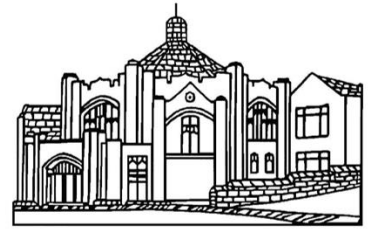




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



www.wesleyhall.org.uk

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Sunday 5th May 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. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 12th May 10:30am

Glenn Evans

Sunday 19th May 10:30am

Brian Jones

Sunday 26th May 10.45am

United Service at Hillsborough Trinity

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)

❖ Gift Day 2024

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year is £8,000, with £1,400 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, we have not yet managed to secure all the grant funding we had hoped for, so if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, although we do completely understand that there are many other pressures on people's finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year is today, *Sunday 5th May*. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.stewardship.org.uk), 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.

❖ Superintendent's Thoughts for Ascension Day (9th May)

Romeo has prepared his "Superintendent's Thoughts" for Ascension Day. If you want to watch his thoughts, then go to this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJisVJ2zAC4>. A copy is attached to this newsletter, and copies will be available on Sunday.

COMING SOON

❖ Wisewood Spring Fayre

Wisewood Methodist Church are holding their Spring Fayre on *Saturday 18th May* from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Stalls will include plants, books, toys, gifts, cards and more, with fantastic raffle prizes for be won! Tea, coffee and cake will also be available.

❖ Cliff Festival 2024

Cliff Festival 2024 runs from *Friday 24th – Monday 27th May* at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Expect morning and evening worship and Bible teaching, seminars, games and activities for 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 Rerouted and the morning bible studies will be led by Matt Miofsky from the Gathering Church in Missouri. 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 or £18 for concessions (65 or over/ students/ living with a disability or on benefits). We won't be having a service here at Wesley Hall on Sunday 26th May, so that would be a great opportunity to come and see what it is like!

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.

❖ Joint Churches Event

Following on from the success of the repair café, our next joint churches event will be a workshop run by Hope for the Future, likely on *Friday 7th June*. Time and venue TBC.

❖ Circuit Leaving Service

There will be a Circuit service on *Sunday 21st July* at 3pm at Wisewood Methodist Church to say farewell to Rev. Lisa Quarmby and Rev. Mike Jones. Save the date, more information will follow.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Toddler Group

The Toddler group Teddy Bear Picnic is on *Wednesday 15th May*, this is a fundraiser for Christian Aid. Part of this will include a bake sale, if you are able to bake anything for it please let Jacque know.

❖ Messy Church

Messy Church is on *Saturday 18th May*, if you're able to help in the kitchen, with a craft, with setup or just being a friendly church face please let Jacque know.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Evac+Chairs

We have been awarded a grant by JG Graves Trust to buy two Evac+Chairs. These are to make sure we can get people who are not able to use the stairs out of the building in the event of an emergency, when it is not possible to use the lift. We have now bought the chairs and need to train some people to be able to use them safely. Matt and Jacque will undertake the training, which will be here at Wesley Hall, but it is possible to train up to four people on the course. If anyone else is interested in being trained, please see Matt.

❖ Update on Casting the Net

The March Circuit Meeting received a 'Casting the net on the other side' conversation paper and encourages all churches to discuss this and share their responses so that the June Circuit Meeting might be able to make informed decisions. Copies of the paper are available at the back of church, and it has been sent out with this newsletter.

Churches are asked to respond to this paper however they wish, but included are some question members of the Circuit Meeting were asked to discuss that may help to focus your conversations. Please send your responses to admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk by *Wednesday 15th May*.

❖ Snowdrop Fundraising

Jane and Neil Offord would like to thank everyone who bought cakes when Neil preached at Wesley Hal, with £65 having been raised. Jonathan Buckley has now reached £2,000, which is half of the target he set himself. Jonathan Buckley is also running 4 half-marathons in 4 weeks to celebrate his 40th birthday. If you would like to sponsor Jonathan, please do so via his Just Giving page: [Jonathan Buckley is fundraising for The Snowdrop Project \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Jonathan-Buckley)

The Snowdrop Project is a Sheffield-based charity which supports and empowers survivors of modern slavery and exploitation to recover from their pasts and rebuild their futures. For more information, please see: [The Snowdrop Project | A Future Free From Modern Slavery](https://www.snowdropproject.org.uk/)

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) so if you could keep this group in your prayers especially that would be helpful.
- ❖ 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 application to the Benefact Trust for a car park resurfacing grant, that it would be successful and 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 progress on the 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.