



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 28th November 2021

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 Local Arrangements

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday	5 th December.	10:30am	Rev. Phill Borkett (Holy Communion)
Sunday	12 th December	10:30am	TRIBE Nativity Service
Sunday	19 th December	10:30am	Rev. Gail Hunt (Carol Service)

THIS WEEK

❖ Worship in the Building

Please consider taking a lateral flow COVID test on the morning before coming to worship (available free to all adults from your local pharmacy). There is no requirement to wear a face covering, but you are very welcome to continue doing so. Please also be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ Safeguarding Training

The 'Creating Safer Space Foundation Module' is this *Tuesday 30th November* and if you need to go you should have been asked by now. **Please note that the start time is 7:00pm and not the usual Methodist 7:30pm!**

❖ Cream Tea & Brass Band, Saturday 4th December

This Saturday *4th December* from 2pm – 4pm we will be having a celebration Cream Tea as we wait for the big day! We will have a Brass Band that will play as we enjoy our tea. We are asking for a £5 donation to cover costs, which will be collected during the afternoon. Please let me know if you are coming. Dorothy

❖ St. Tim's Christmas Trees Festival

St. Tim's are holding their Christmas Tree Festival from *3rd to 5th December*. The times are Friday 3rd from 3pm to 9.30pm with Carols from 7pm; Saturday 4th from 10am to 4pm with hot sandwiches from 11am to 3pm; Sunday 5th from 2pm to 4pm with Carols from 4pm to 4.45pm.

❖ Circuit Advent Prayer Initiative

 Loving all People

 Building Community

 Sharing our Christian Faith

During Advent we'd like everyone in the Sheffield Circuit to join together in praying for HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE to transform our Circuit. We look forward to praying with you on Zoom, but if you are unable to join us, light a candle between 8-9pm each Wednesday as a sign of your shared commitment to praying for the Circuit.

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

COMING SOON

❖ Christmas Messy Church

Our Christmas Messy Church is on *Saturday 11th December* - if you'd like to help with a craft, volunteer in the kitchen, or bring family or friends you'd be very welcome. If you're able to volunteer please contact Jacque.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUTH

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who has donated glass jars, they're super useful, and I think we've got enough now.
- ❖ We could still use cereal boxes and toilet roll innards.
- ❖ Our Christmas Messy Church is on *Saturday 11th December* - if you'd like to help with a craft, volunteer in the kitchen, or bring family or friends you'd be very welcome. If you're able to volunteer please contact Jacque.
- ❖ **We are desperately in need of volunteers for the kitchen for Toddlers, if you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning (roughly 10:30am-12:30pm) please sign yourself up on the signup sheet. Thank you! Jacque.**

AND FINALLY

❖ Thank You from the Sunday Centre

Thank you so much for the very kind donation. As we move to put our clothes store on a winter footing, the money will be put to very good use in making sure that our clothes store contains items suitable for our guests throughout the forthcoming winter months. There are some things that work well as donations to give out e.g. jumpers, coats etc but we are providing pants, socks etc. which we buy in. We also buy track suit bottoms. We find track suit bottoms are much more flexible than jeans or trousers in terms of sizing as a pair of trousers with a 30 inch waist isn't much good if you are a 32. We are giving out pants, socks, etc every Sunday now.

❖ Christmas Cards

Christmas will soon be upon us! Many people usually write their cards and bring them to church to give out either in person or via the pigeon holes, but last year we dedicated a special page of the newsletter to Christmas greetings and encouraged people to make a donation to Action for Children with the money saved by not buying cards. This was really successful and we are going to offer this again, for those who would like to do so. If you want to take part, just send your message to the newsletter email account or pop it to in the letterbox at church and then either donate to Action for Children directly or give it to Matt to pass on. As well as this, everyone will receive a Christmas card from the church which has been designed by a member of TRIBE.

❖ Offering Plate

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship but are leaving one plate near the door and one on the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of them if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ Ministry at Wesley Hall

As part of the Stationing process, we recently had a visit from Rev. Mike Jones. We are really pleased to say that Mike has accepted the appointment so from September 2022, he will be the Minister for Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore Methodist Churches. This is really good news! Let us keep Mike in our prayers as he prepares for this next phase of his ministry.

Also, Rev. Gail Hunt now has light touch pastoral charge of Wesley Hall. Gail is the Minister for Totley Rise and Dore and will be coming to lead worship here twice on the next plan, as well as being available for baptisms, funerals, weddings and pastoral emergencies.

❖ Flower Rota

The flower rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the flowers, please add your name to the list at the back of church and then give your donation to Sue Mills a week or two before your chosen date.

❖ From daffodils to stars

Last Easter we created a witness to the people of Crookes by making and distributing handmade daffodils to people with a connection to Wesley Hall, and into the community in general by hanging them on railings etc around the area for people to take. We gave away nearly 300 daffodils, and several people saw and heard appreciative messages in different ways.

The Leadership Team have given their consent to our doing something similar at Christmas, using stars as our theme. We hope that people might knit, crochet, sew, or create stars in paper, card, wood, metal or any other medium, so that we could turn them into something that would hang on a tree or in a window or anywhere the recipient chooses. If we start thinking and planning now, then we have some time to create the stars before we distribute them in the week before Christmas. If you're not one for making, then maybe you could think of a message that could accompany them, to remind people of the significance of the star; or you might suggest ways and means of distributing them. If you have any thoughts, please see Liz Jenkinson or email [REDACTED].

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ We are desperately in need for volunteer helpers in the kitchen for Toddlers on a Wednesday morning.
- ❖ We are struggling to find people who feel able and willing to help with TRIBE each week. We are so blessed within our church community with a really wonderful group of young people, so please hold them and the TRIBE leaders in your prayers.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore as we all adjust to being a new church grouping.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be the minister for Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore from next September.
- ❖ For those involved in the review of the Circuit Superintendency, and for Rev. Gill Newton as she oversees the process and keeps everything running while it is in progress.
- ❖ Pray for our grant applications to the Jerusalem Trust and the Bramall Foundation for funding towards our continued youth work over the next three years and for the generous grant we have recently received from Methodist Youth Activities.

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).