



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 17th October 2021

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** **John Wilkins**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 24th October *10:30am* *Chris Sissons*
Sunday 31st October *10:30am* *Rev Graham Wassell (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 7th November *10:30am* *Simon Ety*

THIS WEEK

❖ **Worship in the Building**

Please consider taking a lateral flow COVID test on the morning before coming to worship (available free to all adults from your local pharmacy). There is no requirement to wear a face covering, but you are very welcome to continue doing so. Please also be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

COMING SOON

❖ **Streets Of Light Trail 2021: Monday 25th to Sunday 31st October**

You may be aware that our friends at St Thomas' next door have pioneered the 'Streets of Light' trail, which has grown over the last 5 years. The idea is to decorate one (or more) windows of your house, flat or workplace and then leave the lights on from 4:30pm to 9:30pm, so our friends, neighbours and communities can see our beautiful light-filled displays. Your design can be anything you like, but should include one or more of the words LIGHT, LOVE or HOPE somewhere within it. At a time when most people are celebrating and focusing on Halloween, the Streets of Light initiative aims to shine God's light, turning streets of darkness and fear into streets of light, love and hope. STC are encouraging those people who will be decorating a window to sign up by midnight on Sunday 10th October, via the Streets of Light website <https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk/>, or there is a postal form that can be completed and dropped into St Thomas' Church. Those who sign up by the deadline will be included in the trail booklet. They have 10,000 to give out this year. The booklet will contain mini trails across different areas of Sheffield. If you sign up after 10th, don't worry as you will still be added to the interactive map on the website. Your address will be used to create the online interactive map but will not be shared with anyone else. The programme that they use for plotting the trails and maps does not make anyone's address public. If you have any questions, please e-mail admin@stcsheffield.org.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUTH

❖ TRIBE

If you feel able to do something with TRIBE as a one off, we're very open to ideas (Steve suggested a time capsule could be fun if anyone is interested in doing that). Please keep TRIBE especially in your thoughts and prayers.

❖ Fun Days

If you have a child in the 5-11 age range (or have friends with children in that age range) they would be very welcome at Fun Day on *Wednesday 27th October*. The day runs 10am-4pm and pre-booking is essential. The booking link is on the October mailing e-mail, on the church website on the events page or ask Jacque for a link.

❖ Biscuit Drive

As you may be aware, Drop Inn has restarted in person, and we are very lucky that it seems to be as popular as ever! Therefore, we are having to buy plenty of pre-wrapped biscuits a la Kit-Kats, Rockys, Breakaways or whatever we can find. If you would like to and are able to, please do consider picking up a pack to donate to Drop Inn when you do your weekly shop. The smallest amount would make a huge difference and would be greatly appreciated by the young people attending Drop Inn, and by Sean and those helping at Drop Inn too.

AND FINALLY

❖ Message from Sally

To everyone at Wesley Hall, first, thank you for the lovely book of thoughts and memories, for the card and generous gift; I will buy a hammock for my garden and will think of you when I use it. Second, thank you for your love and support for me as your Minister. Every blessing, Sally.

❖ Request from Neil Harland

Neil recently attended a JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) webinar about the Nationality & Borders Bill currently undergoing scrutiny by parliamentary committee. Significant fears expressed by many churches that this bill will create more injustices in the asylum system, increasing the trauma and pain experienced by asylum seekers attempting to reach safety in the UK, are described at <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/nationalityandbordersbill/>. Paul Bloomfield (Sheffield Central) is a member of the scrutiny committee, and so potentially has some opportunity to mitigate the worst elements of this legislation. JPIT are very keen to speak urgently with any of Paul's constituents who would be willing to contact Paul and express their concerns to him, especially if they have experience or knowledge of the asylum system. If anyone is willing to do this, please could they contact Steve Tinning from JPIT at stinning@baptist.org.uk who can speak with them about how best to articulate specific concerns to Paul.

A number of members at Wesley Hall will be constituents of Paul's. This new legislation would have made it much harder for people such as Moj and Mehrab, who many at Wesley Hall know, to have received permission to stay in the UK. If there are many people willing and able to help, it may best if one representative from the congregation arranges a conversation with Steve.

❖ **We Are Recruiting!**

We are now advertising for a part time (22 hours a week) Families and Community Co-ordinator to cover Jacque's maternity leave. 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.

