



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 22nd April 2018

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** **Rev. Sally Coleman** *(please note change to plan)*
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay & Pray: Prayer at Home (see below)**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 29th April *10:30am* *Rev. Dr. Catrin Harland*
Sunday 6th May *10:30am* *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 13th May *10:30am* *Rev. Dr. Catrin Harland (Youth Service)*
6:00pm *Rev. Sally Coleman (Prayer Service)*

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.

❖ Christening Service of Noah James Eaton

Today we celebrate the Christening of Noah and welcome his family and friends. We all come together to support and bless Noah as he begins his journey with Jesus. Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after the service for coffee and cake in the downstairs hall.

❖ Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting will be this Thursday 26th April at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room.

❖ Maggots and Posies Concert

The Yorkshire Wind Orchestra and TUS Folk are holding a concert here at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 28th April. They will provide a fascinating insight into the influence of folk music on the wind band repertoire, with contrasting performances of folk tunes sung and played by a traditional folk band and arranged for wind orchestra by composers including Vaughan Williams, Holst and Grainger. Tickets cost between £6.50 & £10 and are available from Eventbrite or on the door.

COMING SOON...

❖ Guides Coffee & Cake

As part of their Community Service badge, the Guides will be serving coffee and cake in the worship area, on Saturday 5th May, 2pm-4pm. A charge of £3 will be made, which will be donated to Moorend Place, the home where Brian Mills is living. This will help the home to pay for outings, speakers, etc. Please come and support the guides and the Nursing Home. If you have any questions, please speak to Dorothy White.

❖ Retro-gaming Café at Wesley Hall

Our Retro-gaming Café is returning on Saturday 5th May from 2pm to 5pm. Come along and enjoy all the best consoles from the 1980s onwards, with a wide selection of classic games, as well as artisan coffee and themed activities for all the family. Admission is free and all are welcome; you are never too old or too young to game!

❖ Against The Grain: An Evening With Garth Hewitt

On Saturday 12th May at 7:30pm at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Garth Hewitt has been prominent in the Christian music scene for 4 decades. Drawing on his extensive catalogue of songs old and new, Garth sings of hope and justice for uncertain times. Tickets from Eventbrite (£11 – search Garth Hewitt Sheffield) or on the door (£12) or contact Simon Ennais on 07771 600 047. Bar from 7:00pm; funds raised go to Amos Trust.

❖ Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid week will be 13th-19th May and the funds raised will go to help internally displaced people. Of the 65 million displaced people in the world, 40 million are displaced within their own countries. There will be a special focus on Haiti, which suffered an earthquake in 2010 and hurricanes in 2016 & 2017. How very fortunate we are in comparison!

As part of Christian Aid Week, there will be an afternoon tea on Saturday 19th May at 3pm at Wesley Hall, costing £7 per person. As usual, please reserve a place by letting Andrea know. Offers of cakes/buns for the event would be most welcome; we've already had a very kind offer to supply scones. Or if you'd be able to help on the day, please speak to Andrea. The afternoon tea has been both an enjoyable event and also a great fundraiser, helping us to maintain, and last year even increase, the overall amount we raise, despite amounts collected on the streets going down. Please do invite friends and family to this event. Many thanks, Andrea.

AND FINALLY...

❖ General Fund Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has given in response to our appeal for donations to the General Fund. To date, including Gift Aid, the total given is £5,200, which is fantastic. This will really help with the day to day running of the church finances and should also mean that we will be operating within our reserves policy again very soon.

❖ Can You Please Sponsor Andrea Killingsworth?

Many thanks to those of you who have sponsored me for the Coast to Coast walk I am doing between 26th May & 10th June, walking 192 miles from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay. If anyone else would like to sponsor me, this can be done on-line at my Total Giving site (I can e-mail you the link) or I have sponsorship forms. The two Christian Charities (Snowdrop Project & Hope for Justice) I am fund-raising for, both support survivors of human trafficking, helping them to rebuild their lives. Hope for Justice also works to end modern-day slavery through investigations, rescues, campaigning and training individuals/organisations on how to spot signs that someone may have been trafficked.

God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Community Garden**

Our community garden is really coming together. The path and pond are established and box beds should be made over the Easter holiday. We think we are ready to put in some bird feeders; the cone feeders we made at Toddlers were very well received by the locals! Does anyone have any bird feeders, bird boxes or even a bird table which they could donate to the garden, please? This would enhance the nature area of the garden. If so, please pass them on to Liz. Thanks very much for your support of the garden project. Do pop in if you want to; you can now admire the soil from a lovely bench!

❖ **Flower Rota**

The new flower rota is up at the back of church. Please sign up to sponsor the church flowers if you can.

❖ **CLC Bookshop is Moving!**

With effect from 1st May, CLC Bookshop will be at 2 Church Street, S1 2GN (the blue corner building, just above the cathedral). This is a very strategic move for the shop and a huge answer to prayer. For the time being, CLC is open as usual at 103 West Street. They really need and appreciate your prayers as they have a lot to do in quite a short amount of time. If you want to know more, please sign-up to the CLC e-mail newsletter by dropping a line to sheffield@clcbookshops.com.

❖ **Dear Friends,**

I do hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter Celebrations and were able to mark them in a meaningful way. As we continue to move through this season of new life, we come to our Church Council on the 26th April. Church Council can be seen as boring or simply necessary, but it is the decision-making body of the church and should therefore be a vibrant and visionary meeting. With so much going on at Wesley Ebenezer this should certainly be the case!

This time we are looking at the Second Round of our Church Review process, this will be facilitated for us by Revd. Debora Marschner, one of our Circuit Ministers. The idea is that we don't simply keep bowling along with busyness, but that we pause, reflect and look at what we are doing, and more importantly who we are as God's people, at this time and in this place.

Church Council is an open meeting, meaning that anyone can attend, if you would like to come to be a part of the conversation you would be very welcome. The Church review section will be at the beginning of the meeting, so you could attend simply to take part in that if you wished. Any voting undertaken by Church Council is of course for the appointed members only.

As we undertake this review (there will be meetings to follow), let us remember that the church is not a static entity, but the constantly changing, Spirit-led, Spirit-filled, body of Christ. We are, if we are willing, renewed day by day. I hope that you will feel able to take part in this potentially fruitful process. If you would like to talk to me about it I am happy to make the time for that.

Peace and blessings,
Sally (Revd. Sally Coleman)