



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 23rd September 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 services	10:30am	Preacher	Mr. Brian Jones
	6:00pm	Stay & Pray	Prayer at Home (see below)
		The steward on duty is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 30th September</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Wendy Cartwright</i>
<i>Sunday 7th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (All Age Confirmation & Harvest)</i>
<i>Sunday 14th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Taize Service (Rev. Cat Harland) 6:00pm Prayer Service</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we also hold Stay & Pray on the fourth Sunday of the month. The idea is that people spend some time between 6:00pm and 7:00pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting together face to face, we will be praying together in our homes.

❖ Holy Habits

The Holy Habits programme has now started, and we are thinking about prayer for September and October. We hope that everyone will join together to pray on a Tuesday evening for church and our community. Below is a prayer for us to use and each month we will have a theme to focus on. The theme for this month is our work with older people, thinking particularly of Lunch Club and the monthly service at Mary Tozer.

Jesus, You are mighty, You have done so much in our lives which we thank you for. As we pray this evening as one church, but each in our homes, We ask for you to reveal your way forward for us a church. May your will be done, not what we desire. May we go boldly into the future You have for us. to serve You, our community and each other. We thank you for the ways You led us as a church so far, But let us not forget that challenges will come but we can do all things in Your love. Amen.

Sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like us to order a copy of the Holy Habits book (cost under £10) for you to keep and refer to, as we use it as a basis for our worship over the next two years.

❖ Wesley Hall Lunch Club

Wesley Hall Lunch Club restarts after the summer break this coming *Thursday 27th September*. We meet each Thursday at about 12noon in the church hall and have a wholesome two course meal cooked on the premises followed by tea or coffee. The cost is £4.00. Also, before Christmas we are planning 3 free sessions of Tai-Chi, which can be done sitting down, to take place before we have lunch. If you are interested in coming to lunch club or know of anyone else who would like to come, please have a word with Jim or Steve.

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❖ 'Home' Away Day

We have not been able to find a suitable venue for our Away Day this year so we will be staying at home instead! (Although we have booked the Peveril Centre in Castleton for 2019) The 'Home' Away Day will take place as planned this *Saturday 29th September*, but will be here at Wesley Hall with the theme of prayer. The day will begin with worship at 10am followed by a Bible study led by Sally from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Lunch will be a rice-based meal (donations welcome) followed by bring and share deserts, and the day will close with a prayer 3:00pm. There will be a number of prayer stations around the building all day, and people are welcome to drop in and out as suits to join us for all or part of the day. We hope to see you there!

❖ The future for Palestine, 25 years after the Oslo Accords

An evening of information, discussion and Palestinian supper at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church on *Saturday 29th September*, from 6pm to 9pm

We welcome Rev John Howard, recently returned Mission Partner from Bethlehem/Jerusalem who has travelled widely in Israel and Palestine, including Gaza, and Caitlin Procter who has lived and worked in the West Bank and Gaza for much of the past 6 years.

In 1993, Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin signed the Oslo Accords. The aim was to develop Palestine into a state and to continue, over the next 5 years, to develop solutions to the status of Jerusalem, Israeli settlements, Palestinian refugees, borders and security. Twenty-five years on, none of these issues has been resolved, indeed settlements have increased massively and President Trump has decided that Jerusalem shall be the capital of Israel, contrary to international agreement. What are the issues and what is the future?

Both speakers will share their experience with slides and film. The buffet style supper will be served at 6pm – a meal of Palestinian traditional dishes, both vegetarian and meat.

Please reserve your place at what promises to be a fascinating evening by email to Anne Hollows anne.hollows@gmail.com as there are limited places for the supper. The price will be 'pay as you feel' with a suggested donation of £5. The discussion will take place from 6:45pm Please indicate whether you will be attending the supper. There will be a stall selling Palestinian produce as well as information from Kairos.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY...

- ❖ **IMPORTANT** The next Funday is Friday 2nd November, we are expecting to be over subscribed. Booking is now open. The link to book is on the Wesley Hall website under events or below: <https://goo.gl/forms/y09dOw5FH0eRiTAS2>

The November Funday is Sarari themed, we need volunteers to be able to make this happen! (The more volunteers, the more kids we can include as the limit on capacity is the adult-child ratio).

We are having a Funday volunteer social/lunch planning meeting on *Friday 28th September*, if you're interested in helping on the day, or being involved in preparation beforehand please feel welcome to join us, we'll need rough numbers/dietary requirements by *Wednesday 26th September*. If you're interested please contact Jacque Ryan.

