

Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 8th April 2018

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 services **10:30am** **Rev. Dr Catrin Harland**
 6:00pm **Prayer Service**
The steward on duty is Anne Thompson

Sunday 15th April *10:30am* *Mrs. Wendy Cartwright*
Sunday 22nd April *10:30am* *Mr. Michael Cooper*
Sunday 29th April *10:30am* *Rev. Dr Catrin Harland*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Crookes Holiday Club

This Easter we are organising our Crookes Holiday Club together with St. Tim's. It is St. Tim's turn to host and we are looking for volunteers for 1, 2 or 3 days. Volunteers are still needed for overseeing children and teenagers, accompanying them to outdoor activities, helping to set up and tidy up, helping with the food, snacks and many other things. The Holiday Club will take place on *Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th April*. Please speak to Tim or Liz if you are able to help.

❖ District Synod: a request for help

Hot on the heels of Easter, Wesley Hall will be playing host to District Synod. This will be on Saturday 14th April from 9:00am-3:30pm. The business meeting will begin at 9:30am, with refreshments being available from 9:00am. I am asking for help with welcoming people to Wesley Hall, providing some stewarding for the car park, and if possible with serving refreshments from 9:00am. Offers of cake/biscuits would also be gratefully received. Refreshments will be served again at lunchtime. If you are able to help for an hour or so on the day, that would be wonderful. If you could let me know by phone or email I would be very grateful.

Many thanks in advance,

Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman) 0114 2664637 sally.coleman@methodist.org.uk

❖ Bach – St Matthew Passion

This will be performed at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 14th April at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk or www.wegotickets.com, from Alison Macfarlane or on the door.

Minister Rev Sally Coleman 0114 266 4637
Student Chaplain Rev Catrin Harland 07597 673 106
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Children & Families Liz Harding 07412 124 310
Pre-teen & Youth Tim Jansen 07401 980 794
Building Manager Matt Irons 0114 267 9040

COMING SOON...

❖ Maggots and Posies Concert

The Yorkshire Wind Orchestra and TUS Folk are holding a concert here at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 28th April. They will provide a fascinating insight into the influence of folk music on the wind band repertoire, with contrasting performances of folk tunes sung and played by a traditional folk band and arranged for wind orchestra by composers including Vaughan Williams, Holst and Grainger. Tickets cost between £6.50 & £10 and are available from Eventbrite or on the door.

❖ Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid week will be 13th-19th May and the funds raised will go to help internally displaced people. Of the 65 million displaced people in the world, 40 million are displaced within their own countries. There will be a special focus on Haiti, which suffered an earthquake in 2010 and hurricanes in 2016 & 2017. How very fortunate we are in comparison! On the afternoon of Saturday 19th May there will be an afternoon tea, which for the last 2 years has helped greatly in making up for a lower amount being raised from door-to-door collections. Last year, a total of £1,801.05 was raised which I think may be the highest ever. At this stage I would really appreciate offers of help with the afternoon tea so please let me know if this is something you can do. God bless, Andrea Killingsworth.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Easter Blessings

Dear Friends,

A quick note to wish you all the most joyful of Easter blessings. May the truth of the resurrection be a very real blessing to you. Having walked the path to the cross through Holy Week, we now proclaim the cross empty; death and fear and darkness have been overcome by love! Even in our darkest times we can hold onto this truth: Christ has won the victory. Alleluia, alleluia.

Peace be with you, Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman)

❖ Community Garden

Our community garden is really coming together. The path and pond are established and box beds should be made over the Easter holiday. We think we are ready to put in some bird feeders; the cone feeders we made at Toddlers were very well received by the locals! Does anyone have any bird feeders, bird boxes or even a bird table which they could donate to the garden, please? This would enhance the nature area of the garden. If so, please pass them on to Liz. Thanks very much for your support of the garden project. Do pop in if you want to; you can now admire the soil from a lovely bench!

❖ CLC Bookshop is Moving!

With effect from 1st May, CLC Bookshop will be at 2 Church Street, S1 2GN (the blue corner building, just above the cathedral). This is a very strategic move for the shop and a huge answer to prayer. For the time being, CLC is open as usual at 103 West Street. They really need and appreciate your prayers as they have a lot to do in quite a short amount of time. If you want to know more, please sign-up to the CLC e-mail newsletter by dropping a line to sheffield@clcbookshops.com.

❖ Dear Friends,

As you know, the Leadership Team at Wesley Hall works very hard on behalf of the church to ensure that our mission and ministry are fruitful and honouring to God. In this they are creative, prayerful, and dedicated. They also recognise that the whole congregation is committed to continuing the vision of serving the community of Crookes by being a community focused church, and taking its place within the Sheffield Circuit. I would like to take an opportunity to both commend you all for your willingness to volunteer in many ways, to pray, and keep seeking God for the future. This of course brings challenges and with that in mind, the leadership team, with much input from Matt, are bringing the challenge below to you. **(Please see the attached sheet.)** Peace and blessings, Sally.

