



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 20th February 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** **Preacher** **Rev. Gail Hunt (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

27th February 10:30am Mr. Chris Sissons

6th March 10:30am Mrs. Vivian Thomas

13th March 10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)

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.

❖ **Amelia's Christening**

Today we welcome the family and friends of Anne and Neil to celebrate Amelia's Christening.

❖ **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 by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of them if you have brought an offering with you today

❖ **Circuit Prayer Initiative**

During February, the Sheffield Circuit are inviting us to join together every Wednesday to listen for God's voice and pray that we will rediscover that, "all power is given to us in Christ". The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 99975

COMING SOON

 Loving all People

 Building Community

 Sharing our Christian Faith

❖ God in Love Unites Us

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 *March 10th 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.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

-Thanks again to those who came to Messy Church last week to take part and help out. We have our next Messy Church on *Saturday 12th March*, looking at the story of Zacchaeus, you are all more than welcome to come along and if anyone is available to help with crafts or in the kitchen that would be appreciated.

-As I am writing this I am preparing for our Funday which is/was on Friday. Thank you for your prayers, I am sure it will go/went well!

-Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Tribe rota doodle poll for the next plan. If you would rather fill in a hard copy there is a blank rota at the back. I will send the new Tribe rota out this week.

Thanks, Neil.

AND FINALLY

❖ Safeguarding Trainers

At the moment we are reliant on the Circuit to provide our Creating Safer Space Foundation safeguarding training but with a large number of churches across the city, there are not many local training opportunities. One way to help with this would be for someone to take a course (for one evening only) to allow them to be able to run the Creating Safer Space Foundation module. This would then make it easier to train new and existing volunteers, which would be useful as we are actively trying to attract volunteers from outside the congregation to help run some of our sessions (like Toddler group and Drop Inn), who will all need training. It is quite acceptable to take the training course and say that you are only willing to train in your local congregation, so you will not be asked to run course anywhere else in the Circuit. If you are interested, please see Matt Irons or Judith Morris.

❖ Lent Knitalong

Knitters at Victoria Methodist Church (Bristol) are holding their third Lent knitalong this year and would warmly welcome knitters from all over the country (and beyond!) to join them. The knitalong will take the format of weekly emails throughout Lent, consisting of a set of daily knitting instructions (or 'clues') and specially written meditations for each day. By the end of the knitalong, each knitter will have completed a cushion cover. The design of the cushion cover is a surprise but will only use simple knit and purl stitches, so should be achievable by knitters of all abilities.

Alongside each knitting clue will be a daily meditation which knitters may wish to use as they knit and enjoy some quiet, reflective time as they journey through Lent. The meditations have been written by a team of seven Ministers, preachers and worship leaders from the Bristol area and beyond.

An information sheet, containing details of yarn/needles needed, release dates, and a practice swatch pattern to check gauge (for those worried about these things!) will be sent out on Monday 14th February. For further details, or to sign up for the emails, contact Lyn Lloyd-Jones at lljcomposition@googlemail.com.

❖ **Church Bank Account**

The name on our church bank account has now been updated! So if you are writing any cheques to church, please make them out to Wesley Hall Methodist Church from now on.

❖ **Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2022 are now available at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to start giving via envelopes, standing order to the bank account or any other method, please see Matt.

❖ **Welcome Rota**

After over 20 years of greeting us all with a warm smile and good humour, Dorothy and Jim have decided that it is time to take a well-earned rest. We extend enormous thanks and appreciation for their commitment and service over such a long period of time.

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.

❖ **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

- ❖ 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 Jacque and Ben on the birth of their new baby son, a brother for Brendan.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Totle 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.
- ❖ For those involved in implementing 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.

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).