



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 20th 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** **Wendy Cartwright**

The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 27th March 10:30am David Harris

Sunday 3rd April 10:30am Deacon Jackie Wright

Sunday 10th April 10:30am Rev. Gail Hunt

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**

Lent is often a time when people think about “giving up” but how about “taking something on” this year - take on the discipline of prayer. To help with this practice you are invited to use a specially designed lent prayer leaflet (by Gail) which will guide you through the 6 weeks of Lent. It has a different prayer focus each week which enables you to encounter God in the everyday. There is something really special about the body of the church coming together in this way, centring ourselves in the unity of prayer. If you haven't already got one, please pick one up from the leaflet holders at the back of church.

Mark was appointed Superintendent of the former Pilgrim Circuit in 2008 and also served as Co-Superintendent in the Sheffield Circuit until stepping down from that role in 2019.

In recognition of their service to the Methodist Church in Sheffield we will present Tim and Mark with gifts at a Circuit Farewell service to be held somewhat earlier in the year than usual, as both Tim and Mark will be taking their sabbaticals in the final months of this connexional year. The service will be on *Sunday 10th April* at Firth Park at 6:30pm, and the Circuit Stewards would like to invite churches and individuals to contribute towards these gifts.

❖ **Press Start Retro-gaming Café**

Our Retro-gaming Café is back on *Saturday 23rd April* from 2pm to 5pm. Come along and enjoy all the best consoles from the 1980s onwards, with a wide selection of classic games, as well as artisan coffee and themed activities for all the family. Admission is free and all are welcome; you are never too old or too young to game!

❖ **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

- ❖ 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

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

Thank you to everyone who supported Leprosy Mission Sunday. £70 was sent to help the rebuilding of the research centre at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. God bless, Sue Mills.

❖ **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 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.

❖ **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 *Sunday 24th April* that would be much appreciated.

❖ **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 the recruitment of a new Pre-teen & Youth Worker, for those who will be reading the applications, shortlisting and interviewing, and for all those who have applied. Please pray that the process will be smooth and that will appoint the right person for the job.

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).