❖ **'Thank You' from Sean & Amy**

Sean and Amy just wanted to say a massive thank you to all at Wesley Hall for keeping them in your prayers over the summer as they were married. Thank you to those who were able to come and those that also sent cards or gifts; they are appreciated beyond belief. Thank you for truly making us feel a part of the Wesley Hall family; we will truly cherish that. We have also written a thank you card to the congregation that has been left in the office; please do feel free to come and look at it.

❖ **School Governors**

Sean has recently spoken to Cath Jackson of King Edwards School in Sheffield, and they are looking for extra governors for the school. If you are interested in this role or more information, please contact Sean on 07401980794 or youth@wesleyhall.org.uk.

❖ **From daffodils to stars**

Last Easter we created a witness to the people of Crookes by making and distributing handmade daffodils to people with a connection to Wesley Hall, and into the community in general by hanging them on railings etc around the area for people to take. We gave away nearly 300 daffodils, and several people saw and heard appreciative messages in different ways.

The Leadership Team have given their consent to our doing something similar at Christmas, using stars as our theme. We hope that people might knit, crochet, sew, or create stars in paper, card, wood, metal or any other medium, so that we could turn them into something that would hang on a tree or in a window or anywhere the recipient chooses. If we start thinking and planning now, then we have some time to create the stars before we distribute them in the week before Christmas.

If you're not one for making, then maybe you could think of a message that could accompany them, to remind people of the significance of the star; or you might suggest ways and means of distributing them.

Any thoughts please to Liz Jenkinson, who will be on coffee duty this Sunday and ready for a conversation, or email [REDACTED].

❖ **Flower Rota**

The flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the flowers, 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.

❖ **Chair Moving**

A number of groups have started meeting at Wesley Hall as their usual venues (mostly schools) were not available for them to meet in over the pandemic. One of these groups, the Sheffield Youth Orchestra, is considering staying here for their Saturday morning rehearsals. This is really good news but does mean that the chairs need to be set out on Saturday afternoon/evening or Sunday morning before our service. If this is something that you are able to help with, please see Matt.

❖ Stationing

We are really pleased to say that both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer will be going into stationing this year. The Circuit have grouped Wesley Hall with Totley Rise and Dore Methodist Churches, and Walkley Ebenezer with St Andrew's Psalter Lane and Highfield Trinity. Your prayers for this whole process would be very much appreciated.

❖ Joan Frith

Joan has now moved out of Crookes so we will not be seeing her on a Sunday morning anymore. It would be great to stay in touch so if you would like to write to her, please ask Matt for her address.

❖ Andrew's 10k Hat-trick!

In order to raise money for Cancer Research, Andrew Gray will be attempting three 10k runs in the space of 6 weeks, with Joseph joining for two of those and Benjamin for the other one. Andrew & Benjamin successfully completed the second run in Sheffield last Sunday, both achieving a personal best time. Joseph retakes his place for the next run in Scarborough on 17th October. If you feel you could donate anything at all, please do so via their Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrewgray20>. Alternatively, please see Andrew.

❖ Cuttings, Seeds, Compost or Pots for the Community Garden

Autumn is when many flowers are going to seed, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to see if anyone might have some seeds or cuttings they could donate to our community garden. Stephen Ingamells has done a fantastic job of taming the lockdown jungle, so there are some cleared beds in need of plants. It would also be nice to gradually get some potted plants around the edges of the carpark/around the Brick Street entrance and church in general so if you have some unwanted containers and compost/spare soil, we'd love to relieve you of those too! Let Liz know if you have something to donate. Thanks very much, Liz (Harding).

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ We are struggling to find people who feel able and willing to help with TRIBE each week. We are so blessed within our church community with a really wonderful group of young people, so please hold them and the TRIBE leaders in your prayers
- ❖ For stationing, and for Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer as we both seek a Minister
- ❖ For those involved in the review of the Circuit Superintendency, and for Rev. Gill Newton as she oversees the process and keeps everything running while it is in progress
- ❖ Pray for our grant applications to Methodist Youth Activities, the Jerusalem Trust and the Bramall Foundation for funding towards our continued youth work over the next three years and for the generous grant we have recently received from the Church Burgesses.

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).