



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 11th August 2024

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** **Louise Etherington**

The steward on duty is Stephen Wright

Sunday 18th August 10:30am *Rev. Rodney Hill (Holy Communion)*

Sunday 25th August 10:30am *Jenny Carpenter*

Sunday 1st September 10:30am *Wendy Cartwright*

THIS WEEK

❖ TRIBE

There is no TRIBE running over the school holidays, but we have set up a TV in the crèche with some episodes of Vegetables, 3-2-1 Penguins, Superbook and Story Keepers for children to watch. To access these, turn on the TV, select the home key in the middle of the remote, then select Smart Share, then Devices, then USB Disk 3.0. You should then be able to use the arrows keys on the remote to choose the programme and episode that you want to watch.

❖ Summer Fun Day

Our joint event with St Tim's is a Fun Day this year, on *Tuesday 13th August* from 1:00 – 4:00pm here at Wesley Hall. This is aimed at families for parents to come with their children so do come along.

We really need a few more volunteers to make this a great day, so if you're free and can help with a craft, activity, serving tea and coffee, welcoming people, setting up, clearing up, or just being a friendly face please let Jacque know as soon as you can. Thank you!

❖ Youth Worker Recruitment

We are now recruiting for a full-time youth worker to work across Wesley Hall, Hillsborough and Wisewood Methodist Churches! Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested the closing date for applications is the 16th August (ask them to contact Matt for details) and pray that God will provide the right person to fill this post.

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place as usual *this Wednesday* from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948 Passcode: 999757

(Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

Loving all People

Building Community

Sharing our Christian Faith

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ **Help Please!**

We are running very low on cereal boxes, kitchen roll inner tubes, small jars (but we only want the ones where the labels come off super easily without leaving the sticky residue) and egg cartons (we only want the 6 egg boxes, with the hinge on the long side). If you use any of the above and don't mind saving your recycling for us, please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Welcome Desk**

One of the ideas that has emerged from our work exploring how to reach out to building users, is to have a welcome desk. The idea is to have someone from the church present in the space to offer a welcoming smile and opportunity for conversation to further develop relationships with those coming into our church during the week. The Leadership Team have identified two slots in the week when there are a high concentration of people in or coming through the church foyer.

These are:

- Mondays between 4pm and 5pm (when parents are waiting in the entrance area while their children have their Taekwondo lessons)
- Tuesdays between 9:15am and 10:45am (when people are coming and going for Slimming World and the Zumba class)

We thought it might be a good idea to trial the welcome desk idea at these times.

If this sounds like something God might be calling you to do, please let either Michelle or Emma know. We appreciate this might seem a bit daunting, so the idea is that those interested will meet together and have some training, before we begin this work.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ We are so blessed with an incredible group of young people in our church. TRIBE doesn't run over the summer, so we'd like to invite you to hold both the young people and those running TRIBE in your prayers during the break. We're currently struggling to find enough volunteers to go down each week, so we'd appreciate prayers around that especially.
- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, for approval from the Methodist Church and grant support from both the Low Carbon Community & Culture Fund, and nPower Business Solutions. Please pray that the decisions would be made quickly so the project can go ahead this year.
- ❖ Please pray for the recruitment of our joint youth worker, for approval of grant applications to the Bramall Foundation and Hillards Charitable Trust, and that God is preparing the right person for the job.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For our applications to trusts for grants towards the resurfacing of our car park, that they would be successful and progress quickly
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes

Responding to Violent Disorder

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, and Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey, have released the following statement and prayer as a response to the violent disorder that has taken place over recent days.

The Methodist Church celebrates diversity as a gift from God. Every day we work through churches, schools and community projects to build relationships of respect, care and love in communities across Britain. Watching the news from towns and cities across our nations, where people motivated by hate have caused harm and fear, has been shocking and distressing. The Methodist Church deplores the use of violence and intimidation against displaced, marginalised and vulnerable people. We are appalled that the tragic killing of three young children and the injuring of others has been used as an excuse for riots and disturbances. Honesty and trust are at the heart of the Christian life and the abuse of social media in spreading lies to stir up anger and hate is despicable.

Those with hate in their hearts will never have the last word. As communities reel from unrest and disorder, Methodists will continue to work with our ecumenical and interfaith partners, as we join in clearing up, restoring trust and building communities of love, in which people can live in peace.

You can read their prayer below:

A Prayer following the recent unrest

God of love,

We pray for your Spirit of peace to move in our communities,
that those who are targets of hate might be safe
and that people of good will might work together in love and respect.

We pray for your Spirit of healing,
that those who grieve, might be comforted
and those who are injured might be made well.

We pray for your Spirit of hope,
that those who despair might see a way ahead
and those who live in fear might find sanctuary and freedom.

Soften the hearts of those motivated by hate and help us to love our neighbours
as those made in your image.

In Christ's name.

Amen