



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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**      **Deacon Annabel Terry (Holy Communion by Extension)**  
The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am Local Arrangement*

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10:30am Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am Louise Etherington*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **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

### ❖ **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 17<sup>th</sup> April*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

### ❖ **Stitching the Sheffield Methodist District Justice Quilt Project**

We are looking for volunteers to help to hand stitch the braiding on the patchwork. A room has been arranged at Millhouses church on *Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April* from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Tea and coffee provided, but please bring sandwiches. Thimbles, needles and thread will also be provided. Look forward to seeing you!

### ❖ Church AGM

We will be holding our AGM after our worship on *Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April*. It will be an opportunity to hear from our lay workers, feedback on where we are now, and look at future plans. The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please put the date in your diary.

We will also be appointing the Leadership Team, worship stewards, Church Council and Circuit Meeting representatives as well as the members of our lay worker management groups. If you are interested in any of these roles, please see Mike or Matt.

### ❖ Gift Day 2023

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 £2,000 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 on *Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April*, which is the same day as our AGM. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online ([www.stewardship.org.uk](http://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.

### ❖ How to be a Just Church in an Unjust World

Join us on *Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*, starting at 9:30am, for a day of learning, sharing and worship with a buffet lunch provided. It will provide an opportunity for you to renew existing connections across the District and to meet new people. We will also be unveiling the Justice Quilt. Within the District Gathering we will hold the life of Methodism across our district in prayer, renew our relationship with our wider Connexional church, and make any formal decisions required of us as a district.

Revd Jill Marsh, Connexional Inclusive Church Implementation Officer, will lead us in looking at the question "What does it mean to be a Justice Seeking Church?". There will be several "How To .." groups that will offer practical suggestions and advice about how your church can be a church like that! These will include:

- Turn Vision into Action: Introducing Faith Rooted Organising — led by Deacon Kerry Scarlett, part of the Methodist Learning Network West Midlands team
- Act Justly with Money — led by Rosie Venner, programme manager at the JustMoney Movement
- Influence your MP — led by Roo Stewart, a member of the Joint Public Issues Team
- Become a Church of Sanctuary — led by Revd Inderjit Bhogal
- Become more accessible — led by Maria Brown and Beth Wright from Mencap
- Hold an "Ask Me Anything" conversation — led by Revd Jill Marsh — How to create a safe space to hear from 'Experts By Experience'.

There will also be a Market Place to explore other ways in which you can help to work towards a more just world and purchase resources, so don't forget to bring your purse/ wallet!

Book now at <https://230422-JustChurch.eventbrite.co.uk> (registration will close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April).

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## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Please pray for all those who have suffered in the Turkey-Syria Earthquake and for all those people and organisations that are assisting in the rescue missions.
- ❖ Please pray for Andrea and Mercy Ships as surgery gets underway on the new ship.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers, which runs on a Thursday; we have had a number of new mums attend; please pray that they continue to come, and that Wigglers will continue to grow.

**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).**