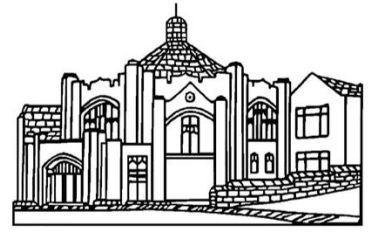




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 23rd October 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** **Louise Etherington (Chapel Anniversary)**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 30th October *10:30am* *Rev. Peter Edwards*

Sunday 6th November *10:30am* *Sheila Lomas*

Sunday 13th November *10:30am* *Jane Offord*

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.

❖ **Streets Of Light Trail 2022: Monday 24th October to Monday 31st October**

You may be aware that our friends at St Thomas' next door have pioneered the 'Streets of Light' trail, which has grown over the years and now become a city-wide initiative. The idea is to decorate one, or more, windows of your house, flat or workplace and then leave the lights on from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, so our friends, neighbours and communities can see our beautiful light-filled displays. Your design can be anything you like, but should include one or more of the words LIGHT, LOVE or HOPE somewhere within it. At a time when most people are celebrating and focusing on Halloween, the Streets of Light initiative aims to shine God's light, turning streets of darkness and fear into streets of light, love and hope. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk/>. If you sign up, you will be added to the map on the website. Your address will be used to create the online interactive map but will not be shared with anyone else; the programme that they use for plotting the trails and maps does not make anyone's address public. There will also be 10,000 booklets given out this year, which will contain mini trails across different areas of Sheffield. If you have any questions, please e-mail admin@stcsheffield.org.

COMING SOON

❖ Save the Date – Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year will be slightly earlier than usual, on Saturday 19th November. It will be the usual mix of stalls, kids' activities and a café downstairs serving drinks, cakes and light lunches. Please save the date and if you know anyone who might be interested in taking a stall, please put them in touch with Matt.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ The TRIBE rota is at the back of the church, there are still a few gaps for both the leader and the second person (to help the leader), so please take a look and pop your name down if you are able to help with any of them.
- ❖ Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 5th November; families with young children, please come along! The next Messy Church dates for your diaries are: 3rd December and 4th February, with our next Stay & Play on 14th January in-between!

AND FINALLY...

❖ 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.

❖ 'Warm Spaces'

We are exploring the idea of offering something under the 'Warm Spaces' scheme, where people can come and sit inside a warm building if they are struggling to heat their own homes. This is likely to be in the Church Hall, with hot drinks available so people can come, chat and perhaps play board games or something similar. Two potential time slots we have come up with are Tuesdays from 1-3pm or Wednesdays from 1-4pm, but in order to offer anything we will need people to be here to welcome and chat to those who come along. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

❖ **Thank You from the Sunday Centre**

We have received a card of thanks, which is up on the notice board behind the Bibles, with the following message: "To all at Wesley Hall, thank you for your kind and generous Harvest gifts. These are ideal for us; in fact, we started using them yesterday. Best wishes, all at the Sunday Centre (c/o Steve Clark, Chair of Trustees)".

❖ **Update on Mike**

Thank you for all your prayers for Mike, following his recent attack. He is now recovering at home, with strict instructions to rest, and the Circuit are covering while he recuperates. If you have any pastoral concerns while Mike is off sick, please contact Rev. Romeo Pedro, who will then refer to a member of the Circuit staff.

❖ **Andrea at Mercy Ships**

I very much appreciate the prayer support from so many of you. I am amazed at some of the truly incredible surgeries that are done on ship, especially the maxillofacial ones, where at times, dreadfully huge tumours are removed from a patient's face; then the patient's face has to be reconstructed because in order to remove the tumour, parts of the face have had to also be removed. Having listened to Dr Gary Parker, a surgeon who has worked on Mercy Ships for 35 years, give a very graphic presentation on how tumours are removed, and facial reconstruction done, I am truly amazed at the skill and knowledge needed to do such operations. Recently a patient was operated on for an incredible 16 hours to reconstruct parts of his face following the removal of a tumour in May. In the West, such tumours would have normally been removed as soon as they started to grow, but due to not having access to surgery because of the cost, the size of some tumours is truly horrendous.

I have started a Just Giving fund-raising page for Mercy Ships; if you would like to donate, please log onto: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrea-Killingsworth1.

If you would like to know more about Mercy Ships, please visit www.mercyships.org. On the website, you will see other ways that you can donate.

God bless, Andrea

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 starts 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, for a speedy recovery, and that he is able to get the rest he needs.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers which runs on a Thursday, we have had a couple of new mums attend, 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).