



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 31st October 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** **Rev Graham Wassell (Holy Communion)**
The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 7th November *10:30am* *Mr Simon Etty*
Sunday 14th November *10:30am* *Mr Andrew Maxfield*
Sunday 21st November *10:30am* *Rev James Morley*

THIS WEEK

❖ Congregational Meeting

After this morning's service, we will be having a Congregational Meeting to discuss the Circuit Leadership Team's response to Matt's role at Wesley Hall. Prior to the next meetings of Matt's Management Committee, Church Council and the Circuit Meeting, which are to be held in November, I would like to update you all on my discussions with Rev. Gill Newton, District Chair and Acting Superintendent Minister, and the Circuit Steward, John Dilkes.

You will be aware that since Rev. Sally Coleman was moved in October 2020, Matt has had to undertake work not covered in his original job description as 'Building Manager'. In January 2021, Rev. Sally asked if I would be Matt's line manager. Immediately, I was concerned that he was having to undertake a complexity of work not covered in his job description. Over the ensuing months, Matt and I had discussions with the Co-Superintendents, Andrew Crawford (the District HR Manager), other circuit members and latterly Rev. Gill Newton in her role as Superintendent Minister. This resulted in a revised job description and job title for Matt, and a recognition that his work now warranted an increase of 6 points on the Methodist Church Lay Workers pay scale.

Matt's revised job description, job title, increase in salary and back pay was submitted to the Circuit Leadership Team in September. At their meeting the team questioned the revisions, and Matt and I had further meetings with Rev. Gill Newton and John Dilkes, culminating in a meeting with them on 17th October. Rev. Gill Newton reported that at their meeting on 11th October, the Circuit Leadership Team were supportive of the changes to Matt's role, had questions regarding the job title of 'Church Manager' but more importantly could not support any additional funding by the Circuit towards Matt's post, nor the paying of any back pay to when Rev. Sally moved.

A number of options are now open to us:

1. To require Matt to revert to his original Building Manager role and to not undertake any additional work.
2. To agree Matt's new job description and for Wesley Hall to find the resources to fund the increased salary.

❖ **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.

❖ **Eco Church Open Evening**

This open evening, hosted by St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church and Sheffield Methodist District, is for churches of any denomination interested in considering, getting started, or already involved in the Eco Church movement. It will be on Tuesday 2nd November from 6:30pm–9:30pm. It is an opportunity to ask questions and will be hosted by a local church holding an Eco Church Silver Award. What difference does being an Eco Church make in practice? How to get started? How to overcome common challenges? How can we better support and encourage each other? Wesley Hall has recently applied for the Bronze Eco Church award so if anyone wants to find out more about what this means, please go along! Further details and booking at <https://211102-ecochurch.eventbrite.co.uk>.

❖ **Perrine's Christening**

We would love you to join us for Perrine's Christening if you are able to on Saturday 6th November at 2:30pm, here at Wesley Hall. A short service will be followed by refreshments and a bouncy castle for the smaller attendees! Please do stay and have a catch up with us after the service. We are lucky enough to not need anything for Perrine - if you would like to give a gift, we ask that you consider donating to Baby Basics, a charity supporting families who are struggling to provide the essentials for their babies and small children. <https://baby-basics.org.uk/> provides more information about the charity, and their social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter share which donations they can accept each week. If you would like to donate financially, their bank details are: Baby Basics UK No2A/C; Sort Code: 089299; Account: 6588 5927. We hope to see you there! Beth, Tim, Eline and Perrine.

COMING SOON

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is Monday 8th November. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **Service of Reflection**

On Sunday 14th November at 6pm, we will be having a service of reflection. All are welcome to this prayer-filled service, where we will be thinking of those significantly affected by the events of the last 18 months. If you would like to know more, please see Dorothy White.

❖ **Safeguarding Training**

There will be a 'Creating Safer Space Foundation Module' running here at Wesley Hall at 7:00pm on Tuesday 30th November. Nearly everyone with any role in the church will need to complete this, so if you think this is you, please put the date in your diary. Judith, Matt, Jacque and Sean will shortly be reviewing all volunteer roles and will confirm with those who need to attend. If you can't make this date, we will advertise other training dates that are taking place around the Circuit.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUTH

- ❖ A massive thank you to those who volunteered for Funday. We've had some lovely feedback and it wouldn't have been possible without you!
- ❖ We are low on margarine tubs, 6-egg box cartons, cereal boxes, toilet roll innards, yoghurt pots and clean glass jars without the labels. These are useful for junk modelling and crafts, but toilet rolls especially are useful for making Christmas crackers. If you don't mind saving these from your recycling bin, they'd be useful here! Thanks.
- ❖ We're planning a membership morning on Saturday 20th November. If you are not a member, or if you are a member, you are very welcome to come. Please contact Jacque for more information or if you'd like to come.
- ❖ We need volunteers for the kitchen for Toddlers for next half-term. 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!

AND FINALLY

❖ **Message from Sally**

To everyone at Wesley Hall, first, thank you for the lovely book of thoughts and memories, for the card and generous gift; I will buy a hammock for my garden and will think of you when I use it. Second, thank you for your love and support for me as your Minister. Every blessing, Sally.

❖ **We Are Recruiting!**

We are now advertising for a part time (22 hours a week) Families and Community Co-ordinator to cover Jacque's maternity leave. Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested and pray that God will provide the right person to fill this post.

❖ **School Governors**

Sean has recently spoken to Cath Jackson of King Edwards School in Sheffield, and they are looking for extra governors for the school. If you are interested in this role or more information, please contact Sean on 07401980794 or youth@wesleyhall.org.uk.

❖ **Stationing**

We are really pleased to say that both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer will be going into stationing this year. The Circuit have grouped Wesley Hall with Totley Rise and Dore Methodist Churches, and Walkley Ebenezer with St Andrew's Psalter Lane and Highfield Trinity. Your prayers for this whole process would be very much appreciated.

❖ **Sunday Centre Harvest Donations**

The Sunday Centre are very happy to receive our Harvest donations, but the next challenge is getting them there! If you are able to get to Victoria Hall during weekday office hours (9am to 5pm) or Sunday from 11:45am to 2:30pm and drop off the donations, that would be fantastic. There are four of the larger supermarket bags in total, but if you are able to take even just one when you next go into town, please see Matt.

❖ **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

- ❖ For the recruitment of Jacque's maternity cover, that God will provide the right person to fill this post, and for Jacque, Ben and Brendan as they prepare to become a family of four.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ For stationing, and for Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer as we both seek a Minister.
- ❖ 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 Methodist Youth Activities, 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 the Church Burgesses.

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).