



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 3rd October 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** **Rev. Phill Borkett (Harvest Festival)**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

<i>Sunday 10th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Glenn Evans</i>
<i>Sunday 17th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>John Wilkins</i>
<i>Sunday 24th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Chris Sissons</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ **Worship in the Building**

Please consider taking a lateral flow COVID test on the morning before coming to worship (available free to all adults from your local pharmacy). There is no requirement to wear a face covering, but you are very welcome to continue doing so. Please also be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ **Harvest Festival**

Today is our Harvest Festival service. Gifts of money and food will be gratefully received and will go to the Victoria Hall Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless in Sheffield. The food items most needed by this project are Cup-a-Soup, biscuits and tea/coffee.

COMING SOON

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is *Monday 11th October*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **Church Council**

The Wesley Hall Church Council will be meeting on *Wednesday 10th November* at 7:30pm at Wesley Hall, with the option to connect via Zoom (if people would like it). We could do with some more people to join church council to increase the numbers a bit, and also need a secretary to take minutes and send papers out before the meeting. If you are interested in either of these things, or want to know more about what is involved, please see Matt.

❖ Christmas Fair

We are hoping to run our Christmas Fair as usual on *Saturday 27th November*. It will be the usual mix of stallholders upstairs and a café downstairs, so put the date in your diary.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who has signed up to help at either TRIBE, in the kitchen at toddlers or at Funday. We now have one person in the kitchen each week at toddlers till half term, although a second person may be helpful each week. If you are able to help, the signup sheet for that will be at the back of church.

❖ TRIBE

Due to a combination of illness, family commitments, and other reasons we are incredibly short on volunteers for TRIBE. This means that we're going to have to run both age groups together for the time being, we can cover most weeks with current volunteers, but we really need adults who are able to be the second adult in the room, even if you can only do an occasional week, it would make a difference. There will be a rota at the front of church where you can sign up. The 10th October is the next date we need a second adult for.

If you feel able to do something with TRIBE as a one off we're very open to ideas (Steve suggested a time capsule could be fun if anyone is interested in doing that). Please keep TRIBE especially in your thoughts and prayers.

❖ Fun Days

We are moving Fundays from Fridays to Wednesdays this year (3Generate and a bonus bank holiday clash with the Fridays this year) and our first one will be on *Wednesday 27th October*. This will run from 10am-4pm, but help slightly beforehand and afterwards would be much appreciated. If you're able to volunteer for the whole day, or a morning or afternoon (split roughly around 1pm) please let Jacque know. Volunteering involves either being a team leader (with roughly 4-6 kids in your group) or helping generally on the day with crafts, baking, activities, packing away, setting up, making everything run smoothly on the day.

❖ Messy Church

We're looking at Baptism in the next Messy Church on *Saturday 16th October*. There is some cutting out to do for this which is at the back of church. If you are able to help, please take it home, cut it out and bring it back!

Jacque is on holiday for most of week, but Matt will have the sign-up sheets in the office during the week, if you would like to volunteer.

AND FINALLY

❖ Flower Rota

The flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the flowers, 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.

❖ Joan Frith

Joan has now moved out of Crookes so we will not be seeing her on a Sunday morning anymore. It would be great to stay in touch so if you would like to write to her, please ask Matt for her address.

❖ Chair Moving

A number of groups started meeting at Wesley Hall as their usual venues (mostly schools) were not available for them to meet in over the pandemic. One of these groups, the Sheffield Youth Orchestra, is considering staying here for their Saturday morning rehearsals. This is really good news but does mean that the chairs need to be set out on Saturday afternoon/evening or Sunday morning before our service. If this is something that you are able to help with, please see Matt.

❖ Stationing

We are really pleased to say that both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer will be going into stationing this year. The Circuit have grouped Wesley Hall with Totley Rise and Dore Methodist Churches, and Walkley Ebenezer with St Andrew's Psalter Lane and Highfield Trinity. Your prayers for this whole process would be very much appreciated.

❖ Andrew's 10k Hat-trick!

In order to raise money for Cancer Research, Andrew Gray will be attempting three 10k runs in the space of 6 weeks, with Joseph joining for two of those and Benjamin for the other one. Andrew & Benjamin successfully completed the second run in Sheffield last Sunday, both achieving a personal best time. Joseph retakes his place for the next run in Scarborough on 17th October. If you feel you could donate anything at all, please do so via their Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrewgray20>. Alternatively, please see Andrew.

❖ Cuttings, Seeds, Compost or Pots for the Community Garden

Autumn is when many flowers are going to seed, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to see if anyone might have some seeds or cuttings they could donate to our community garden. Stephen Ingamells has done a fantastic job of taming the lockdown jungle, so there are some cleared beds in need of plants. It would also be nice to gradually get some potted plants around the edges of the carpark/around the Brick Street entrance and church in general so if you have some unwanted containers and compost/spare soil, we'd love to relieve you of those too! Let Liz know if you have something to donate. Thanks very much, Liz (Harding).

❖ Sheffield Circuit

We are really pleased to say that our application to the Sheffield Circuit for a grant of £15,000 towards our children, families and youth work over the next 3 years has been successful! At the Mission Vision Team meeting when our application was discussed, Rev. James Morley said that he wants to encourage us in all that we do at Wesley Hall. Please continue to pray for the other applications that are being considered (Bramall Foundation, Jerusalem Trust and Methodist Youth Activities).

❖ Rainbows & Brownies

The Guides group that meets at Wesley Hall has returned, but there are not enough leaders to run either the Rainbows or Brownies groups. If you would like to know more, or know of anyone who might be interested, please get in touch with the County Commissioner, Wendy Howard on countycommissioner@girlguidingsheffield.org.uk.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ 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 stationing, and for Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer as we both seek a Minister
- ❖ For those involved in the review of the Circuit Superintendency, and for Rev. Gill Newton as she oversees the process and keeps everything running while it is in progress
- ❖ Pray for our grant applications to Methodist Youth Activities, the Jerusalem Trust and the Bramall Foundation for funding towards our continued youth work over the next three years and for the generous grant we have recently received from the Church Burgesses.
- ❖ For Liz and Andy on their engagement and for their future happiness 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).