



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 18th March 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 service **10:30am** **All Age Worship**
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

<i>Sunday 25th March</i>	10:30am	<i>Mr. Richard Wilshaw</i>	6:00pm	<i>Stay & Pray</i>
<i>Easter Sunday 1st April</i>	8:30am	<i>Easter Breakfast and Holy Communion (at Walkley)</i>		
	10:30am	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Easter Morning All Age Celebration)</i>		
<i>Sunday 8th April March</i>	10:30am	<i>Rev. Dr Catrin Harland</i>	6:00pm	<i>Prayer Service</i>

THIS WEEK ...

❖ **Lent Course**

Sally's Lent course continues this *Monday 19th March* at 10:45am in the Committee Room. We will be looking at the Passion Narratives in John's Gospel, starting with the Triumphal Entry and travelling through to Easter Day. All are welcome.

❖ **Table Top Sale at Walkley Ebenezer**

There will be a Table Top sale at Walkley Ebenezer on *Saturday 24th March* from 10am to 2pm. If you have any Bric-a-Brac, books or toys, please let Freda Leesley know, or just come and have a browse!

EASTER SERVICES...

Monday 26 th March	7:30pm	Reflection service (in Committee Room, use back door)
Tuesday 27 th March	7:30pm	Reflection service (in Committee Room, use back door)
Wednesday 28 th March	7:30pm	Reflection service (in Committee Room, use back door)
Maundy Thursday 29 th March	7:00pm	Passion Narrative Communion Service (at Walkley)
Good Friday 30 th March	10:00am	Walk of Witness (from Wesley Hall to Walkley)
	11:00am	Good Friday service (at Walkley)
Easter Sunday 1 st April	8:30am	Easter Breakfast and Holy Communion (at Walkley)
	10:30am	Easter Morning All Age Celebration (at Wesley Hall)

COMING SOON...

❖ **Crookes Holiday Club**

This Easter we are organizing 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 needed for overseeing children and teenagers, accompanying them to outdoor activities, helping to set up and tidying up, helping with

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Student Chaplain Rev Catrin Harland 07597 673 106	Pre-teen & Youth Tim Jansen 07401 980 794
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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.

❖ **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 arrange for wind orchestra by composers including Vaughan Williams, Holst and Grainger. Tickets cost between £6.50 and £10 and available from Eventbrite or on the door.

❖ **Against The Grain: An Evening With Garth Hewitt**

On *Saturday 12th May* at 7:30pm at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Garth Hewitt has been prominent in the Christian music scene for 4 decades. Drawing on his extensive catalogue of songs old and new, Garth sings of hope and justice for uncertain times. Tickets from Eventbrite (£11 – search Garth Hewitt Sheffield) or on the door (£12) or contact Simon Ennais on [REDACTED]. Bar from 7:00pm, funds raised go to Amos Trust.

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid week will be from 13th to 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 and 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 the 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 offer to do. God bless, Andrea Killingsworth.

A MESSAGE FROM SALLY...

Dear friends,

I am sharing what I hope that you will share with me as good news. From September 2018 I will be joining the Co-Superintendency Team here in Sheffield. Obviously, this will mean some changes for all of us, however my pastoral charge will remain the same at Wesley Hall, Walkley Ebenezer and Stanwood.

I have undertaken this commitment at the invitation of the Circuit following a period of extended prayer, and discernment and on both their part and mind, and after consultation with Gill Newton, our District Chair, and other trusted advisors.

I will work with the Leadership Teams and Stewards of all 3 churches to discern a fruitful and helpful path ahead, looking to encourage and embrace perhaps now in a new way, our understanding of every member ministry.

A few questions answered:

- I will not be moving
- I will still regularly take worship and communion services at all 3 churches.
- I will still Chair Church Councils
- I will still pray for, and care for you all to the best of my ability God being my helper.

I ask that you also pray for me, and for those involved in looking together at what this means for us all. If you have any questions I am happy to have a conversation with you.

Peace and blessings, Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman)

AND FINALLY...

❖ Leprosy Mission

Thanks to everyone who supported Leprosy Mission Sunday through the envelopes or the collecting boxes. £175 was sent for the work for the Leprosy Mission. God bless, Sue.

❖ Wanted: jars and lids

Thank you very much to everyone who donated wellies, shoes or boots to the garden project. The little ones at Toddlers loved converting them to planters: you can see them in the garden now. If you have any more or missed this, you can still donate :)

Now I am after jam jars (with lids if possible): we are going to make flame lanterns at the Easter holiday club with St Tim's (9-11th April). Thanks everyone!

❖ Can You Please Sponsor Andrea Killingsworth?

