



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 13th 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** **Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 20th March 10:30am *Wendy Cartwright*

Sunday 27th March 10:30am *David Harris*

Sunday 3rd April 10:30am *Deacon Jackie Wright*

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**

This *Wednesday 16th March*, Emma will be leading the Circuit Prayer Gathering focussing on the Lenten symbol of the purple robe. All are welcome to gather in prayer for ourselves, our churches and our circuit. Why not give it a try? The meeting will be held 8pm to 9pm on zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ Ukraine Emergency Appeal

I am sure we have all been moved by the unfolding events in Ukraine over the last few weeks. Should you wish to make a financial donation to ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it, All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are receiving donations via their Ukraine Emergency Appeal. You can donate online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/> or via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine Emergency Appeal, and we will send this on.

COMING SOON

❖ Sad News

We were sad to hear the news this week of the passing of Rev. Dick Jones, who some of you may remember was a former Minister of Wesley Hall. His funeral will be held in Nottingham on Tuesday 29th March, but the crematorium and thanksgiving services will be livestreamed. Please contact Matt or Louise for the further details.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ We are running our Easter Holiday Club with St Tim's on *Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th 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

Sean tested positive for Covid this week so will not be joining us for worship today. We will arrange a time when he can come to Sunday worship and we can say a proper goodbye. For now, please pray that he recovers quickly and is able to start his new job this week. He has left us a card which is on the blue screen at the back of church and reads:

"I just wanted to send this card as a small thank you for all you have done for me as the Pre-teen and Youth Worker. From welcoming me as a complete stranger, to bringing biscuits for Drop Inn, to volunteering at my events and of course for your prayers. I will never forget your kindness, love and support. Please, please, please don't ever let me become a stranger."

❖ Welcome Rota

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. Thank you to those new people who have volunteered. If anyone could cover 24th April that would be much appreciated.

❖ 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.

❖ **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

❖ *A prayer for Ukraine, published by the Methodist Church:*

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.

Today, we weep over Ukraine.

We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.

We weep for those cowering in basements.

We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.

We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.

We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.

We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter.

We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies are put back together again.

We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.

May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.

May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen

- ❖ Please pray for Gail, that nothing would get in the way of her trip to America this week to see her son, who she has not been able to visit since before Covid.
- ❖ 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, for a quick recovery from Covid 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, Totley 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).