby/ cover for dates that we are not able to fill. If you are interested or have any questions at all, please see Matt.

❖ **Toddlers**

Thank you to all who have been involved in this past term. In the kitchen, or generally at toddlers, distributing Messy Church bags, or on the zoom. For those who have helped at TRIBE, and to those who have held us in your prayers. It is much appreciated.

❖ **Can You Help with Toddlers or TRIBE?**

We will need volunteers for the kitchen for toddlers in September, and for TRIBE on a Sunday morning (also, from September). If you feel able to help in any way, please let Jacque know.

❖ **Wesley Hall Garden and Wesley Hall Working Party**

A big thankyou to Liz Harding for organising the work to the Wesley Hall Garden and to John Jenkinson for setting up the Wesley Hall Working Party. The work in tidying up the garden has begun, the car park railings are being re-painted, the area round the Church is being weeded and the Resources Room has been tidied. Thank you to those who are helping and if you can help in any way please contact Liz on: [REDACTED]

or [REDACTED] or John on: [REDACTED] or e-mail him at [REDACTED].

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For those who are putting together grant applications for the continued employment of our families and youth lay workers; that they would be able to find the right funders, and that applications would be successful so that we are able to raise all the money we need.
- ❖ That time off over the summer will be refreshing for all those involved in the work within children and families. Especially those volunteering.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ For the room hire, that new groups would book our available space so that we would be able to produce (and stick to!) a balanced budget next year
- ❖ For all the groups that share our building as they return to face-to-face meetings; for all the children's groups that have already returned; please pray that everyone will be kept safe.
- ❖ Pray for our application to Methodist Youth Activities for a grant towards our continued youth work over the next three years.
- ❖ For Sean and Amy's wedding on 28th August and that they may have a wonderful married life together.

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).