



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 5th December 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 (Holy Communion)**
The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 12th December 10:30am *TRIBE Nativity Service*

Sunday 19th December 10:30am *Rev. Gail Hunt (Carol Service)*

Sunday 26th December *No Service*

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). **In response to the Omnicron variant, we are asking that face coverings are worn during Sunday worship.** Please also be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ **Offering Plate**

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship but are leaving one plate near the door and one on the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of them if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **Handel's Messiah**

Sheffield Bach Choir's annual performance takes place this *Monday 6th December* at 7.00pm in the Cathedral. Tickets are £16 (£13 concessions) and are available on the door.

❖ **Circuit Advent Prayer Initiative**

During Advent we'd like everyone in the Sheffield Circuit to join together in praying for HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE to transform our Circuit. We look forward to praying with you on Zoom, but if you are unable to join us, light a candle between 8-9pm *each Wednesday* as a sign of your shared commitment to praying for the Circuit.

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ Christmas Messy Church

Our Christmas Messy Church is this *Saturday 11th December* - if you'd like to help with a craft, volunteer in the kitchen, or bring family or friends you'd be very welcome. If you're able to volunteer please contact Jacque.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Saturday 11 th December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 12 th December	10:30am	TRIBE Nativity
Sunday 19 th December	10:30am	Carol Service
Wednesday 22 nd December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 26 th December		No service
Sunday 2 nd January	10:45am	Joint service at Walkley Ebenezer

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 13th December*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Time Out from Tinsel

A service of quiet and reflection led by Louise Etherington on *Wednesday 22nd December* at 7:30pm. A chance to reflect on the true meaning of the season, to pray, to meditate and relax in the presence of God's comfort and love.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has donated glass jars, they're super useful, and I think we've got enough now. We could still use cereal boxes and toilet roll innards.

❖ Toddler Group

We are desperately in need of volunteers for the kitchen for Toddlers, if you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning (roughly 10:30am-12:30pm) please sign yourself up on the signup sheet. Thank you! Jacque.

AND FINALLY

❖ Welcome Rota

After many years of service Pat Wright has decided to retire from welcome duties. We extend enormous thanks and appreciation for her commitment and dedication over such a long period of time.

This means that there will be a vacancy on the rota in the New Year. If you are able to volunteer to meet and greet people on a Sunday morning, either on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Alison.

❖ **Biscuit Drive**

I have been blown away by all of your generosity in buying biscuits for Drop Inn, so a massive thank you for that. If anyone could still keep buying the odd packet it would be greatly appreciated. Anything like a Kit-Kat, Rocky, Breakaway (or supermarket own brand versions) would be much appreciated. If you would like to and are able to, please do consider picking up a pack to donate to Drop Inn when you do your weekly shop. The smallest amount would make a huge difference and would be greatly appreciated by the young people attending Drop Inn, and by me and those helping at Drop Inn too.

Also, if you find yourself free on a Tuesday afternoon any time from 2:15-5:00pm (you wouldn't have to be free all of this time, just the beginning, middle or end would be a massive help) and would like to volunteer at Drop Inn, please let me know. Thanks very much, Sean.

❖ **Christmas Cards**

Christmas will soon be upon us! Many people usually write their cards and bring them to church to give out either in person or via the pigeon holes, but last year we dedicated a special page of the newsletter to Christmas greetings and encouraged people to make a donation to Action for Children with the money saved by not buying cards. This was really successful and we are going to offer this again, for those who would like to do so. If you want to take part, just send your message to the newsletter email account or pop it to in the letterbox at church and then either donate to Action for Children directly or give it to Matt to pass on. As well as this, everyone will receive a Christmas card from the church which has been designed by a member of TRIBE.

❖ **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.

❖ **From daffodils to stars**

Last Easter we created a witness to the people of Crookes by making and distributing handmade daffodils to people with a connection to Wesley Hall, and into the community in general by hanging them on railings etc around the area for people to take. We gave away nearly 300 daffodils, and several people saw and heard appreciative messages in different ways.

The Leadership Team have given their consent to our doing something similar at Christmas, using stars as our theme. We hope that people might knit, crochet, sew, or create stars in paper, card, wood, metal or any other medium, so that we could turn them into something that would hang on a tree or in a window or anywhere the recipient chooses. If we start thinking and planning now, then we have some time to create the stars before we distribute them in the week before Christmas. If you're not one for making, then maybe you could think of a message that could accompany them, to remind people of the significance of the star; or you might suggest ways and means of distributing them. If you have any thoughts, please see Liz Jenkinson or email [REDACTED].

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ We are desperately in need for volunteer helpers in the kitchen for Toddlers on a Wednesday morning.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore as we all adjust to being a new church grouping.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be the minister for Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore from next September.
- ❖ For those involved in implementing 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.

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).