



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church (charity no. 1150284)

Sunday 13th September 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP

❖ Zoom Service

This afternoon, we'll be worshipping together again for our next virtual service, which will also be our Covenant Service. We'll meet via Zoom and the link/details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/96423971221?pwd=VmxBMII2THVhSUswY3dVL0JmRC9pQT09>

Meeting ID: **964 2397 1221**

Passcode: **526491**

There is also an option to connect by telephone for audio only. If you would like to do this, please follow these instructions:

- Dial one of these numbers –
0131 460 1196
0203 051 2874
0203 481 5237
0203 481 5240
- An automated voice will ask you to enter the Meeting ID followed by hash;
enter **964 2397 1221**, #
- It will ask you to enter your Participant ID (you don't have one) or just press hash,
so press #
- It will then ask you to enter the Meeting Password followed by hash;
enter **526491**, #
- You will be in the meeting!

Please have some food and drink ready, as Sally will lead us in a love feast (in place of communion).

As well as our Zoom service, you may, of course, still wish to utilise any of the various other worship resources...

❖ 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/UCUAUghmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

❖ 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 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

❖ Worship and Prayer at Wesley Hall

Next Saturday, 19th September at 2pm, we'll be starting our prayer gatherings at Wesley Hall, 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. 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 via Zoom on the following dates: 14th, 21st, 28th September, 7pm-9pm. For bookings or questions please contact Carol Arber, jacarber@virginmedia.com / 07725 897397 or Tim Jansen, info@pontestraining.co.uk / 0751 3563485.

COMING SOON

❖ Wesley Wiggles 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 and due to high demand we will now also be running a second session at 1:00pm. 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 at either of these groups (as a one off or on a rota), please contact Claire at families@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07412 124310.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Sally, as she continues to recover at home and awaits further hospital treatment.
- ❖ For our building users, as we welcome some of them back. For the risk assessments, the signs and other measures that have needed to be installed, and for those coming into our building, that they would be safe.
- ❖ Please keep Drop Inn and WHY in your prayers as we restart them; 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.
- ❖ Please remember Wesley Wiggles and Claire as she prepares to welcome young families back to Wesley Hall to chat to and support them. Pray for safety for everyone and for volunteers to help with refreshments.

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...

❖ Wesley Hall Families

We were planning a get together on the Bolehills for the children in our Wesley Hall family, but following the changes to COVID-19 rules this week this will no longer be possible. However, if you have children or young people, Claire will still be in contact soon to invite you to join a WhatsApp group. This will help everyone to keep in touch and support each other more easily, and also help with arranging a meet up at a time when it is possible to do so.

❖ Methodist Women in Britain

Methodist Women in Britain has created a simple act of worship to raise awareness of how Covid-19 has affected some of our partner churches and how the Global Relationships Team is responding to new and increased needs. You can find the service [here](#).

❖ Thank You from Louise...

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all your prayers, telephone calls, cards and visits over the last 8 months. It is hard to imagine how I would have coped without so much support from so many friends. When I first became ill, your support for my parents, sister and brother-in-law was amazing to witness. Even though I could not communicate with you all, just knowing you were there, praying for me and offering practical help made me feel so loved. I believe my recovery is an answer to prayer; the hospital team repeatedly told me they couldn't understand how I was progressing so quickly and so well. When I left Critical Care the nursing team spoke of how the atmosphere in my room was different to the rest of the ward. How it felt a place of peace and how all my visitors were so caring of me and my parents. I always knew that my room was soaked in prayer but for others to feel it too was truly special.

Since I have come home, I have started the final phase of my recovery. I am having community physio and I am slowly starting to go for walks outside. I am beginning to pick up the pieces of "normal" life and filling my diary with meetings as well as numerous hospital appointments. Thank you again for all you have done during my hospital admission and recovery; I am sorry to have scared you all so much! I can't wait to see you all either in person or across Zoom.

❖ From Sean - Volunteers for WHY & Drop Inn

Drop Inn returned last Tuesday and was a great success! We gave out free hot chocolate and biscuits to about 30 young people on their way home, and our new system for serving out in the car park worked well. We are bringing WHY back with our first socially-distanced meeting this Wednesday evening, but still need a volunteer for this session in order for it to run. If you are interested in helping out with socially-distanced in-person sessions for either group, please contact Sean at youth@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07401 980794. 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 a Wednesday evening 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.

❖ 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."