



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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 Preacher: David Harris**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans (Carol Service)</i>
<i>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Nativity</i>
<i>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev. Joy Rulton</i>

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ Christmas Praise in the City

On *Monday 9th December* at 7pm, at Victoria Hall (Norfolk St, Sheffield, S1 2JB), Cliff College will be hosting a Christmas Praise for you to begin your Christmas celebrations in style. This is a free event with refreshments included. The theme is 'Hush the Noise' (the Methodist Church's Advent and Christmas campaign for 2024).

To reserve a spot visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-praise-in-the-city-tickets-1029963527637> or just turn up on the night.

### ❖ Handel's Messiah - Monday 9th December, 7.00pm, Sheffield Cathedral

Sheffield Bach Choir with the National Festival Orchestra. Tickets £18 (adults) £15 (concessions) and £8 (students); children under 12 accompanied by a ticket holder are free. Tickets available online at [Handel MESSIAH](#), on the door, or see Alison Macfarlane.

### ❖ A Christmas Evening with the Salvation Army Band

On *Wednesday 11th December* at 7:45pm, Stephen Hill Methodist Church are hosting the Salvation Army Band. There is free entry but there will be an opportunity to donate to the ongoing work of the Salvation Army.

### ❖ 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)

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❖ **Bradfield School: Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

On *Thursday 12th December* between 2:30pm and 4:30pm, Bradfield school (Kirk Edge Rd, Worrall, Sheffield S35 0AE) are hosting a Christmas Afternoon Tea in their School Hall. There will be a raffle, music performance, and carol singing, as well as refreshments. To book your place, contact reception on 0114 286 3861.

❖ **Thursday Communion**

Michelle will be leading a short service of Holy Communion this *Thursday 12th December* at 12noon. This new quarterly service is primarily to offer Holy Communion to those who would like it from Lunch Club, but it is open to all so you would be very welcome to attend.

## COMING SOON

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

❖ **Coffee Morning**

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/ tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am on *Wednesday 18th December* in the Sanctuary. The coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, and are an informal drop in.

❖ **Christmas Services**

Please see the list of our Christmas services below. Please make a note of these and prayerfully consider who God might be prompting you to invite to hear the message of Jesus this Christmas. We have flyers produced for most of our services, so please do take some.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	Carol Service
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:30am	TRIBE Nativity
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration

❖ **Christmas Greetings**

If you would like to put a Christmas greeting in the newsletter instead of buying and writing individual cards to those in our church family, then please send it to [newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk) or put it in the newsletter pigeon hole. If you would like to make a donation to a charity (or to Wesley Hall), then that would be great, but is not required.

- Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and healthy New Year. From Jim and Dorothy.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ If you're interested in the toddler nativity - it's on *Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December* from 10am to 12pm.
- ❖ Christmas Messy Church tends to be our busiest one of the year - if you are able to help (either in the kitchen, with crafts, setting up, packing away or being a friendly face) please let Jacque know. It's 10am-12pm on *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December*.
- ❖ TRIBE nativity is on *Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December* - it'll be a delightful service, so put it in your diary, and invite a friend! We're doing the scratch nativity again this year, and we have a box of costume props, which are fairly rough-and-ready (think unhemmed Mary-shawls, paper crowns, etc). These props are mixed in with our regular nativity costumes, but if anyone would like to take any items from the box and update them (then return them by 15<sup>th</sup> December), please let either Jacque or Matt know.

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ **Methodist Church: Weekly Advent discipleship gifts via email**

The Methodist Church are encouraging us to sign up for regular spiritual nourishment, delivered via e-mail, to support us individually and our church community throughout this busy time of year. To sign up, just enter your name and e-mail address on via this link:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/#AdventEmails>.

### ❖ **Circuit Meeting Representative**

We have a vacancy for a representative from Wesley Hall to go to Circuit Meeting. Circuit Meeting meets four times a year and the body that is responsible for running the Circuit. It is quite a large meeting since each church is able to send two representatives, but we currently have only one. If you want to know more or have any questions, please see Matt or Louise.

### ❖ **Dry Rot Update**

We have now had two specialist contractors in to quote for the removal of the dry rot in the Upper Room. The first quote was for £21,500 +VAT but the second quote is much lower at £11,400 +VAT. Although the second quotation is less, it still comes with a 20-year guarantee against the dry rot returning, so we will be going with this one. But now that we know how much the treatment and repair is going to cost, we need to find the money! Matt is applying for grants and the Leadership Team came up with a number of fundraising ideas that we can explore. The issue is that the longer we leave it, the more it will spread and cause further damage. Please can you pray for the whole situation, that the money would be found quickly so that we can proceed with the treatment as soon as possible. And if you have any fundraising ideas, please see Matt!

### ❖ **Fir cone collections**

We are wanting fir cones for us to make decorations to distribute around Crookes this Christmas. If you are able to leave them at the church office, we can then transform them into something sparkly.

### ❖ **Any knitters**

If you fancy making fingerless gloves to distribute to those needing them over the winter months, please speak to Lesley for a pattern or there are lots of simple patterns online.

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### ❖ **Message from Giancarlo – The One Programme**

The One Programme is a programme which the Methodist Church runs and aims to help 16–23-year-olds develop their faith and give back to the church. This is achieved through giving young people support to attempt a project (such as improving the volunteer system at church or running youth groups), but also giving them project and spiritual mentors to discuss the project with. As well as this, One Programme Interns are encouraged to build connections within the circuit, being asked to attend District Gatherings and the Emmaus Residential to meet other similar young people in Yorkshire.

My project looks at the link between the law and Christian teachings bringing together law, philosophy and theology in a workshop for all aiming to spark discussions around legal reform, our currently held beliefs and how they may change. My project hopes to help both adults and children alike come to terms with the intersection between law and faith, especially in areas where the law may contrast with Methodist teachings and allow people to understand how to live legally and godly at the same time.

Next time you see me, please ask me how it's going, and I'd be happy to talk with you!

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, giving thanks for the approval of the nPower Business Solutions grant and that everything would progress smoothly to ensure that we meet grant conditions of our funders.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes. With thanks for the New Beginnings Grant from the Sheffield Methodist District towards the cost of hosting a Christmas lunch for some of our elderly neighbours living on Brick Street and surrounding area that we may build and maintain strong relationships with them.
- ❖ Please pray that we would quickly find the money to treat the dry rot found in the Upper Room cupboard before it spreads further.