



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 3rd March 2024

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. Rodney Hill**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

<i>Sunday 10th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 17th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Prof. John Harding</i>
<i>Sunday 24th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans (Baptism)</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ Joint Lent Course

Michelle is running a joint Lent Course for all of her three churches, based on 'Life on the Breadline', which will run every Monday evening during Lent, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. For those who are unable to join via Zoom, there is also a telephone connection. Or if you can access Zoom and you know someone who cannot, why not invite them round to join in with you? It will be a great opportunity to learn, worship and grow together!

The Zoom meeting details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/92297523343?pwd=c2pUdUxUakFEVm9ua0ZieDhrNmh3UT09>

Meeting ID: 922 9752 3343 Passcode: 165392 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place as usual 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)

❖ Unbounded love: Daily Reflection emails during Lent

Throughout Lent, the Methodist Church are sharing daily email reflections that explore the theme of Unbounded Love. Charles Wesley's famous hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* talks about Jesus as "unbounded love" – a kind of love that cannot be contained, that works in our lives and in our world to free and heal us. Daily emails contain a mixture of bible studies, creative activities, and challenges to take action. To sign up to receive these, please follow the link and enter your name and email address:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/#:~:text=God's%20love%20doesn't%20stay,free%20us%20and%20heal%20us.>

❖ **Local Churches Working Together**

Our next joint churches in Crookes event is on *Saturday 9th March* from 10am–12pm here at Wesley Hall, and will be a kind of repair café. The likely focus will be mending clothes, but if you have any skills of fixing anything and you'd be willing to help, please let Jacque know. Get the date in your diary!

COMING SOON

❖ **Hallmark of Harmony Concert**

Hallmark of Harmony, who rehearse at Wesley Hall, are holding a concert here with their friends from Ignite UK Chorus on *Saturday 16th March* at 7:30pm. Tickets are £8 and are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hofharmony.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- **Lego** - We have a small collection of Lego at Church, but we're using it often enough that we could do with some more. So, if anyone has any in an attic they don't need anymore, we would appreciate any Lego donations. Thank you!
- **Holiday Club** - 8th & 9th April. If you are able to volunteer for a morning, afternoon, or one or two days, please let Jacque know as soon as you can.
- **Messy Church** - 16th March. If you are able to help with setup, pack-down, in the kitchen, or with a craft, please let Jacque know.
- **Joint churches repair café** - Saturday 9th March, 10am-12pm, in the main hall at Wesley Hall. If you're able to volunteer or bring a cake, please let Jacque know. If you'd like to come, please do! Bring your mending pile; across the churches there are offers of helping to fix clothes, knitted items, small (non-electrical) household items and bicycles. Alternatively, just come to meet people and have a drink.
- **TRIBE** - If you're able to help either run a session for TRIBE (our children's group on a Sunday morning) or be the second adult to go down with them, please talk to Matt or Jacque.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Sheffield Street Pastors**

Are you interested in making a difference in Sheffield City Centre? Are you concerned for the young people out at night? Will you pray for the Sheffield Street Pastors?

There are some observer spaces available in March, and if you are interested, please call Becky Marshall on 07763 635440. There is also a 2-minute video about who they are and some of their work from 2023: <https://youtu.be/EwZ8-SMeI-c>

❖ **Flower Rota**

The Flower Rota for 2024 is on the notice board at the back of Church. Please add your name if you are able to contribute towards the flowers for a particular week. Someone will then be in touch just before the date to ask if you have particular colours or flowers you would like.

❖ **Sunday morning worship steward**

A vacancy has arisen to join the worship steward team. The worship steward role is a very practical one, to ensure the smooth running of Sunday morning worship. It is quite separate from the leadership team of the church.

Currently, the role involves making email contact with the preacher before the Sunday service, finding volunteers to read the bible readings, passing information on to the musicians and AV operatives, and then arriving early on a Sunday morning to arrange the Sanctuary ready for worship, greet the preacher and, after the service, count the offering. However, the role can be flexible and tailored to your own skill set, so please don't be put off if there's any parts you're worried about.

At the moment, you could expect to be a worship steward approximately once every 4 weeks or so. If you are interested, please see Emma or another member of the current team – Steve, Jenny and Andrew. Full training will be provided!

❖ **Arise Sheffield: Month of Prayer Walking**

Since 2021, over a thousand believers from across Sheffield have been arising together each March to prayer-walk every street in our city. Arise Sheffield encourage prayer-walkers to use the Arise Prayer App, as the organisers can then see which streets have been prayer-walked. However, it's not compulsory! For more information, and to read the most recent Arise magazine, see:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61d8172ee96ea72c233f1866/t/65ddc4c086e5a10a874065c7/1709032649182/Your+Guide+to+Arise+March+2024.pdf>.

This gives you a step-by-step guide to Arise and prayer-walking this year, including instructions about using the App.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Our current Wiggles cohort are mostly returning to work or moving up to toddlers, so there's a transition time at Wiggles (this happens every 6-12 months). Please keep this group in your prayers.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill, in hospital or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ For Casting the Net on the Other Side, as churches meet across Sheffield to pray, discuss and consider what our future looks like.
- ❖ For our car park resurfacing project, that it would progress quickly.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, and the conflict between Palestine and Israel, 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).