



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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**      **Local Arrangement**  
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October*    10:30am    *Rev. Michelle Deans (All Age Harvest Festival)*  
*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October*    **10:45am**    *United Service at Hillsborough (**no service at Wesley Hall**)*  
*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*    10:30am    *Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ Coffee Morning

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/ tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am this *Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October* in the Sanctuary. The coffee mornings will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month going forward, and will be an informal drop in.

### ❖ 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)

### ❖ Wesley Hall Church Council

The Wesley Hall Church Council (our Trustee body) is meeting this *Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting, but only members can vote on any decisions made. We are always looking for new members, so please do feel free to come along and see what it is like!

### ❖ One World Choir Concert

The One World Choir is performing in a concert at Stephen Hill Methodist Church this *Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October* at 7:30 pm. There will be supporting acts including some comic verse and the concert is scheduled to finish at 9:00pm. Membership of the choir is open to all refugees and asylum seekers. The Choir aims for positive social change through the development of a welcoming and vibrant community choir, primarily for asylum seekers and refugees in Sheffield. There will be a collection, which will be split between the choir and charities supported by Stephen Hill.

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### ❖ **Wesley Hall Church Offering**

This year (2024/25) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has increased by £1,050 to £32,550. Last year (2023/24) we broke even on the church side of the accounts, and to do so again this year we will need raise the additional £1,050 from our congregational offering. The Circuit support us by providing a Minister, admin support through the office, and grants towards our children, families and youth work, so it is important that we continue to pay our full contribution to the Assessment.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church, with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding Jacque and Jason to support their outreach work. In the current economic climate, we fully understand that this might not be possible for everyone. Any other fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

If you do not currently give regularly and would like to start, popular methods are standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

## **COMING SOON**

### ❖ **Harvest Festival with Bring and Share Lunch**

Our Harvest Festival will take place during morning worship on *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October*, which will be led by Michelle. After worship, everyone is invited to a bring-and-share lunch in the Church Hall downstairs. All are invited, and if you are not able to bring anything you are very welcome to come and share in the meal. We will need help setting up, washing up, and clearing away, so it would be great if some people would be able to lend a hand on the day.

We will be supporting two charities this Harvest:

#### **The Sunday Centre**

Firstly, there is the opportunity to bring donations of goods which will be passed on to the Sunday Centre, which operates out of Victoria Hall Methodist Church. The Sunday Centre serves Sheffield's homeless and vulnerable. On Sundays, there is a particular need for a safe, warm refuge available to all because many of the other relief organisations working in Sheffield close on this day.

Michael Burston from the Sunday Centre project has sent us the following message:

*"Thank you for thinking of us and thank you for inviting your congregation to bring donations for us to your harvest festival.*

*We are as busy, if not busier than ever. We now see up to 150 people, and very occasionally more, each Sunday. The number of guests we see is split about 60:40 between those that like to come inside for a sit-down meal, and those that prefer a takeaway. They are made up of Sheffield's homeless, rootless, marginalised, and anyone in need. Our user-group is diverse and includes not only local homeless and other people in need, but also refugees, asylum seekers, and new arrivals in the city.*

*Because of the increase in the number of people we serve on a Sunday, the number of takeaway bags we provide has now grown to 120, and the number of meals that the cooks prepare each week has gone up to anything between 120 and 130, depending on what the meal is. And, as you can imagine, the hot drink service is equally as busy.*

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*It's crazy to think that maybe just 6 years ago we would think that seeing 80 guests was a large number, and that a couple of years after that we were shocked when that number went up to 100. It is a sad indictment of the times we live in that the number has now crept up to 150 and, in honesty, I don't see that number slowing down."*

Michael has asked particularly for donations of long shelf-life foodstuffs (e.g. biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate bars, pot noodles etc.) or toiletries (e.g. shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/paste), as they can either be held as emergency food support for the guests or added to supplement the items in the takeaway bags they hand out each Sunday.

