



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 4th May 2025

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. Tim Jansen (Local Arrangement focusing on Mental Health)

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 11th May 10:30am Rev. Ian Bell

Sunday 18th May 10:30am United Service (at Wisewood)

Sunday 25th May 10:30am Rev. Peter Edwards (Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK

❖ 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)

❖ Coffee Morning

Our coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month so the next one is this *Wednesday 7th May*. They are an informal drop-in, open to all, and are held in the Sanctuary. Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am, and why not bring a friend?

COMING SOON

❖ Save the date – Saturday 17th May – Church prayer morning

Everyone is welcome to join us for a prayer meeting at 11:00am on *Saturday 17th May* in the Sanctuary, followed by a bring and share lunch starting at about 12:15pm. More details to follow after Easter, but for now please put the date in your diary!

❖ Cliff College Festival 2025 – Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May

Cliff Festival 2025 runs from *Friday 23rd – Monday 26th May* at Cliff College in Derbyshire (S32 3XG). Expect morning and evening worship, Bible teaching, seminars, games and activities for

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people of all ages, opportunities to be reenergised and resourced for mission – and all in the stunning surrounds of the Peak District.

The theme this year is Holiness Calling and the morning bible studies will be led by Dr Ben Pugh who is a lecturer in theology at Cliff College. Other contributors will be announced shortly and closer to the event the programme will be available on the Cliff College website.

They run excellent youth and children's work provision for children aged 2 and upwards. There is the option to visit for the day as well as buying a ticket for the whole weekend (entry is free to all under 18s). Day passes are £25 for adults, £18 for concessions (65 or over/ students/ living with a disability or on benefits). There are additional discounts if you're in the 18-30 age bracket. Come for the day or bring your tent (like the Irons family) and stay for the weekend. Visit www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival to find out more and book.

❖ Gift Day 2025

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-Ordinator and a Youth Worker. About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day and our target for this year is £8,000, with £2,280 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. Our Gift Day this year is on *Sunday 2nd June*. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/wesleyhallcfy/oneoff), 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.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Date for the diary - Messy Church is on *Saturday 10th May* from 10am to 12pm.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Card From St Vincent's

Following the recent death of the Pope, Louise sent a card of condolence to our friends at St Vincent's Catholic Church. This kind gesture has touched them and we have received a thank you card back with this message inside:

"To our friends at Wesley Hall, very many thanks for the beautiful card full of uplifting scriptural verses on this sad occasion. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. As it happened at Easter, we take comfort in the fact that the sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Prayer will be said for your intentions. Yours in Christ, St Vincent's Parish Community & Father Paddy."

❖ The Connexion Magazine

The new edition of The Connexion is out! It is free and there are copies for you to take home on the heater at the back of church. It is full of inspiring stories from around the Methodist Church and a good way to keep up with what our fellow Methodists around the country are up to.

❖ Words of Grace Podcast

The Diocese of Sheffield produce a weekly podcast, hosted by Ben Fearn and Paul Sheridan. Each episode features a guest from the diocese sharing their faith stories. From clergy to lay

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people across a broad range of traditions, they ask what drew people to the diocese and delve deeper into questions of faith.

Recent participants have included Rev Canon Kate Botley (vicar, journalist, radio presenter and tv personality) and Rev Tracey Morris (Priest in Charge of St Columba's and Minister of Stephen Hall Methodist Church).

To have a listen, visit the website <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/our-diocese/whats-on/podcast/>

❖ **Circuit Meeting News**

One change identified during 'Casting the Net' was to improve communications across the Circuit. As part of this, a summary of the recent Circuit meeting has been produced. It has been e-mailed out with this newsletter, and printed copies are available at the back of church.

❖ **Youth Day 2025**

Eighty young people and their leaders came together for our district Youth Day at Hesley Wood Scout Activity Centre in Chapeltown, Sheffield 2 weeks ago, including 11 that Jason took from Wesley Hall and Hillsborough. This years' theme was exploring how to be a justice seeking church and the young people shared in worship together, took part in workshops, crafting, team building activities and had lots of fun.

Find out more and watch our highlights video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QzeL0qeySc>.

❖ **New Church Bibles**

As some of you may have gathered, we have moved towards reading from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible in our services. We have now purchased a number of copies for use by the congregation. If you wish to follow along with the readings, then please take one from the bookshelf at the back of church. They are on the second row down, under Singing the Faith.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Hall Youth (WHY), that more young people might be led to attend.
- ❖ For more volunteers to help at Drop Inn.
- ❖ For the sunflower seeds given as an Easter gift to members of Slimming World.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.
- ❖ Please pray that the dry rot works will be successful and the dry rot will not return.