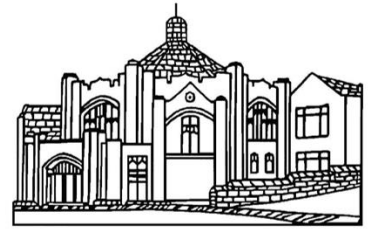




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 8th October 2023

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. Rodney Hill**
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

Sunday 15th October 10:30am *Mr. Brian Jones*
Sunday 22nd October 10:30am *Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 29th October 10:30am *Local Arrangement (see below)*

THIS WEEK

❖ Michelle's October Newsletter

Attached to this Wesley Hall newsletter and available to pick up at the back of church, is Michelle's October Minster's newsletter. She aims to produce one of these each month so we can see what is going on across her three churches and support everything that is going on with our prayers.

❖ Crookes Community Fayre

Today from 12pm to 3pm (at the same time as the Crookes Street Market) the Crookes Forum are holding the first Crookes Community Fayre here at Wesley Hall. The idea is that local groups can have a table at the fayre and people can come along to find out about what is on offer in the area. Why not pop in on your way out today to see what is going on in Crookes!

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering:

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place 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)

COMING SOON

❖ Christian Aid Ceilidh

There will be a Ceilidh at Wesley Hall next *Saturday 14th October* at 6:30pm, led by 'The Well Dressed Band'. Tickets will be £10 for adults and £8 for children, which includes food (jacket potatoes with fillings); please see Rosemary or Alan for tickets and take some flyers to invite people along! The funds raised will go to Christian Aid.

❖ **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 16th October*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **Stay and Play**

Lego-themed Stay & Play is on *Saturday 21st October*. Please put it in your diary and tell your friends. We still need another volunteer to help in the kitchen (and other volunteers would be very much appreciated).

❖ **Casting the Net**

The Circuit are currently thinking about how best to use our financial resources and our human resources to grow followers of Jesus in Sheffield. As part of this, a document called Casting the Net on the Other Side has been produced to invite and involve all of us in this conversation. There are likely to be some big changes coming and this is our opportunity to give our opinions and feedback on where we are going next. Most of our upcoming Church Council (on *Thursday 19th October*) will be devoted to exploring this together so please do take time to read it and come along to the meeting (all are welcome).

Printed Copies of Casting the Net on the Other Side are available at the back of church.

❖ **Sunday 29th October – Can You Help Please?**

We have a Local Arrangement planned for *Sunday 29th October* so will need to put the service together ourselves. The Leadership Team have agreed that we will use the Vine Service, as we have done in the past, and particularly during Covid. This will mean that we have a complete service with hymns, prayers, Bible readings and sermon available for us.

It would be greatly appreciated if as many people as possible could volunteer to help read any of the prayers, Bible passages etc during the service.

If you can help in this way please let Steve Wright know as soon as possible. Thanks very much, Steve.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Boiler Update**

Work to replace our boilers has now begun, so we will be without heating in the building for up to two weeks. Please pray for mild weather to reduce the impact this will have on the many groups that meet here. Once the work is complete, we will have a new heating system ready for the winter.

❖ **Methodist Training: Unconscious Bias, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**

As part of the Methodist Church's commitment to being inclusive and justice-seeking, we are now looking to implement life-long learning about the richness of human diversity and to learning from one another. To help us with this, the Methodist Church has produced two new training modules. The training is mandatory for our Leadership Team, Worship Leaders and Lay Workers, but everyone, especially those who hold a role within the church (e.g. Church Council members, Worship Stewards and Welcome Stewards) are warmly invited to complete it as well.

It is possible to complete the course online at your own pace by going to <https://mcb.theologyx.com/courses/>, where you will need to register for a free account (you may have already used MCBX for the Advanced Safeguarding Course). The training is made up of

two parts: the Unconscious Bias Training; and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Module. Or if you prefer, Michelle is running an in-person course at Wisewood Methodist Church at 10:30am on *Saturday 13th January* (please book with the Circuit Office on 0114 272 6561).

Once you have completed either of the courses, please let Matt know so he can keep a record of it.

❖ **Stories from Around the Sheffield Methodist District**

'How do you share Christ's invitation' is the title of the latest Sheffield District Magazine, and it is out now! It looks back at events from the past 12 months, and also explores how we can share our faith with those around us. There are a number of copies at the back of church, so please help yourself.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ 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 boiler replacement, that it would progress quickly and without any issues, and that the weather will stay mild until the new system is installed
- ❖ For our car park resurfacing project, that it would progress quickly, and that our application to the Sheffield Town Trust will be successful.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ For continued quick progress on 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.

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).