### **All We Can**

Any monetary donations will be passed on to All We Can, which is the Methodist Church's international relief and development organisation, working to see every person's potential fulfilled. All We Can has served some of the most marginalised communities on earth for the last eight decades, since a group of Methodists answered the call of refugees in Europe in the 1930s. Their story is about the inherent value and potential in all people. Whether children fleeing tyranny, communities facing extreme poverty, or families hit by disaster, they answer through partnering with local innovators, projects and churches to unleash inherent potential.

### ❖ **Circuit Welcome Service**

There will be a Circuit Welcome Service for Rev. Sean Adair, Rev. Phill Borkett, and Maurice Stafford (all of whom are taking pastoral charge of churches for this year) at 3:00pm on *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October* at Trinity Killamarsh Methodist Church. Rev Gill Newton will be preaching, all are welcome, It is also possible to join online using Google Meet using this link <http://meet.google.com/pge-dgdp-txy>.

### ❖ **Christian Aid Ceilidh**

Come along and enjoy a Ceilidh in support of Christian Aid, dancing to the Well Dressed Band! The Ceilidh will be here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October* from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Adults £10, children £8, including a baked potato with chilli and soft drinks (all proceeds to Christian Aid). Book tickets [here](#) or pay on the door.

We are also asking if people can bake cakes to serve as the desert. If you are able to do this, please bring it along on the night.

### ❖ **Streets Of Light Trail 2024: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

The 'Streets of Light' trail is returning this year. The idea is to decorate one, or more, windows of your house, flat or workplace and then leave the lights on from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, so our friends, neighbours and communities can see the beautiful light filled displays. Your design can be anything you like, but should include one or more of the words LIGHT, LOVE or HOPE somewhere within it. At a time when most people are celebrating and focusing on Halloween, the Streets of Light initiative aims to shine God's light, turning streets of darkness and fear into streets of light, love and hope. Do look out for Wesley Hall's display in the entrance area. For more information or to sign up, go to <https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk>.

### ❖ **Tearfund's Big Quiz Night**

Hillsborough Trinity are holding a Tearfund Quiz at 6:30pm on *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October!* The quiz is put together by Tearfund with all the questions on a video and usually features some celebrities. All are welcome (no minimum or maximum team numbers), just come along on the night to join in.

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### ❖ Remembrance Sunday

This year for Remembrance Sunday we are going to start to make a poppy display for the front of church. We are hoping each person could make a poppy to add to the display in either material, knitted or crocheted. If you don't feel you have the skills to do this, don't worry - in the run up to the event, Betty and Louise are going to have a craft table with all the things you need to make one. The plan is to make them the approximate size of a standard poppy you would wear. If you would like to know more, please speak to Betty or Louise.

### ❖ Save the Date

Our Christmas Fair will be on *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November*, so please save the date!

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### ❖ Messy Church

Date for the diary: our next Messy Church is on *Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October* from 10am to 12pm.

### ❖ TRIBE (Sunday School) Rota – Help Needed!

The TRIBE rota will be at the back of church. If you are able to sign up to go downstairs as the second adult for a week or two, please do.

We also really need more leaders! If you are interested in running a TRIBE session, we really need one or two more leaders. For more information, please see/ phone/ email Jacque or Matt; phone numbers are on the newsletter; Jacque's email address is [families@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:families@wesleyhall.org.uk).

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Welcome Desk: Tuesday mornings 9:15am to 11:15am

For a number of weeks before the Summer Holidays, Emma was sat on a welcome desk in the church foyer on Tuesday mornings as a church presence, offering a welcome to people who came into the building for their Slimming World session or Zumba class. This provided an opportunity to develop relationships, and Emma found people to be very friendly and open.

Ideally, Emma would like to find someone who is willing to share this role, so that it could become a fortnightly commitment for both parties. It's not as intense as it sounds! Emma takes a book/craft or other task to be getting on with during down-times.

If you're interested, please have a word with Emma or Michelle.

## PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, for grant support from nPower Business Solutions 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 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