



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 27th October 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 service 10:30am **Preacher** Rev. Jonathan Haigh
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay & Pray Prayer at Home (see below)**
The stewards on duty are Linda and Stephen Wright

Sunday 3rd November 10:30am *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 10th November 10:30am *Mrs. Sue Stanworth*
Sunday 17th November 10:30am *Mr. Chris Sissons*

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.

❖ Fun Day

Our next Fun Day, "Showstoppers", will be held on *Friday 1st November* between 10am and 4pm. The Fun Day is for children aged 5-11 years. Please bring a packed lunch and £8 donation per child. Spaces are limited so please book online via the Wesley Hall website or please contact Jacque tel: 07412124310.

COMING SOON...

❖ Community Ceilidh

Our community ceilidh will be back by popular demand on *Saturday 16th November* from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children which includes a pizza dinner (and pudding). We need volunteers (from within or beyond our congregation) to prepare for this and make sure everything runs smoothly on the day. Please contact Matt Irons if you are able to help out. Previous ceilidhs have been great fun and attracted a wide range of people, so do put the date in your diary and be thinking of friends who may be interested. No prior experience or dancing prowess required!

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY...

- ❖ Our next Messy Church "Feast of Faith" is on *Saturday 16th November* from 10am-12 noon.
- ❖ TRIBE nativity planning - if you are interested in helping with the TRIBE nativity please see either Jacque or Matt.
- ❖ A massive thank you to everyone who supports or is involved in the work with families and children in this church, be it a physical presence at an event or group, collecting supplies, prayer or any other way. It wouldn't be the same without you.

PRAYER POINTS...

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).

AND FINALLY...

❖ Wesley Hall Church Offering

This year (2019/20) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has remained the same at £26,000 but the amount that we expect from the offertory has reduced to £20,000. With Gift Aid, this brings the total offertory income to a little under £25,000 which is £1,000 short of the Assessment figure. Just to break even we need to find an additional £1,000, but ideally would like to finish with a surplus to allow us to not just continue what we are doing already, but to try new ideas and expand our work.

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 Jacque and Sean to support the children, families and youth work. As the number of lives we touch continues to grow, we fully understand that this may 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 Letter from Sally

Dear Friends,

First, I apologise that this is the first time that I have been able to sit to write for the newsletter since returning from my Sabbatical in September, to say that I hit the ground running is something of an understatement. Thank you for your support and interest, I can say that I produced about 80 chalk drawings and several paintings and will let you know about upcoming exhibitions. I also travelled up to Glasgow and down to Essex, visiting friends and others. Seeing Salvador Dali's painting the crucifixion in Glasgow was amazing.

So, we are heading through autumn at quite a pace, half term is upon us and I noticed on my walk

into town for a meeting today that Christmas lights are being prepared. Preparing for Christmas is of course always a big task, there seems so much to be done, and it is easy to lose the reason for the season amongst the festivities. With that in mind I am offering 2 Advent Courses, in the same pattern that I have offered Lent courses. The first on Monday afternoons at 2pm, in the Antioch room, the second at my Manse, 8 Reservoir Rd, S10 1EY, on Friday evenings at 7:30pm. The theme will be "What's the story?" using the book by Barbara Glasson and Clive Marsh, the President and Vice-Presidents of the Methodist Conference. If you would like a copy it can be ordered from CLC bookshops in town, or other sources I am sure.

You may also be aware of the "God in love unites us" consultations that we are being asked to engage in by Conference, this relates to all aspects of human relating, family life, singleness, relationships in general, marriage, co-habitation, divorce and same sex relationships. It is not a paper that asks us to agree, but one that calls us to walk together in love and grace even where we don't agree. We will be looking at this paper in the New Year and will be providing material from different perspectives so that you can decide how you want to respond. While this will not be a topic for voting, we are being asked our opinions, and asked to voice them in respectful and gracious conferring. I was at Conference this year when the paper was presented and it made me very proud to be a Methodist, to see that people could profoundly disagree with one another and yet treat one another with deep respect, care and love. I will let you know of the dates for these meeting as soon as possible.

Lastly, I know that several people have asked about membership, I do intend to run a membership course in the New Year, please let me know if this is something that you would be interested in.

Many blessings

Sally

Reverend S. A. Coleman