- ❖ **Wesley Wigglers** is back on Thursdays during term time. This is a baby group for pre-toddling babies at 2pm-3:30pm.
- ❖ **Wesley Hall Toddler Group** is from 10am-11:30am on Wednesdays and includes a variety of stations, a small together time and a snack.
- ❖ The **First Steps Toddler** group at Walkley Ebenezer is on Tuesday from 1-2:30pm and on Thursdays from 10-11:30am.
- ❖ **Stay and Play** is a community event with a bouncy castle, café and crafts. It's a free drop in event. We would love to see any old or new faces there! The next one is on Saturday 6th October (with a musical theme). We will need people to help with setting up, clearing away, with crafts and in the kitchen. At the

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summer Stay and Play we had a large volume of new people, and whilst we had enough volunteers to run the event the main thing we needed was more people to chat to people. For a large number of people Stay and Play may be the only contact they have with Wesley Hall and it would be wonderful if Stay and Play could be an extension of the warm hospitality which is present on a Sunday morning.

- ❖ **3Generate** is the Methodist Annual Youth event, they are looking for people who are able to volunteer (it's the 23rd-25th November). If you want to there is a volunteer briefing as part of their recruitment process, there are a choice of dates for this in October and November, for more information go to <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/volunteering/>. They still need 150 more volunteers.
- ❖ Next **Messy Church** date for the diary is *Saturday 20th October* (with a Holy Habits Prayer theme).

COMING SOON...

❖ **Mission Forum Launch**

Representatives from each of the eight circuits in our district met together in July to discuss our mission and what we need to do so that each of our churches and circuits might flourish.

Each circuit shared its hopes, dreams and visions. We spoke about the surprising wealth of resources we have across our 161 churches, including our 40 ordained ministers, similar number of specialist lay employees, 6,000 members and £7m cash reserves. Rev Paul Wood (our national Ministry Development Co-ordinator) led us in exploring the myriad things our ministers find themselves doing, and we voted for the most important (envisioning others, worship leading, teaching, being a focal point for the ministry of the church, pastoral care and listening, since you ask).

We spent the afternoon discussing the opportunities and challenges we face, how we may need to "shake the dust off our boots", and new things we should be moving into. We considered what we should do next to see our visions realised, and how circuits and churches will need to help each other in this. A number of initial practical steps were agreed, including an expanded mission forum gathering in the next few months. We left enthused, challenged, and grateful to Central Aston-cum-Aughton for their hospitality. Watch this space for further details!"

❖ **Harvest Festival/ Supper**

Our Harvest Festival service is on *Sunday 7th October*. Gifts of money and food will be gratefully received and will go to the Victoria Hall Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless in Sheffield. The food items most needed by this project are Cup-a-Soup, biscuits and tea/coffee. Our Harvest Supper will follow the service and will be a 'Bring & Share' meal here at Wesley Hall.

❖ **Learning Hubs**

The Circuit is running a number of learning hubs. The sessions are free and are open to anyone with an interest in young people; parents, grandparents, youth workers, volunteers, ministers, B.B. and Guide leaders etc. Please book via Jonathan Buckley at jonathan.buckley@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk.

- *14th November 2018*: Exploring Self-Worth, Dr. Claire Rush, Girls' Brigade, Montgomery Centre, S1 2LG
- *13th February 2019*: Mental Health Tim Jansen, Pontes Training, Wesley Hall Methodist Church, S10 1UD
- *21st May 2019*: Online Bullying & Social Media, Jody Wigfull, Founder of 'Unique' course Hillsborough Trinity, S6 4HE.

❖ **Christmas Quiz Fundraiser**

The Parson Cross Initiative presents their Christmas Quiz Fundraiser. This will be from 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Saturday 1st December at Mount Tabor (S5 8NJ). If you are interest, please call 0114 281 5779 or search Eventbrite for 'PXI Fundraising Quiz'.

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❖ **Messy Church & Holy Habits Training Day**

On *Saturday 2nd February 2019* we have booked Lucy Moore (founder of Messy Church) and Andrew Roberts (author of Holy Habits) to lead an integrated Messy Church and Holy Habits Circuit Training Day at Greenhill Methodist Church, with the timings of the day currently pencilled in for 10am-4pm. More details later.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Flower Rota**

The flower rota still has lots of spaces. If you could possibly contribute in this way, please add your name to the list at the back of church and then give your donation to Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington a week or two before your chosen date.