



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 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**      **Michael Gagan**  
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November*    10:30am    *Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December*    10:30am    *Greg Unwin*

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December*    10:30am    *TRIBE Nativity with Rev Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **Update from Mike**

Hello all,

Thank you for all the support that you have shown me and my family following my heart attack with your prayers, thoughts and cards and through the covering of things that I would have done.

I have been slowly recovering, and I am happy to say that I am back in circulation now.

It will be a gradual return to work and initially I will be fulfilling my preaching appointments on the plan, and carrying out some pastoral visiting. I will not be participating in meetings at this stage, but hope to be back into a fuller workload after a couple of weeks.

I look forward to, slowly, catching up with all that has been going on.

Regards, Mike.

### ❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place this Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

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### ❖ **Thursday Fellowship Group**

Fellowship Group will **NOT be meeting** this *Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November*, but will be back on *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December* in the Antioch Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. We are continuing to follow a course called Life on the Frontline thinking about how our interactions with others during the week are full of possibility and potential and how God can use us. We'll then spend some time in prayer. All are welcome!! If you want any more information, please see Andrew & Carole or Emma.

### ❖ **Press Start Retrogaming Café**

Our Retro-gaming Café is back on *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November* from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. 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! We have flyers available at the back of church for your take and pass on to anyone who might be interested.

### ❖ **Walkley Ebenezer Christmas Fayre**

The Walkley Ebenezer Christmas Fair is *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November* from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be stalls of crafts, books, plants, cakes and bric-a-brac, the model railway exhibition and sausage and bacon butties! If you're able to help in setting up, on the day of the Fayre itself or in packing everything away when it closes, do let Freda know.

### ❖ **TRIBE Rota**

The current new (blank) TRIBE rota is at the back of the church, if you have any availability to help for the new rota then please put your name down for either the leader or the second person (to help the leader).

## **COMING SOON**

### ❖ **Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is on *Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room, but also with a Zoom option. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Council members can vote on any decisions. Please pray for the meeting and let Matt know if there is anything you would like to go on the agenda.

We are always looking for new members of Church Council so if you would like to have a greater involvement in decisions about the church, and can spare four evenings a year, please see Matt.

We are also looking for a Church Council Secretary. This mainly involves taking and circulating the minutes for the meetings so if you are interested or have any questions, please see Matt.

### ❖ **Messy Church**

Our next Messy Church is on *Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December* all about Christmas, families with young children please come along. After that, our next event is Stay & Play on *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January*.

## **AND FINALLY...**

### ❖ **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, messages, phone calls, cards, visits and gifts following my operation. It was really encouraging to receive them. Thankfully I am on the mend and hope to be back in circulation soon.

Thanks once again Steve Wright.

### ❖ **Christmas Fair**

Thanks for everyone who came to, helped and supported our Christmas Fair yesterday. The money has not yet been fully counted but it looks like we raised over £1,000 for church funds, which is fantastic!

### ❖ **Thanks for J G Graves Trust**

A very big thank you goes to the J G Graves Trust who have awarded us a grant of £1,250 to buy a new commercial fridge for the Church Hall. Our old fridge (which was also bought some years ago with a previous grant from J G Graves) stopped working recently and the Lunch Club and Drop Inn have been having to make do with the much smaller fridge inside the kitchen. Following this good news, a new fridge has been ordered and will be with us shortly.

### ❖ **Wesley Hall Church Offering**

This year (2022/23) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has increased to £31,150 but the amount that we expect from the offertory is £24,000. With Gift Aid, this brings the total offertory income to just over £28,150 which is £3,000 short of the Assessment figure. The Circuit support us by providing a Minister, admin support through the office, and grants towards our children, families and youth work, so it is important that we continue to pay our full contribution to the Assessment.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church, with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding Neil and Jane to support their outreach work. In the current economic climate, we fully understand that this might not be possible for everyone. Any other fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

If you do not currently give regularly and would like to start, popular methods are standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

### ❖ **A Story of the Year 2022**

Sharing stories is one way to demonstrate how God is working in our lives, our churches and our communities. The Sheffield District have been exploring the importance of sharing these stories over the last year, so for the first time, they have created an annual report style collection of stories showing how they are fulfilling the District mission strategy 'For Such a Time as This'. Each circuit is featured so they'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to this magazine and have made it possible. Find the digital format [here](#) or ask Matt for a printed copy.

## 3GENERATE

The young people from Wesley Hall recently went to the NEC in Birmingham for 3Generate, a weekend where youth in the Methodist Church can come together in fellowship to take part in workshops, make crafts and worship together. We took 12 young people from the Circuit with 7 from Wesley Hall, it was great for the children to form those bonds with other local young people. It was also a great opportunity to meet up with friends and familiar faces from the past that we don't see very much anymore. They thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait to go back next year! Here are some photos showing some of the things that we got up to.



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## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail
- ❖ Please pray for Andrea as she settles into her new role aboard the “African Mercy”, in Senegal.
- ❖ Please pray for Jane as she continues her new job as our Pre-teen and Youth Worker, that she would settle in quickly and soon feel part of the team.
- ❖ Please continue to remember Mike and his family in prayers, as he returns to work that he is able to strike the right balance as he continues to recover
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers which runs on a Thursday, we have some new mums coming, please pray that they continue to come, and that Wigglers will continue to grow.

**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).**