



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 6th September 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with most churches, will 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 songs (that can be played via the embedded YouTube link).

❖ 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/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

❖ Methodist Central Hall, Westminster - Livestream

The team at Methodist Central Hall are providing live worship via their YouTube channel at 11.00am every Sunday. Alternatively, you can watch again online at a time convenient to you. Just click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn9TkFzl-gk--V3JapCS0sQ> or type "methodist central hall Westminster youtube channel" into your search engine and it should pop up. The service is between 45 mins and an hour.

❖ Sheffield Methodist Circuit Streamed Services

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Christ Church, Stocksbridge](#)

[St Andrew's, Gosforth Valley](#)

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

❖ Circuit Welcome Service

The Circuit Welcome Service for Revd Lisa Quarmby was filmed on the evening of *2nd September* and will be available to watch from *Sunday 6th September* and any time after that. The link will be e-mailed round and posted on the Circuit website and Facebook page when it is available (and will be included in next week's newsletter). Please pray for Lisa as she starts her ministry in the Circuit.

COMING SOON

❖ Worship and Prayer at Wesley Hall

As Sally mentions in her letter (see separate attachment 'Worship arrangements'), we'll soon be starting a prayer gathering at Wesley Hall. The first of these will be on *Saturday 19th September* at 2pm, and then every other week. (However, please note Sally's appeal for helpers in order to facilitate these meetings.) In addition to these physical meetings in the building, we'll be having Zoom services every two weeks, starting with our Covenant Service on *Sunday 13th September* at 2pm (details to follow next week). This means our schedule should be:

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month – Prayer gathering at Wesley Hall

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month – Zoom service

❖ Online Mental Health Awareness Course

At a time of global pandemic and lockdown, concerns of mental health related difficulties have become ever more apparent. The Sheffield Diocese and Sheffield Methodist Circuit, therefore, are collaborating to offer a 3 part online mental health awareness course. This course will take the place of the mental health awareness day which has been led in the last few years. During these 3 sessions we will look at mental health in general, explore our faith dimension in the context of mental health and will have plenty of space for Q & A. Participants are expected to attend all 3 sessions as they form one narrative, with attendance at session 1 compulsory. Places are limited and therefore your commitment to attending all 3 sessions would be appreciated. The sessions are offered without charge to anyone who is interested. Booking is essential. The sessions will be run online via Zoom on the following dates and times: *14th, 21st, 28th September*, 7pm-9pm. For bookings or questions please contact Carol Arber: jacarber@virginmedia.com or Tel: 07725 897 397. Timon Jansen, Trainer and Founder Pontes Mental Health Training. <https://www.pontestraining.co.uk>, Phone: 07513 563 485, Email: info@pontestraining.co.uk

❖ Wesley Wigglers Returns!

We are very excited to be restarting our weekly baby group for parents and their babies who are at the pre-crawling stage. The first session will be *Thursday 24th September* 10.30-11.30am. There will be a booking system with limited numbers and there is the opportunity to run a second group on a Thursday afternoon if we get as much interest as we hope for. We would really like to include simple refreshments for parents but would need one helper to manage the kitchen so Claire could be on hand to welcome and chat to the families. If you feel you are able to help, please contact Claire at families@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07412 124 310.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Louise, now back home after so long in hospital.
- ❖ For Sally, as she continues to recover at home and awaits further hospital treatment.
- ❖ For Lesley recovering at home following her recent operation.
- ❖ For our building users, as we welcome some of them back. For the risk assessments, the signs and other measures that have been needed to be installed, and for those coming into our building, that they would be safe.

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...

❖ From Sean - Volunteers for WHY & Drop Inn

I have been speaking to Matt and my management team in relation to restarting my groups in person or on Zoom and this means I need some more volunteers to help out at both WHY and Drop Inn. Please can I ask that anyone interested in helping out with socially-distanced in-person sessions for either group, please contact Sean at youth@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07401 980 794. Please don't feel like you need to volunteer all the time; if you feel like you can give any time to help out on a Tuesday afternoon for Drop Inn, or Wednesday/Thursday evenings for WHY, then that would be fantastic. Even if it is once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hopefully hearing back from some of you soon, particularly if you can help this *Wednesday 9th September*, as I hope this will be the first WHY session. Please also keep both of these groups in your prayers as we restart them after a summer off; that the young people who take part feel members of this community and feel the love and support of the Lord. We also pray that volunteers will be called to help at these groups.

❖ Year of Prayer

Methodist Conference has declared 2020/2021 a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism, church growth, church at the margins, and pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love. Be part of this movement of prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church of gospel people. As part of this initiative, there will be weekly online prayer meetings on Tuesdays at 12.45pm. For info, please see the [Year of Prayer web page](#).

❖ The Sunday Centre

This is one of the charities we support as a church. They've recently sent us an e-mail to thank us for our donations and to let us know what they've been doing during lockdown...

"It has been a very strange year for everyone and not least for us at The Sunday Centre. Though back in March, once the scale of the coronavirus pandemic was fully known, we had hoped that we would be able to switch from providing a sit down meal each Sunday for our guests to, at least, a takeaway service. Unfortunately, that proved to not be the case and we had to close fully. Instead we combined with the other Sheffield homeless charities and projects to provide cooked meals to where our guests were being housed. As you are probably aware, Sheffield City Council provided emergency accommodation to get as many homeless people as possible off the streets for the duration of lockdown. We, along with Ben's Centre, Cathedral Archer Project, St. Wilfred's etc., under the umbrella of HelpUsHelp, organised the cooking of meals, seven days a week, to be delivered to our guests. At the height of this, while the majority of Sheffield's homeless community were being housed in hotels, we were providing over a hundred meals a day to where they were. This slowly reduced until finally we have now stopped that service. The Sunday Centre has now been able to reopen but only as a takeaway meal service. We suspect that, given the social distancing rules etc. that are in place, this is likely to be the shape of things to come for a good while yet and likely into the new year. We are, however, trying to provide meals that are as close to our usual sit-down meals as possible."