



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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**      **Vivian Thomas**  
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am Wendy Cartwright*

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am David Harris*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please consider taking a lateral flow test in the morning before coming to worship.
- Although the regulations have now changed, you might still feel it appropriate to wear a face covering, particularly when not in your seat.
- Please 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.

### ❖ **Lent Prayer Invitation**

Gail has given us a Lent prayer sheet called, 'An Invitation to Prayer,' which she has written for Totley Rise, Dore and Wesley Hall. This will mean that folk from all three congregations will be praying together over Lent. The sheet will be attached to the newsletter email and printed copies will be available to pick up from church. Gail has also sent us the ROOTS at Home sheet for this week for families to use to pray together over Lent.

### ❖ **Circuit Lent Prayer Initiative**

During Lent, the Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join together every Wednesday on Zoom to explore the symbols traditionally placed on the Lenten Cross & their significance to us as a Circuit. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

### ❖ God in Love Unites Us

Following the decisions by the Methodist Church conference to permit same sex couples to marry in a Methodist Church, there will be a facilitated pastoral conversation on *Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March* at 7:30pm to discuss whether Wesley Hall fellowship wishes to register the building for same sex marriage. This conversation will be led by Rev Gail Hunt and is open for all to attend. The discussions will inform Church Council, who have the ultimate responsibility as trustees to make this decision.

## 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 on *Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

### ❖ Circuit Youth Service & Sleepover

There is a Circuit Youth Service and sleepover from 4pm on *Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March* through to 1pm on *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March*. A separate letter with more details and a consent form is attached to the newsletter email and printed copies will be available to pick up from church. This event is only two weeks away so if you would like to go, please get your consent form back to Matt as soon as possible.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ We have our next Messy Church on *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March*, looking at the story of Zacchaeus, you are all more than welcome to come along and if anyone is available to help with crafts or in the kitchen that would be appreciated.
- ❖ We are running our Easter Holiday Club with St Tim's on *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April*. If you have children who would like to attend let Neil know and he will send out the booking information when it goes live. Also, if there is anyone who is available to help out as a volunteer at this event even if it is for a day or just a morning or afternoon please let Neil know.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who has volunteered on the new TRIBE rota. There is a hard copy at the back, and I think we've got the next month and a half covered so thank you. As it gets closer to the gaps please have a think if you can help at any of them.

## AND FINALLY

### ❖ Pastures New for Sean

Hi all, I just wanted to send this note in with news that I have. I have recently been offered a role as a call handler/ dispatcher for South Yorkshire Police, this is an amazing opportunity for me and a way that I can put all of my gifts to further good use. My first day at the new role will be on the 14th March, so I hope to be able to see all of you before then, but if not, it has been a true pleasure to be a member of the Wesley Hall congregation, I also hope to stay as a member of the community. Thank you for all for the support, love, and time you have given to me over the last 2½ years, I will never forget it and I will keep you all in my prayers. Sean Briscoe.

### ❖ We Are Recruiting!

Enormous thanks to Sean for all he has done at Wesley Hall in his time as Pre-teen and Youth Worker. He has done an amazing job at nurturing the young people, growing our established groups and even starting a new Pizza & Chat session. We wish him all the best in the new career.

We are now advertising for a part time (14 hours a week) Pre-teen and Youth Worker to continue this important and blossoming work. Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested and pray that God will provide the right person to fill this post.

#### ❖ **Amelia's Christening**

Thank you to everyone who came to Amelia's Christening. Also thank you for your gifts, cards and well wishes, we and Amelia had a lovely day. Anne, Neil and Amelia.

#### ❖ **Welcome Rota**

After over 20 years of greeting us all with a warm smile and good humour, Dorothy and Jim have decided that it is time to take a well-earned rest. We extend enormous thanks and appreciation for their commitment and service over such a long period of time.

There are now a number of vacancies on the welcome rota and we would very much like to recruit some new volunteers. If you can help, either on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Alison. Your availability can be accommodated.

#### ❖ **Flower Rota**

Sue & Pat thank everyone for their contributions over the past year. The new rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute, 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.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for Pizza and Chat after the weekly after-school Drop Inn. Pray for interest and positive responses from the young people to invitations for them to come along to our Christian youth group, WHY.
- ❖ For Sean as he prepares to start his new job and for our recruitment, that God will provide the right person to continue our work with young people.
- ❖ For Jacque and Ben on the birth of their new baby son, Julian, a brother for Brendan.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Trolley Rise and Dore as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be our new minister from next September.

**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).**