The editor for April is Andrew. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Andrew on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.

Wesley Ebenezer General Fund



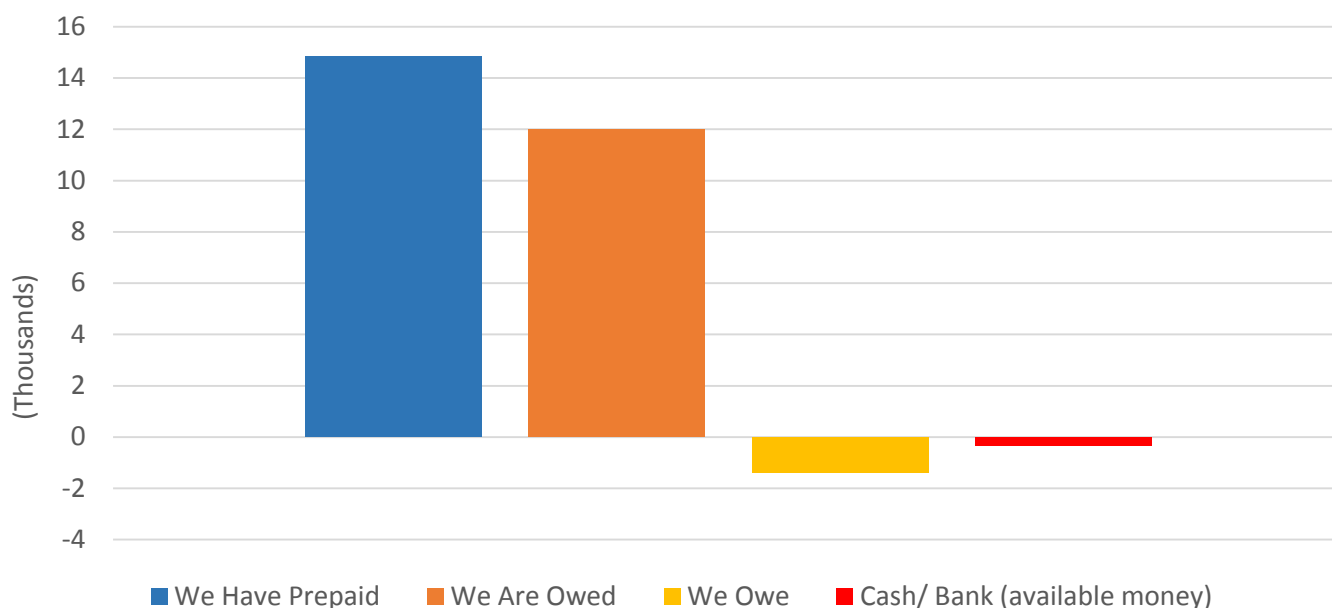
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We have just submitted our accounts for last year (September 2016 to August 2017) for examination so they will be ready well before all the deadlines that we need to meet. However, this process has highlighted that the amount of money in our General Fund is sometimes quite far below the level we would like it to be at.

All unrestricted donations and income go into the General Fund (mostly our offering, Gift Aid and room hire) and this is then used to pay our Circuit Assessment, fund mission initiatives and run the building. Any money given specifically to other funds (e.g. the Children, Families and Youth Fund via our Gift Day) is not included in the General Fund. Our reserves policy states that we would like to hold enough money in the General Fund to cover between 3 and 6 months of our expenditure. Last year, total expenditure from the General Fund was around £126,000, so we are looking to hold between £31,500 and £63,000.

However, at year end we only had £25,105 in the General Fund so we are £6,500 short of the lower end of our policy. This is starting to distract from other priorities since we have to pay the Circuit Assessment quarterly and upfront (so need money to cover this) and all of our room hire is billed only after people have used the room. At year end we had no available money in the General Fund, since all of the £25,105 was made up of money we had prepaid (mostly Circuit Assessment), money owed to us (mostly for room hire) or money we owed (balance of credit card).

General Fund Breakdown at Year End (Total £25,105)



We are now producing monthly finance reports so that we can closely monitor our income and expenditure and try to make sure we finish this year at break even or better so that we do not fall further behind. But, even looking a number of years ahead, it is unlikely that we will be able to generate enough of a surplus to increase the General Fund balance to where we would like it to be.

Because of this, we are asking if anyone is able to make a one off donation to help us to bring the General Fund balance closer to our reserves policy. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding our children, families and youth work. As the number of lives we touch continues to grow we fully understand that this may not be possible for everyone. Any other fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

Special envelopes are available for these donations towards the General Fund. Please put them in the weekly Sunday offering or pass these on to our treasurer, Matt Irons. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see Matt (in confidence).