



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 29th May 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 Christian Aid Service

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 5th June 10:45am Mr. David Harris (United Service at Walkley Ebenezer)

Sunday 12th June 10:30am Mr. Chris Sissons

Sunday 19th June 10:30am Rev. Gill Newton

THIS WEEK

❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please consider taking a lateral flow test in the morning before coming to worship.
- Although the regulations have now changed, you might still feel it appropriate to wear a face covering, particularly when not in your seat.
- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ **Offering Plate**

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship; it will be by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Initiative**

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join in a weekly prayer gathering every Wednesday. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ **Cliff Festival**

A number of us from Wesley Hall have previously been to the festival at Cliff College and had a very rewarding time. We'll be going again this year and would like to encourage as many people as possible to join us. The festival runs from *Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th June*, so you'd be welcome to attend for the whole weekend, or just for the all-age communion on Sunday 5th (although this is the last event of the festival, so there will not be a full day of activities usual). We will be holding a joint service at Walkley Ebenezer that Sunday, so won't have a service here at Wesley Hall. The festival theme is "Jubilee: Rule and Reign" and tickets can be booked online at <https://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival/cliff-festival-2022-jubilee/booking-2022>. For more

information, please see the Festival website: <https://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival>. If anyone would like to go but needs a lift, please see Matt Irons or Andrew Gray.

❖ Gift Day 2022

Our Gift Day was on *Sunday 15th May* however, we are still very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy), but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off on or around the Gift Day, or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt Irons.

COMING SOON

❖ Big Lunch 2022

The Big Lunch is back and we will again be inviting our neighbours to join us for a BBQ on *Sunday 12th June*, so please take a flyer and invite people to come along! If you would like to be involved, there are plenty of things to do, like welcoming, helping in the kitchen and serving. If you would like to know more or want to help out, please see Matt.

❖ Joint Church Council Meeting

We are holding a joint meeting of Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore Church Councils at Totley Rise Methodist Church on *Wednesday 8th June* at 7-9pm (with refreshments from 6:30pm). We will look at lift sharing to Totley closer to the time.

At the beginning of the year, we were asked by Rev Gill Newton to consider how churches might begin to work in closer partnership and what this may mean for the future mission of each of our congregations. Her letter ended, "I encourage you to pray about these matters so that together we can be discerning about the ways in which God is calling us to be church and to be his people. It will undoubtedly involve change and it will certainly take courage, but I trust that we can have a shared sense of anticipation about all that God might do amongst us as we allow ourselves to be reshaped and become more effective in our shared mission."

This meeting of the joint councils will be an opportunity for members to get to know one another ahead of Rev Mike Jones arriving in September, and to share thoughts together.

The main part of the evening will be a conversation facilitated by Neil Harland (our District Mission Enabler). However, our District Safeguarding Officer, Alison Hill, has asked to have a word at all church councils about the responsibilities of safeguarding, so it seems an ideal opportunity for her to do that, with all three church councils being together at one meeting. I look forward to seeing you there, Gail.

❖ Heritage Open Day

We had planned to run a Heritage Open Day at Wesley Hall in September 2020 which did not go ahead due to COVID. But we are trying again on *Saturday 10th September!* Local historian Ann Marples ('the Bustle Lady') has prepared a history talk but we need someone to coordinate the rest of the morning. This is likely to entail a display using materials from the archives and refreshments after the talk. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- The new Tribe rota is at the back, and you should have received an email with it on. If there are any gaps, please fill in the hard copy at the back.

- We have our Funday on *June 1st* where we will be going on a polar expedition and learning that we can join God's big expedition - that is, to be a friend of Jesus and go out and help others be friends of Jesus too.
- If you have any plastic drinks bottles (ideally 2 litre or 500 millilitre drinks bottles but other sizes are welcome) could you save them for use at the Funday on *June 1st* or Messy Church on the *11th June*. Either pass them to Neil or leave outside at the office.

AND FINALLY

❖ Farewell to Gail

Gail is retiring (or 'sitting down' in Methodist Minister speak) in the summer and her last service with us will be Sunday 10th July. She has been with us for only a short while but has taken time to help and support us in many ways. We have a large thank you card which will be out at the back of church on Sundays (or in the office Monday to Wednesday), for your messages to her. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please give it in the usual way (offering plate, bank transfer, pass to Matt) and make sure it is marked to show it is for Gail.

❖ Welcome Rota

We are still in need of volunteers either on a regular or occasional basis. If anyone could cover for *3^d July* please speak to Alison. Your help would be much appreciated.

❖ Church Council Membership

We would like to welcome new members to our Church Council! The Church Council meets four times a year at Wesley Hall, with an option to join via Zoom. As our Trustee body it has the final say on all decisions to do with the life of the church, building and finances. No experience or prior knowledge is required so it would be great to see you there. If you are interested or want to know more, please see Matt.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please continue to pray for a speedy resolution to the war in Ukraine that your peace may prevail.
- ❖ Please pray for our baby group, Wesley Wiggles, as we move from Thursday afternoon to Thursday morning in the hope that we will see the numbers of attendees increase.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore, as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be our new minister from next September.
- ❖ Please pray for Keith, our new Pre-teen & Youth Worker, as he gets to know our young people and those he'll meet throughout the week.

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).

NB. Because there is no service at Wesley Hall next Sunday 5th June there will not be a newsletter next week.