



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 3rd November 2019

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. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

<i>Sunday 10th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Sue Stanworth</i>
	<i>6:00am</i>	<i>Mrs Dorothy White An Evening of Remembrance</i>
<i>Sunday 17th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Chris Sissons</i>
<i>Sunday 24th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Elaine Needham</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Mary Tozer House Service

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 7th November* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us, we have a short service followed by tea and coffee and a chat.

COMING SOON...

❖ A Service of Remembrance, 6:00pm Sunday 10th November

Dorothy will be leading a Service of Remembering on *Sunday 10th November* at 6pm. This will be a reflective service where there will be space to remember those we have loved and have lost. To light a candle and say their names in prayer. If you have anyone you wish to remember please let Dorothy know in order for you to light your own candle or ask her to say their names.

❖ Community Ceilidh

Our community ceilidh will be back by popular demand on *Saturday 16th November* from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children which includes a pizza dinner (and pudding). We need volunteers (from within or beyond our congregation) to prepare for this and make sure everything runs smoothly on the day. Please contact Matt Irons if you are able to help out. Previous ceilidhs have been great fun and attracted a wide range of people, so do put the date in your diary and be thinking of friends who may be interested. No prior experience or dancing prowess required!

❖ Walkley Ebenezer Christmas Fair Saturday 23rd November

Come and join our friends at Walkley's Christmas Fair on *Saturday 23rd November* for a relaxing start (or maybe even finish) to your Christmas shopping. They will have a variety of stalls packed with quirky and unique gift ideas.

❖ **Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Saturday 30th November**

Following a successful event last year, our Christmas Craft & Gift Fair will be on *Saturday 30th November* from 10am to 2pm. As before, we are selling stalls to local crafters/ small businesses (but still keeping a few of our own) and a good number have already been taken. On top of this, we will be running a popup café serving cake, drinks and light lunches in the Church Hall and have a few simple kids' activities. If you would like to help out on the day (or part of the day), can bake cakes, or have any other ideas, please see Matt.

On the day we will be holding a tombola stall and Dorothy and Matt would be pleased to receive any items you might have for the stall. Please sort out any small unwanted items and bring them any time before 30th November.

❖ **Afternoon Tea and Brass Band Saturday 7th December**

On *Saturday 7th December* we will be having a celebration Afternoon Tea as we wait for the big day. We will have a Brass Band that will play as we enjoy our tea. Donations for the event will be collected during the afternoon. Please let me know if you are coming. Dorothy

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY...

- ❖ Our next Messy Church "Feast of Faith" is on *Saturday 16th November* from 10am-12 noon.
- ❖ A massive thank you to everyone who supports or is involved in the work with families and children in this church, be it a physical presence at an event or group, collecting supplies, prayer or any other way. It wouldn't be the same without you.

PRAYER POINTS...

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).

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Welcomers needed.**

At our recent Church Away Day the importance of our "welcome" was discussed. Particularly for newcomers, the warmth of the welcome they receive is extremely likely to determine whether or not they return, and our regular congregation appreciate it too!

We currently have vacancies on the team. Could you be a welcomer? If you could meet and greet people before the service on a Sunday morning 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. A volunteer is particularly needed for 1st December. Please speak to Alison if you can help.

❖ **A Letter from Sally**

Dear Friends,

First, I apologise that this is the first time that I have been able to sit to write for the newsletter since returning from my Sabbatical in September, to say that I hit the ground running is something of an understatement. Thank you for your support and interest, I can say that I produced about 80 chalk

drawings and several paintings and will let you know about upcoming exhibitions. I also travelled up to Glasgow and down to Essex, visiting friends and others. Seeing Salvador Dali's painting the crucifixion in Glasgow was amazing.

So, we are heading through autumn at quite a pace, half term is upon us and I noticed on my walk into town for a meeting today that Christmas lights are being prepared. Preparing for Christmas is of course always a big task, there seems so much to be done, and it is easy to lose the reason for the season amongst the festivities. With that in mind I am offering 2 Advent Courses, in the same pattern that I have offered Lent courses. The first on Monday afternoons at 2pm, in the Antioch room, the second at my Manse, 8 Reservoir Rd, S10 1EY, on Friday evenings at 7:30pm. The theme will be "What's the story?" using the book by Barbara Glasson and Clive Marsh, the President and Vice-Presidents of the Methodist Conference. If you would like a copy it can be ordered from CLC bookshops in town, or other sources I am sure.

You may also be aware of the "God in love unites us" consultations that we are being asked to engage in by Conference, this relates to all aspects of human relating, family life, singleness, relationships in general, marriage, co-habitation, divorce and same sex relationships. It is not a paper that asks us to agree, but one that calls us to walk together in love and grace even where we don't agree. We will be looking at this paper in the New Year and will be providing material from different perspectives so that you can decide how you want to respond. While this will not be a topic for voting, we are being asked our opinions, and asked to voice them in respectful and gracious conferring. I was at Conference this year when the paper was presented and it made me very proud to be a Methodist, to see that people could profoundly disagree with one another and yet treat one another with deep respect, care and love. I will let you know of the dates for these meeting as soon as possible.

Lastly, I know that several people have asked about membership, I do intend to run a membership course in the New Year, please let me know if this is something that you would be interested in.

Many blessings

Sally

Reverend S. A. Coleman