



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 17th April 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'd Ian Bell**

The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 24th April *10:30am* *Own Arrangements*

Sunday 1st May *10:30am* *Rev'd Gail Hunt*

Sunday 8th May *10:30am* *Rev'd Phill Borkett*

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; it will be by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Initiative**

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join in a weekly prayer gathering every Wednesday. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ **'Press Start' Retro-gaming Café**

Our Retro-gaming Café is back on *Saturday 23rd April* from 2pm to 5pm. We are open for all ages and are hoping for a good turn out from the community but are finding we are a little light on helpers for the event itself. If there is anyone available from the congregation who might be able to assist in the café, for some or all of the time, it would be much appreciated. Please see Dan Eaton if you are able to help in any way.

COMING SOON

❖ God in Love Unites Us (Rescheduled)

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 12th May* 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.

❖ Heritage Open Day

We had planned to run a Heritage Open Day at Wesley Hall in September 2020 which did not go ahead due to COVID. But we are trying again on *Saturday 10th September!* Local historian Ann Marples ('the Bustle Lady') has prepared a history talk but we need someone to coordinate the rest of the morning. This is likely to entail a display using materials from the archives and refreshments after the talk. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ There are a few gaps coming up on the TRIBE rota for the second person (to help the leader). There is a printed copy at the back of church, so please take a look and pop your name down if you are able to help with any of them.

AND FINALLY

❖ New Pre-teen & Youth Worker

We are delighted to announce that Keith Chikaviro will be starting work this week as our Pre-teen & Youth Worker! He currently worships at Chapeltown Methodist Church and is really excited to be bringing the gospel to young people in our area. Please pray for him as he settles into the role, builds relationships with the young people, and invites those at Drop Inn along to WHY.

❖ Ukraine Emergency Appeal

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 via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked 'Ukraine Emergency Appeal', and we will send this on or online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/>.

❖ Photo Board

It is time to update our photo board! If you are not on there and would like to be or want to update your photo (especially the children who have done a lot of growing since their photos) then please see Jo who will take a new photo for you.

❖ Church Council Membership

We would like to welcome new members to our Church Council! The Church Council meets four times a year at Wesley Hall, with an option to join via Zoom. As our Trustee body it has the final say on all decisions to do with the life of the church, building and finances. No experience or prior knowledge is required so it would be great to see you there. If you are interested or want to know more, please see Matt.

❖ 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 new prayer for Ukraine, published by the Sheffield District:*

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail
and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all, hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.
Amen.

- ❖ Please pray for Judith Jessop and her family, following the recent passing of her father.
- ❖ Please pray for Bernard Newbound who is in hospital waiting for a stent; pray for those looking after him and for his family at this time.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Topley 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).