With 2 friends from 26th May – 10th June I am undertaking the Coast to Coast walk starting at St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay a total of 192 miles. I am raising money for 2 anti-trafficking charities: Hope for Justice that undertakes investigations and rescues of trafficked people, has an advocacy role on their behalf, trains organisations to help them spot the signs trafficking and helps survivors restore their lives and the Snowdrop Project, a Sheffield based charity which was the first such organisation to give long term support to survivors helping them to rebuild their lives. If you would like to sponsor me I have two Total Giving pages, one for each of the above, for if you wish to give online. However I also have **sponsorship forms** for both charities if you prefer no to give online, which I will try to remember to have on me when I am at church. Your prayers when I undertake the walk will be much appreciated as this is going to be quite a challenge and we are mainly camping also! The links to my Total Giving accounts are as follows:

- <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/andreakillingsworth>
- <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/andreakillingsworth2>

Or I can share this with you electronically if you let me know. Thanks, Andrea Killingsworth

❖ Flower Rota

There is a new flower rota up at the back of church. Please sign up to sponsor the church flowers if you can. As last year, there will not be any flowers during Lent, apart from Mother's Day. Please see Sue, Pat or Louise if you would like any more information. Thank you, the Flower Team.

❖ Photoboard

We are updating the 'Wesley Hall Family' photo board at the back of church, which has photos of everyone in the congregation and wider church family. Jim had his camera last week but don't worry if you missed him! If you would like your photo adding to the board, or want to update your existing photo (more for children and young people who have changed quite a lot since the board went up!), please see any member of the Leadership Team. We will be very happy to take your photo and add you on!

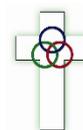
❖ Dear Friends,

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.

Peace and blessings, Sally.

Wesley Ebenezer General Fund



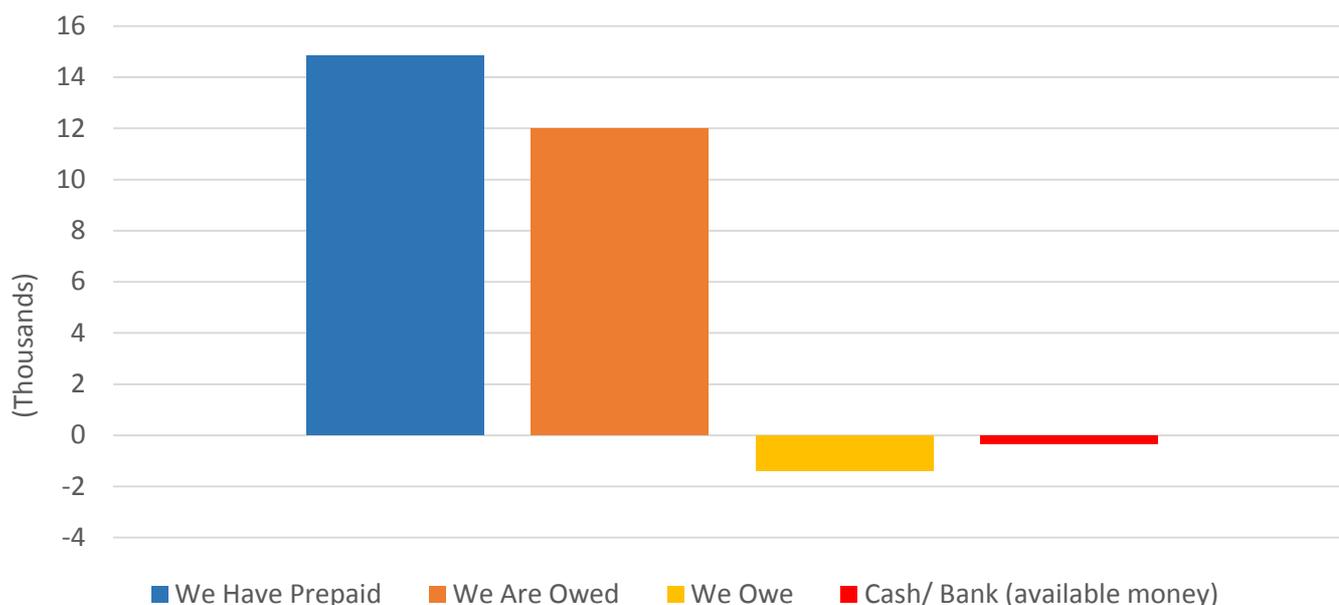
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We have just submitted our accounts for last year (September 2016 to August 2017) for examination so they will be ready well before all the deadlines that we need to meet. However, this process has highlighted that the amount of money in our General 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).