



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 7th March 2021

We are now holding our Zoom services every other week, with the dates of our next two service below. We invite you to explore the other worship options (these are available on the last page) on the weeks when we are not meeting via Zoom. Our Zoom services are also available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so are not available to people searching YouTube and can only be accessed using a direct link. If you would like the link, or would prefer a DVD or audio recording of the services, just ask Matt.

Zoom on Sunday	14th March 10:30am	John Wilkins
Zoom on Sunday	28 th March 10:30am	David Harris

THIS WEEK

❖ 40 Acts

40 Acts started with a simple idea from Stewardship to commit to 40 days of giving out, not giving up over Lent, to put others before ourselves and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and follow his call to love our neighbours. They are not sharing new acts this year, but since we have not followed this before, we will be sharing the links from last year (which means that some of them may need adapting in order to be COVID safe). The acts for this week are below (each Act has a green, amber and red suggestion, and each will take an increasing amount of time and/ or money):

Monday 17) Fill a Need	Thursday 20) Be Prepared
Tuesday 18) Carbon Neutral	Friday 21) Sponsor
Wednesday 19) Watch for Traffick	Saturday 22) Keep in Mind

❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is on *Monday 8th March*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Fellowship Group

Our Thursday Fellowship Group has moved to Wednesday (but still at 8pm and via Zoom) for the next few weeks. This Wednesday we are continuing our series called, 'The 'I AM saying of Christ,' including ones such as the bread of life, the light, the good shepherd, the alpha and omega. These were radical statements at the time but are foundational to us in getting to grips with our faith as followers of Jesus. All are welcome, and each week is an individual study so anyone can join in with any of the sessions. Please ask Andrea for more information or for the Zoom details.

❖ Messy Church at Home

On Saturday 13th March we are exploring the story of ELIJAH. We have an activity bag with crafts, recipes, puzzles, etc which you can do at home anytime. Then we have a Zoom session at 11am where we listen to a story, sing some songs and have a chance to catch up with each other. Everyone is welcome at Messy Church at Home. Tell your friends and family about us; they don't have to be a member of Wesley Hall or have attended a Messy Church session before to participate. Families are welcome to collect an activity bag from church on Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-3pm or Saturday 10am-11am, whilst out for a permitted reason. Just ring the doorbell when you arrive. If you would like a bag delivering, contact Claire: 07412124310/families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ Dial-a-Prayer & Podcast

During lockdown we (the Methodist Church) heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free phone lines that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast. We are delighted that nearly 6,000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

COMING SOON

❖ Zoom Worship

Our next Zoom service will be next *Sunday 14th March* and will be led by John Wilkins. (The Zoom details are the same for all our services but will be included in next week's Newsletter.)

❖ Vision Exploration Meeting

Following on from our very positive congregational meeting in January, we need to look at things in a little more detail and start to flesh out the community chaplain idea and explore how it will fit in our current structure, or if that structure needs to change. As part of this meeting we will be undertaking an organisational risk assessment to assess our strengths and weaknesses to help us work out if there are any gaps that need filling. We can then move on to brainstorm what we do now, what we would like to happen in the future, and how we need to organise ourselves to get there. This meeting is open to anyone, not just Church Council or Leadership Team members, since this is all still very new and we want to get as many ideas, suggestions and opinions as we can! If you would like to be a part of this, please let Matt know so that he can then find a time to meet that suits everyone.

❖ Arise Sheffield

Please consider getting involved with this prayer for Sheffield initiative being organised by Sheffield Together (www.sheffieldarise.org), on their website is a short video that explains what the prayer walk is about. The aim is between *1st to 31st March* for someone to do a prayer walk on every road in Sheffield and then an Easter card will be delivered by Royal Mail to each household in Sheffield with information for people who want to know more. You can sign up on the website now and from 1st March say which road you will do a prayer walk on. I think this is a brilliant idea as lockdown is making more people open to God, thanks Andrea.

❖ Spring Harvest Home 2021

Spring Harvest will be an online only event again this year and tickets are available now! We'd love for you to join us, so please click [here](#) to book your place to access all the brilliant content on this year's theme 'Unrivalled: Why we worship'. Watch a brand new video from Abby to find out more [here](#). Spring Harvest Home is far more than online teaching and worship. We're using a new platform to create the first Christian event of its kind in the UK. It's exciting, engaging, interactive, family-friendly and a brilliant shared experience! We're hopeful it will encourage you to worship, learn and laugh with fellow guests. You can watch live and on demand, ask questions and join discussions. We're excited, and we can't wait for you to join us as we worship our unrivalled God together from the evening of Easter Sunday 4th to 8th April.

❖ Calling All Potential Climate Activists

Is tackling climate change integral to your faith? Are you trying to reduce your church's and community's carbon footprint? Contact mission@sheffieldmethodist.org to join a district-wide conversation on how we respond to our climate crisis. You might want to join us at:

- [Green Evangelism: what does climate justice have to do with sharing our faith?](#) (7pm Thursday 25th March) with Phoebe Parkin (Youth President), Holly Adams and Elaine Heath.
- Sheffield ecumenical [Eco Church celebration](#) Saturday 12th June) – details to follow – please save the date

And you might be interested in Climate Stewards a new tool to measure your church's carbon footprint, sponsored by Eco Church.

Neil Harland, Jenny Carpenter, Rev Paul King

AND FINALLY

❖ Walk for Water

During lent Sean is taking part in Walk for Water for CAFOD. The goal is to walk 10,000 steps for 40 days to raise money to aid CAFOD in their aim of providing wells or more help to those who need to walk (around) 10,000 steps each day just for water. Please feel free to give as much or as little as you can to this amazing charity and to spur Sean and Amy (his fiancé) on!

For more info and a way to donate, please look at this link www.justgiving.com, or get in touch with Sean on 07401 980 794 or youth@wesleyhall.org.uk.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church and Leadership Team as we explore the possibility of having a Community Chaplain to support and engage with all the people who use our building (when it is not closed due to COVID).
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Lunch Club as we look to the future and try to keep in touch with our members.
- ❖ For our grant application for £15,000 to the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage.

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).

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

[Victoria Hall](#)

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[Coal Aston Methodist Church](#)

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

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

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Stocksbridge Christian Centre](#) (as Part of the Cornerstone Mission Partnership)

[Christ Church Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill Methodist Church](#)

[St Andrew's Gosforth Valley](#)

[Church of Christ, Darnall](#)

[Victoria Stafford Road](#)

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.