



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church (charity no. 1150284)

Sunday 26th March 2017

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** **Rev. Sally Coleman (Café Church)**
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay & Pray** **Prayer at Home (see below)**
The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 2nd April *10:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 9th April *10:30am Mr. Nick Waterfield* *6:00pm Prayer Service*
Sunday 16th April *8:15am Rev. Sally Coleman (Easter Breakfast)*
(Easter Sunday) *10:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (All Age Worship)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we also have 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.

❖ Lent Bible Study

Our daytime Lent Bible study returns this *Monday 27th March* at 10:00 in the Sanctuary and will continue throughout Lent. After this we will then consider as a group how best to take things forward. The Topic for the Lent Study will be, "Finding hope in the desert", and will look at desert experiences of characters in both the Old and New Testaments. You don't need to bring anything but yourself a Bible, and a note book if you wish to.

❖ Benjamin Gray - Sponsored Swim

Benjamin is doing a sponsored swim this week to raise funds for WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). If you would like to sponsor him, please see him or Carole or Andrew.

COMING SOON...

❖ Fun Day Volunteers

Our Fun Days are popular events and the children really enjoy their time with us. Currently we have 30 children attending each time and would love to take more, especially as we sometimes have to turn people away that would like to attend. This is only possible if we have enough adults helping on the day. The next Fun Day is *Friday 21st April*, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Adults that are available to help do not need to commit to helping for the entire day but are welcome to do so. We would like help with the following:

- Setting up and packing down at each end of the day
- Kitchen help such as washing up and preparing snack
- Shopping for the snack (you would be reimbursed)
- Baking some cakes, buns etc for the children's snack
- Leading games and treasure hunts
- Craft activities
- Technical stuff
- Leading a small group of children during our Bible focused activities
- Leading a baking activity or helping a small group during the baking activity
- Sourcing a workshop or running a workshop if you have a particular skill you would like to teach to/share with the children
- Songs, stories and sometimes short talks and presentations relevant to the theme
- Large artwork activity

If you feel you could help out with any of the duties mentioned above, please contact Claire ASAP so we are able to establish a strong team before we advertise the forthcoming event.

❖ Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all of you that support Christian Aid Week, last year we raised an amazing £1,643. £782 of this was from the door to door collecting so well done those of you that collect on the streets. A further £544 was raised from the afternoon tea and cake sale. Last year was the first time we did an afternoon tea and approximately 50 people came so it was a great success. We are holding another afternoon this year which will be on *Saturday 20th May*.

At this stage what I am asking for help with is:

- One or two people to help with the afternoon tea
- Street collectors; my usual collectors on two of the roads that give the most and are 'easier roads' to collect on are not able to help this year and so I am keen that we don't lose the opportunity to collect on them, can you help?

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please speak to Andrea. God bless.

DATES FROM THE CIRCUIT ...

Our common life together as Methodist finds expression in many ways. One is when we come together in worship to celebrate our common faith and experience. In the coming months there are a number of opportunities to meet in larger numbers for mutual support and encouragement. These are moments to learn, to express gratitude for ministry well done, to say farewell and to just tell good news stories. So please put these dates in your diary:

- *Sunday 16th April* at Dungworth Methodist Church at 5:00pm. A Circuit Service to celebrate their ministry prior to closure
- *Sunday 21st May* at Hillsborough Methodist Church at 6:00pm. A Circuit Service led by the Justice and Peace Mission Action Group. Taking John Wesley's famous dictum, "I look on the whole world as my parish", it will focus on World Mission.
- *Sunday 4th June* at Trinity Firvale Methodist Church at 6:00pm. A Circuit Service to celebrate their ministry prior to closure
- *Sunday 11th June* at Greenhill Methodist Church at 6:00pm. A service of accreditation of two local preachers
- *Wednesday 12th July* at 7:00pm (venue to be advised). A Circuit Service incorporating a farewell to Deacon Meredith Evans, Rev. Claudia Lupi and Rev. Stephen Pratt.
- *Sunday 17th September* at 6:00pm a Circuit celebration of our life together.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Tea and Coffee after Sunday Morning Service**

We are about to prepare a new rota for the serving of tea and coffee after the Sunday morning service. I think we all agree that sharing a drink and a biscuit after the service is really valuable and is an opportunity for a time of further fellowship for the congregation. If you feel you could be part of the team of helpers who prepare the tea and coffee please have a word with Steve Wright.

❖ **Can you Drive a Minibus?**

Wesley Hall Lunch Club is currently exploring the possibility of borrowing a minibus from Hillsborough Trinity Methodist Church. The minibus could also be available to bring people to worship on a Sunday morning (to begin with we may look at using it once a month). Obviously, in order to do this we need volunteer drivers and escorts. The drivers need to be over 25 and have at least 2 years driving experience in the UK. They also need a driving licence with a D1 category on it (most people who passed their driving test before 1997 have D1 on their licence). If you are able to help with this in any way please have a word with Steve Wright.

❖ **Action for Children**

Action for children boxes are due so please could you pass these on to Dorothy. Thanks.

❖ **Bra Recycling**

The women's institute are appealing for woman's bras (any condition) to raise money for the air ambulance. Please pass these on to Dorothy.

❖ **Office Space at Wesley Hall**

We have an office available to rent in the former stage area of Brice Hall here at Wesley Hall. The office is about 300sq ft so will fit about 4 or 5 desks in it and costs £285 per month (including utilities). If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to call Matt on 267 9040.

❖ **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to choose a date to sponsor the church flowers, please add your name to the rota. (Please note, at Sally's request, there will not be any flowers in church during Lent except on Mothering Sunday). Thank you, the Flower Team.