



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 27th January 2019

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 Mrs. Sue Stanworth**
6:00pm-7:00pm Stay & Pray Prayer at Home (see below)

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 3rd February</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Catrin Harland (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 10th February</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Iain Cloke</i>
	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 17th February</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Local Arrangements</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we also hold Stay & Pray on every fourth Sunday. 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.

❖ Messy Church Training

There is a Messy Church training and networking day on *Saturday 2nd February* from 10am-4pm. You don't currently have to be involved to go. If you're interested in learning more about it, or are currently involved and want a chance to talk to other churches to see what they do, please see or email Jacque. Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis, so the sooner the better.

COMING SOON...

❖ Panto Time!

WEADS (Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics Society) will be performing Rapunzel between Wednesday 20th & Saturday 23rd February at 7.15pm, with a 2.15pm matinee on the Saturday (tickets for matinee now sold out). Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children (including refreshments). Please see Sue Mills or call Sue Mackley on [REDACTED].

❖ Circuit Conference

There will be a Holy Habits and Local Arrangements Circuit Conference on *Saturday 13th April*, here at Wesley Hall, from 10am-1pm, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet other people, get new ideas and be involved. It is currently a time of change for Wesley Hall in terms of our local arrangement services, and this event looks to be very helpful. If you are remotely interested, even if you're not free on the day, please contact Jacque.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY...

- ❖ **Wesley Wigglers** is a pre-toddling baby group from 2:00-3:30pm on Wednesdays. If you know any new parents who might be interested, please let them know. Also, if you're interested in baking for Wigglers, please let Jacque know. This involves baking small quantities, maybe half a dozen cupcakes or a small cake.
- ❖ **Messy Church** is on *Saturday 16th February* and the theme (to go along with Holy Habits) is Gladness and Generosity. If you have any story, craft, activity or general ideas, please see Jacque. We are specifically looking for anyone who is particularly interested in designing and running a toddler craft or an adult craft table.
- ❖ The next **Funday** is on *Friday 22nd February*, and the theme is 'Mega Makers'. If anyone has any craft ideas, is willing to volunteer (either in the run up or on the day), please see Jacque. We need people mostly to be with groups of kids. This involves helping them with crafts, answering questions, guiding them around the building, etc. It would be amazing if you could help from 9:30am-4:00pm, but if you could offer a morning (9:30am-1:30pm) or afternoon (1:00pm-4:30pm), that would also be amazing. The number of volunteers we have has a very direct impact on the number of kids we can include. Booking has just opened. You can either book your 5-11 year old via the events page on the Wesley Hall website (just click on the flyer and it'll take you to the booking form) or type in the following google form address: <https://goo.gl/forms/sTl6wa92NUO3jGe33>
- ❖ The next holiday club, which is joint with St Tim's, is on 1st-3rd April. It would be useful for planning purposes if you could let either Jacque or Tim know if you're available and want to volunteer. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved later down the line too.
- ❖ Jacque's number is on the back of the toilet doors, top of the newsletter, on the website, google, and is also available on business cards, but on the off-chance you've not seen it, it's 07412 124310. Please do call or text if you're interested in being involved in anything. Between Wesley Ebenezer, we have 3 weekly toddler groups and a baby group. We have weekly, monthly, termly and annual events. We need people to just be around and have a chat, and also people to be really involved in the planning and running of events. Whatever level of involvement you want, if you're interested, please talk to Jacque!

AND (ALMOST) FINALLY...

❖ John Simms

John is having to retire from active ministry and formally finishes on the 24th February. There will be a service at Castle Donington on *Sunday 10th March at 6:00pm*. Everyone is welcome but, for catering purposes, please let Dorothy White know if you intend to go.

❖ Flower Rota

The new flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you feel you could spare £15 (or so) and would like to contribute to the flowers, please put your name at the side of your chosen week and pass the money to one of the flower team: Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington.

❖ All Age Worship & Local Arrangements

Thank you to everyone who responded to the All Age Worship consultation before Christmas. From the next plan (March to May), All Age Worship will be held once a quarter, instead of once a month, to make sure they are always well resourced and a special occasion. The Leadership Team also discussed how we lead Local Arrangement services, which in future won't necessarily be All Age. Our friends at Walkley Ebenezer do these very well and we hope to learn from their experience and from the Circuit Conference (see above). Our next Local Arrangements will be on *17th February* but will not be All Age Worship (as stated in the preaching plan). If you would like a large or small part in planning or leading this service, please speak to Neil Harland or Matt.

