



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 16th February 2025

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. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)**
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 23rd February 10:30am Louise Etherington

Sunday 2nd March. 10:30am Denis Haywood

Sunday 9th March 10:30am Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK

❖ Joint Bible Study (Betwixt & Between)

Our joint bible study entitled Betwixt & Between and led by Michelle, continues this *Monday 17th February* from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and runs through to *Monday 24th February*. Ash Wednesday then follows on *Wednesday 5th March*, when Michelle will be leading an in person gathering at Wisewood. A brief summary of the course can be found at the end of the newsletter. All are welcome, and if you would like to gather in small groups and join together, especially to support those that are less confident with technology, that would be fantastic. If there are any sessions you can't make, just drop Michelle an email and she will send you the PowerPoint.

Please find the Zoom link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/91983659472?pwd=LSKa4XNet9iPPHLMPwbmmYuTaL1U5B.1>

Meeting ID: 919 8365 9472 Passcode: 154519 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

❖ 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)

❖ Coffee Morning

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/ tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am on *Wednesday 19th February* in the Sanctuary, and why not bring a friend? The coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and are an informal drop in open to all.

COMING SOON

❖ Mental Health and Christianity Conference

This will take place from 9:30am to 3:30pm on *Saturday 22nd March* here at Wesley Hall. The Conference is aimed at all those, ordained or lay, who are working or volunteering with people in churches and Christian organisations, but it is open to anyone who is interested. The aim is to deliver a high standard of information based upon both science and experience while respecting and incorporating the Christian faith. We will do this through our choice of speakers and workshop leaders who will offer both practical and academic information. We hope participants will find information and inspiration during the Conference that will help them support others and themselves.

The Keynote Speaker is Dr Simon Hewitt, lecturer in philosophy and religion at Leeds University. Simon works on a variety of topics, including the theology of mental illness, drawing on his own experience of living with bipolar disorder.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and booking is via Evenbite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-and-christianity-conference-tickets-1096283225639>. We are suggesting a donation of £12 towards the cost of the Conference, but to make it accessible to all we are having a pay what you can system for tickets, so you can give more or less than £12.00. If after all costs have been covered we have a surplus, we will use it to support Mental Health work in the Sheffield Methodist Circuit.

❖ Team D Gathering

Now that the Circuit has been divided into four Teams, it seems sensible to have a gathering of anyone in Team D who is interested in what we might do together within the Team. So a gathering is being organised on *Saturday 15th March* from 12:15pm to 2:00pm at Bents Green Methodist Church, so that we can share in communion, get to know each other better and have some conversation around matters arising from 'Casting the net on the other side.'

You would need to bring a packed lunch (though hot drinks will be available and there are shops nearby if you forgot food), and it would be useful if you could contact John Wilkins (email [REDACTED] or phone [REDACTED]) if you intend to come, up to 48 hours before the event, so we know how many to prepare communion for.

❖ Get ready for Arise: Sheffield – March 2025

Arise: March is a citywide prayer-walking initiative where believers across Sheffield come together to pray for our city. Throughout March, Christians across Sheffield aim to cover every street in prayer, seeking transformation and blessings for the communities. Prayer-walking is simply "prayer on the move". You can start by inviting God to be with you on your walk, and bringing to Him the streets, houses, and people you see along your way.

If you struggle with the walking aspect of the prayer-walk, maybe you could earmark a couple of streets and pray over them from home, using a map.

Finally, there is an app for those of you with smartphones where you can upload which streets you have prayed over, and watch the streets light up.

Jason is hoping to engage some of the young people in a prayer walk. Please do have a look on the Arise website <https://www.arisesheffield.org> for more information or to find local prayer walks near to you. You may feel more comfortable prayer walking on your own or maybe ask a Christian friend/s to accompany you and go out in a group.

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❖ Membership

We are delighted that Anne Wilkinson has decided to become a member at Wesley Hall. She is going to be received into membership in a special service on *Sunday 6th April*, led by Michelle. If anyone else would like to take the step of becoming a member at Wesley Hall, please speak with Michelle or let anyone on the Leadership team know. There's no formal course that you need to attend, Michelle will merely have a chat with you. It would be lovely to see the church membership grow!!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- If you use spreadable butter, margarine or stork we could use the empty (washed) tubs - bonus points for the massive ones (the little shallow ones sadly aren't very useful).
- 'Come and Craft' is on *Friday 21st February* - bring along whatever you're working on and craft together. A delightful, chilled morning. If you don't have a craft to bring, feel free to come anyway. there will be cake. Intergenerational, children and families welcome, but children not required to come! 10am to 12pm in the main hall downstairs.
- Date for the diary - the next Funday (which we run jointly with St Tim's) is on *Saturday 12th April* - this time it'll be at St Tim's. If you're able to volunteer, please talk to Jacque. If you'd like to come along, put the date in the diary and maybe invite a friend. More details to come nearer the time.

