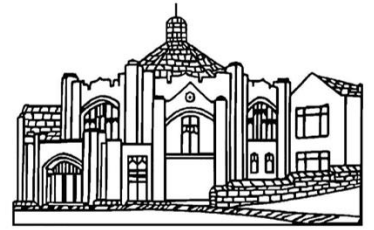




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 16th March 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. Joy Rulton

The steward on duty is Rosemary Anderson

Sunday 23 rd March	10:30am	Rev. Romeo Pedro
Sunday 30 th March	10:30am	Louise Etherington
Sunday 6 th April	10:30am	Rev. Michelle Deans

❖ Soul Food – Methodist Church's Lent Campaign

A prayer for this 2nd week of Lent:

Give us this day our daily bread to shelter our soul.

As bricks and mortar give our bodies shelter,
shelter our being, our souls, with your spirit.

Give us this day our daily bread to shelter our soul.

As houses protect and keep safe our physical being,
hold us in the shelter and safety of your Word.

Give us this day our daily bread to shelter our soul.

As an umbrella holds back the rain and the storms,
so Lord be our umbrella, our tent, our shelter in life's uncertain times.

O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey,
shelter us in the struggling world's uncertainties. Amen.

(The bible study this week has contributions from Rev Phil Jackson (a minister from Cumbria) and Jamie Nyirenda-Scott (a methodist youth rep). To listen along, follow the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YblfO_reEM)

This Lent, the Methodist Church has put together 40 daily deliveries of spiritual nourishment, which can be delivered to your email inbox each day. These include a variety of content including bible studies, craft videos, recipe videos, magazine video shows etc. To sign up for these emails, go to <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/soul-food/>

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THIS WEEK

❖ 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)

❖ 'Into The Throne Room' – Praise Night

Greenhill Methodist Church will be hosting this praise night on *Saturday 22nd March* at 7pm. It will be led by Paul & Tracy Critchley of Presence Worship. All are welcome!

❖ Arise: Sheffield – March 2025

We are almost half way through Arise:March (the citywide prayer-walking initiative where believers across Sheffield come together to pray for our city). So far:

- 1,236 prayer walks have been completed;
- 536 Arisers have taken part in prayer-walking;
- an amazing 2,364km has been covered in prayer.

Throughout March, Christians across Sheffield aim to cover every street in prayer, seeking transformation and blessings for our 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. 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.

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.

Finally, from 17th March to 17th April, buses in Sheffield will display an Easter message in the lead up to Easter Sunday. So far, over 30 bus banners have been sponsored. Watch out and pray for the Easter Mission Campaign.

COMING SOON

❖ Coffee Morning

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

❖ Bernard Newbound

Several of us will remember Bernard and Mary Newbound, who were members of the church for many years. Bernard died recently, and his funeral will be at 12.30pm on *Thursday 3rd April* at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, followed by a gathering at The Punch Bowl on Crookes.

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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!

❖ TRIBE Helpers

We are absolutely delighted that the March to May TRIBE rota has a leader every week, but it would be really great to fill-in the second person in the rota as well. It can be a bit tricky to find someone on the day (which is what currently happens most weeks) and we'd love to have a full rota. TRIBE needs two adults (partly just for safeguarding, but it's also really helpful), but the second person role requires no preparation work, and just involves going down with TRIBE. We are so blessed with a really vibrant group of young people, and it's a lovely opportunity to get to know them a bit more too. If you are able to cover even just one or two Sundays, please email Jacque on families@wesleyhall.org.uk.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Looking ahead, Stay & Play is on *Saturday 26th April* from 10am to 12pm, also aimed mostly at preschool and primary-aged families, but all families are welcome. We're highlighting this now as it tends to be a very busy event, and we need all-hands-on-deck! If you're able to help on the day (the main things are helping in the kitchen and just talking to people) please let Jacque know.
- 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.

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 contribute towards the flowers for our worship area for any particular week over the coming 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 also 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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❖ **Ben Gray – Running for Charity**

In November, Ben Gray will be running the Athens marathon to raise money for HFT – a charity which supports learning-disabled adults. As part of his training, he, together with Joseph, will be running the Sheffield half-marathon on 23rd March, which is the furthest he'll have run so far. If you feel able to donate, please do so via his [Just Giving page](#), or see Ben, Carole, Andrew, or Margaret Gray.

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.