Minister	Rev Sally Coleman	0114 266 4637	Pre-teen & Youth	Tim Jansen	07401 980 794
Student Chaplain	Rev Catrin Harland	07597 673 106	Building Manager	Matt Irons	0114 267 9040
Families & Community	Jacque Ryan	07412 124 310	facebook	wesleyhallcrookes	

❖ **A Testament to Youth**

To mark the centenary of the Armistice of World War I, we recorded our congregation's contribution in a new book entitled 'A Testament to Youth: Wesley Hall in the Great War', as well as creating a new embroidered memorial, which is now at the back of church. The book records the details of the 68 men from Wesley Hall who died, plus what life was like here, and in Crookes generally, 100 years ago. We still have copies available, priced £10.00. If you would like one, please see Matt.

❖ **Photoboard**

We are updating the Wesley Hall Family photoboard at the back of church, which has photos of everyone in the congregation and wider church family. If you would like your photo adding to the board, or want to update your existing photo (more for children and young people who have changed quite a lot since the board went up!), please see Jo Owens who will be very happy to take your photo and add it.

❖ **Drop-in Centre**

Jim and Dorothy would be pleased to receive any warm clothes/blankets etc. which you might be able to donate to the drop-in centre.

A LETTER FROM SALLY...

Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that it is almost the end of January. Time seems to be flying quickly by. As far as Holy Habits is concerned, we will be moving from focusing on the habit of Gladness and Generosity to the habit of Breaking Bread. But before we do that, I would like to offer some reflections. When we ponder Gladness and Generosity, we have often focused on God's generosity to us and our glad response, which can be shown in many ways, including through acts of generous gift giving and sharing - a habit highlighted by your generous responses to the Parson Cross Initiative Foodbank appeal at Christmas-time.

I do reflect, however, that very often what we don't talk about is the elephant in the room, and that is money. Somehow that is a taboo and very personal subject, and perhaps needs challenging by Jesus' words "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 21). This of course is a challenge that requires much reflection from us, and it certainly is not me trying to make anyone feel guilty, as I need this reflection as much as anyone. But as we draw the focus on this habit to a close, I simply ask you to reflect on God's generosity and your own, and to respond to the question: Can I, hand on heart, say that I am a glad (cheerful) giver?

Carrying on the theme of reflecting, we are moving towards the season of Lent, and with that in mind I would like to offer the chance for us to pause and turn our thoughts to all that that means. So during Lent I would like to offer you a Lent course. It is based upon the film *The Greatest Showman* and looks at themes of hope and redemption. I am offering 2 sessions per week, and they will be interchangeable for those who need that flexibility. The first will be on Mondays at 2pm, venue the Antioch Room at Wesley Hall, starting just before Lent on the 4th March and running for 6 weeks to the 15th April. The second will be on Friday evenings at 7:30pm, The Manse, [REDACTED], and will start on the 8th March and run for 6 weeks until the 19th April. I do hope some of you will be able to join in with this. Before that, however, there will be a chance to gather to watch the whole film, and we will be showing this at Wesley Hall on Saturday 2nd March at 10:30am, with a chance for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Lastly, if anyone has looked at the plan you will know that it has been difficult to find preachers and that there are more than the usual number of Local Arrangements planned. I understand that putting together a Local Arrangement can be daunting, and we certainly don't want or need all of them to be All Age, so I am offering you a chance to join me to do some thinking about how to plan a service and what needs to be in it. On Saturday 9th February at 10 am you can join me either in the Sanctuary or the Emmaus room (depending on numbers) and I will help you in thinking about how to creatively go about planning a service, and we will look at some of the services in the Holy Habits books. We will start with refreshments and then work to put a service together that could be used on the 17th February. This is open to anyone interested. You don't have to take an upfront role to be a part of the planning. In addition to this, on the 13th April at 10am there is a Circuit Conference at Wesley Hall, also looking at planning Local Arrangements.

So, we have a lot going on. God is at work among us. I pray you will know the deep blessings of the Spirit on the move.

Sally (Reverend Sally Coleman)