



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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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

In our own homes

Next week

In our own homes

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with many churches across the country will be not be worshipping in our church buildings, but in our own homes. Below are a number of options (in no particular order) to help us to do this:

❖ **Vine at Home Service**

Along with this newsletter, there should also be a separate attachment called 'Service 1 (Vine)'. This is a short service that can be used at home and includes prayers, a reflection and songs (that can be played via the embedded YouTube links).

❖ **Methodist Church in Britain Worship at Home**

Along with this newsletter, there should also be a separate attachment called 'Service 2 (Methodist)'. This is a short service that can be used at home and includes prayers, a reflection and a song (that can be played via the embedded YouTube link).

❖ **'When I Can't Get to Church'**

Along with this newsletter, there should also be a separate attachment called 'Service 3 (Salesian)'. This is a short, standard service that can include a number of people in a household, or by connecting with others over video conferencing etc.

❖ **Wesley's Chapel Livestream**

Wesley's Chapel in London is live-streaming worship, adapted for a non-physical congregation, at 9:45am and 11am today. The YouTube link for the stream is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

We will endeavour to continue to offer a variety of home worship options each week. If you come across a good one, please send it to the newsletter account.

THIS WEEK

❖ **Weekly Offertory**

As you may be aware, the offertory was already behind budget when the Wesley Hall building was closed, meaning that we are not currently able to meet for worship. This closure is likely to have a big impact on our finances, so if you are able to continue (or begin) to give to Wesley Hall, then that would be really helpful. The main thing that our offertory goes towards is the Circuit Assessment that is then used to run the Circuit and pay our Ministers. With our buildings closed, our Ministers are busy supporting our congregations in new and different ways, so are still working and still need paying!

If you are able to continue to give, here are a few options below:

- Post a cheque with your offering to Wesley Hall, either using the postal system or by dropping it into the post box next to the main entrance if you are out for a walk and passing. This can be done weekly, fortnightly, or as often as you like.
- Make a bank transfer to Wesley Hall. You do not have to set up a standing order, but could make a one-off transfer each week, each fortnight or as often as you like. You can then return to using your envelopes when Wesley Hall is again open for worship.
- Continue to put money in your weekly offering envelope as normal, and then save them to put in the offering when Wesley Hall is again open for worship.

Thank you very much to everyone who gives to Wesley Hall; we wouldn't be here without you!

❖ **The Lord's Prayer**

Godliness is next to cleanliness, two of nation's two most senior clerics have suggested, and are urging the public to say the Lord's Prayer when they wash their hands as part of the national call to prayer to beat coronavirus. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York suggest that reciting the prayer should be part of people's hygiene routine, pointing out that it takes longer than the 20 seconds recommended to wash hands thoroughly.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES...

All of our planned Holy Week services and events have been cancelled.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Spring Harvest**

Spring Harvest, which normally takes place at Butlins (Skegness and Minehead) at Easter, has not unsurprisingly been cancelled. However, the good news is that it will take place virtually on YouTube 13-17 April and will be free to watch. I am being amazed and encouraged at this difficult time how creatively technology is being used. The theme is 'Unleashed' based on the book of Acts, when the early church was unleashed; so no doubt will be about how, as individuals and a church, we can be unleashed in our faith and effectiveness as the people of God. The link below should take you to it, or go on the Spring Harvest website www.springharvest.org. I should have been going this year and so am really pleased this is happening, as Spring Harvest gives my faith a real boost each year, so I really recommend you watch some or all of it. God bless, Andrea.

https://youtu.be/bw_t1J2734g

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

Not surprisingly, Christian Aid has had to cancel the usual house-to-house street collections that take place in May as part of Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid is a charity that seeks to help individuals and families around the world overcome poverty and injustice. Christian Aid Week forms a big part of their funding raising each year and so will be a big loss and impact the financial assistance they can give to overseas projects helping the poor. The focus for this year's fundraising is to help with the impact of climate change on the poor. For example, droughts are now more frequent and intense in places such as Kenya due to the climate crisis, and funds raised could help a community build an earth dam so that when the rains come, they have the water they need to live. Hopefully as a church we can have a collection for Christian Aid once we are meeting again. For more information on the work of Christian Aid, please see www.christianaid.org.uk where you can also donate online. Thanks, Andrea.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak.

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).

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Greetings from Ken Ruffle**

Ken sends his best wishes to everyone at Wesley Hall. He phoned Linda and Steve last week from his nursing home in Cwmbran. Apart from the fact that he cannot go out or have visitors, he seems in very good spirits and has settled in well. He misses coming to Wesley Hall and Lunch Club, but he is enjoying the food in the home. It was good to hear from him.

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Leprosy Mission appeal, £96.84 was sent to further their work. God bless, Sue Mills.

❖ **Safeguarding Training**

The training sessions to be held at Wesley Hall at 7:00pm on *Tuesday 21st April* and *Wednesday 29th April* have both been cancelled.