JOINT CHURCHES NOTICE

- ❖ St. Vincent's is hosting the next joint Crookes churches eco event - 'Bring and Mend' in their hall on *Saturday 22nd February* from 10-12pm. If you have skills to share, clothes to mend, or small, non- electrical items that need fixing, do come along. There will be a knitting and crochet table, and we hope to have bike checks and cycling advice also. Call in and see. (Cake available).

If anyone has any particular mending skills they are able to offer, please contact Jacque. This is run jointly between Wesley Hall, St Timothy's, STC and St Vincent's, so is a lovely opportunity to meet with people from our other local churches too.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Church Flowers

There is a list on the notice board at the back of the sanctuary for anyone who might be willing to give the flowers for our worship any week over the next year. It costs anything from a couple of pounds to £20 each week dependent on the season, but any donation is gratefully received. We do try and supplement with flowers and greenery from the church garden and our own gardens when possible. The Korean church makes contributions to the flower fund each year. If you would like to remember a particular person or mark an occasion, we could also include that in the prayers of intercession or in the weekly notices. You might like to arrange the flowers yourself or give the money to Louise or Betty, telling them if you'd like any specific flowers or colours and they or Sue or Liz will arrange them on your behalf.

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❖ **Street Pastors: We are Recruiting**

Sheffield Street Pastors is an initiative of the local churches, working together with the Police and the Local Council. The idea is simple: Street Pastors is a ministry to those in the pubs and clubs of our town, working to be a prayerful, listening and caring presence of Christians from local churches between 10pm and 3am at weekends. **We are there to care, to listen and to help; to show the love of Jesus in practical ways.**

Could you be a street pastor? Providing a caring, listening and non-judgemental presence in town centres between 11pm and 3am on weekends?

Role requirements:

- Practicing Christian
- Commitment to 12 nights per year
- Aged over 18 (there is no upper age limit)

For more information:

sheffield@streetpastors.org.uk

Streetpastors.org/locations/sheffield/

❖ **Dry Rot Update**

The Methodist Church Conservation Officer, who is responsible for all the listed Methodist buildings in the country, is not happy with using any chemical treatment on the dry rot in the Upper Room cupboard. Instead, we will be removing and replacing all damaged timber, repairing the roof and ventilating the area. This should be enough to stop it returning, but prayers that this works would be much appreciated! We don't have a final cost for this work yet, but since it excluded treatment work it will be lower than the previous estimates. But it is good that we now have an approved way forward so we can start to address the problem.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Hall Youth (WHY), that more young people might be led to attend
- ❖ For more volunteers to help at Drop Inn
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Please pray that the dry rot works will be successful and the dry rot will not return

BETWIXT & BETWEEN

Exploring the Christian Journey from Advent to Lent

Description: Join us for a transformative six-week course as we journey from Advent to Lent, exploring the significance of these seasons and the life of Jesus. Please feel free to read the Scriptures before each session.

There will be opportunities to join in with activities in the breakout rooms.

Schedule:

Week 1 (Monday 20th January):

- ~~Theme:~~ Transition from Advent/Christmas to Lent
- ~~Scriptures:~~ Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Week 2 (Monday 27th January):

- ~~Theme:~~ The Mystery of the Incarnation
- ~~Scriptures:~~ John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11

Week 3 (Monday 3rd February):

- ~~Theme:~~ Jesus' Early Ministry and Calling
- ~~Scriptures:~~ Luke 4:14-21; Mark 1:14-20

Week 4 (Monday 10th February):

- ~~Theme:~~ Key Teachings of Jesus
- ~~Scriptures:~~ Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 10:25-37

Week 5 (Monday 17th February):

- **Theme:** Jesus' Journey to the Cross
- **Scriptures:** Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 15:33-39

Week 6 (Monday 24th February):

- **Theme:** Preparing for the Lenten Journey
- **Scriptures:** Joel 2:12-13; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18