



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 1st October 2023

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'd Michelle Deans (Harvest Festival / Parade Service)**
The stewards on duty are Stephen & Linda Wright

<i>Sunday 8th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev'd Rod Hill</i>
<i>Sunday 15th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Brian Jones</i>
<i>Sunday 22nd October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev'd Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ Harvest Festival,

Today is our Harvest Festival service, and is an All-Age Parade service, with the Rainbows and Brownies joining us. Gifts of money and food will be gratefully received, and will go to the Victoria Hall Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless in Sheffield.

❖ Harvest Lunch

Our Harvest Lunch will be a bring-and-share meal after our Harvest Festival service this morning. All are invited, and if you are not able to bring anything, you are still welcome to come and share in the meal. We will need help setting up, washing up and clearing away, so it would be great if some people would be able to lend a hand.

❖ Joint Churches Event

Today, there will be a joint churches 'Creation Celebration' event, focusing on Harvest. This will be held at the Bolehills Pavilion (by the bowling green), from 2.30-4.30pm. It will be an opportunity to meet together to share and swap: homegrown produce; seeds; plants & plant cuttings; prayers & reflections on our planet and how we care for it; and to make seed bombs. There will also be origami and kids' activities.

Please see Jacque for more details.

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering:

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place this Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948 Passcode: 999757 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

COMING SOON

❖ Crookes Community Fayre

On *Sunday 8th October* from 11am to 3pm (at the same time as the next Crookes Street Market) the Crookes Forum are holding the first Crookes Community Fayre which will be at Wesley Hall. The idea is that local groups can have a table at the fayre and people can come along to find out about what is on offer in the area. Wesley Hall will have a table, so we are looking to find a few people who could cover the time period and chat to those who are interested (a full range of flyers for all our events will be available to help!). Ideally, we could do with two people from 11am to 1pm, and then a different two people from 1pm to 3pm. If you are interested in helping out with this or have any questions, please see Matt.

❖ Christian Aid Ceilidh – Saturday 14th October

There will be a Ceilidh at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 14th October* at 6:30pm, led by 'The Well Dressed Band'. Tickets will be £10 for adults and £8 for children, which includes food (jacket potatoes with fillings); please see Rosemary or Alan for tickets and take some flyers to invite people along! The funds raised will go to Christian Aid.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Messy Church Social

Thank you to all who either helped, came, or held us in your prayers. It went really well; we had five families and a lot of good conversations.

❖ Stay and Play

Lego-themed Stay & Play is on *Saturday 21st October*. Please put it in your diary and tell your friends. We still need another volunteer to help in the kitchen (and other volunteers would be very much appreciated).

AND FINALLY...

❖ Methodist Training: Unconscious Bias, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

As part of the Methodist Church's commitment to being inclusive and justice-seeking, we are now looking to implement life-long learning about the richness of human diversity and to learning from one another. To help us with this, the Methodist Church has produced two new training modules. The training is mandatory for our Leadership Team, Worship Leaders and Lay Workers, but everyone, especially those who hold a roll within the church (e.g. Church Council members, Worship Stewards and Welcome Stewards) are warmly invited to complete it as well.

It is possible to complete the course online at your own pace by going to <https://mcb.theologyx.com/courses/>, where you will need to register for a free account (you may have already used MCBX for the Advanced Safeguarding Course). The training is made up of two parts: the Unconscious Bias Training; and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Module. Or if you prefer, Michelle is running an in-person course at Wisewood Methodist Church at 10:30am on Saturday 13th January (please book with the Circuit Office on 0114 272 6561). Once you have completed either of the courses, please let Matt know so he can keep a record of it.

❖ **Stories from Around the Sheffield Methodist District**

'How do you share Christ's invitation' is the title of the latest Sheffield District Magazine, and it is out now! It looks back at events from the past 12 months, and also explores how we can share our faith with those around us. There are a number of copies at the back of church, so please help yourself.

❖ **Congratulations to Sean and Amy**

We are delighted to announce the birth of Samuel Joseph Briscoe at 6:21am on 1st September at Rotherham Hospital, weighing 7lb 7oz. He is doing very well, as is Amy, and he is already up to 7lb 12oz! Sean & Amy are hoping to bring him along to meet us soon.

❖ **Successful Grant News**

I am very pleased to say that we have received a £50,000 grant from Biffa Award for new boilers! This is the total amount required for the project and it is hoped that we be able to get them installed before the cooler winter weather arrives.

I am also very pleased to say that we have received a £2,000 grant from Sheffield Town Trust towards the car park. This means that we can now approach the Benefact Trust's Methodist Grants Programme for the remainder of the funds required.

A big thank you to both funders for their generous support. Matt.

❖ **Southwest LAC Survey**

We have been awarded a grant of £1,000 from the Southwest Local Area Committee of the Council for our youth work, which is great news! Each Local Area Committee has a pot of money they can allocate to projects towards local priorities which they have identified. One of ways that they identify these priorities is through surveys, and we have been invited to take part in this process. If you would like to help shape the future priorities of the area, please use this link:

<https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/south-west-lac-community-survey>

❖ **Drop Inn**

Our Drop Inn has returned on Tuesdays, running after school until around 4pm. It would be great to get a few more helpers to come along, mainly to serve hot chocolate or ice cream. We have a rota, so you don't need to commit to come every week - once a fortnight or once a month would still be really helpful! If you are interested or have any questions, please see Matt.

❖ **David's Doodles**

During lockdown, I wrote weekly 'thoughts' and sent them by e-mail to people who had requested them. Towards the end of lockdown, over 160 people had chosen to receive them. Several people have asked me to consider starting these again. So, from September, I hope to produce 2 each month until the end of the year, and then review the situation!

- Sometimes a couple of paragraphs with images; but longer if I feel the issue requires it.
- I hope to link topical themes with living as a Christian in the world today.
- Initially these will be in the form of e-mails, but with the possibility of additionally developing as a blog.
- I hope my 'doodles' will be challenging; although I can't promise they will always follow a 'party line.'

If you would like to receive these 'doodles' between September and Christmas, please drop me an e-mail, and I will be delighted to add you to the list. djharris4@hotmail.com.

David Harris.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill, in hospital or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Michelle Deans as she takes over as our minister at Wesley Hall and for Rev Mike Jones as he moves on to have ministerial responsibility for other churches in the Circuit.
- ❖ For our car park resurfacing project, that it would progress quickly, and that our application to the Benefact Trust's Methodist Grants Programme will be successful.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ For continued quick progress on employment of a joint youth worker.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.

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).