



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 16th May 2021

We are now holding our Zoom services every other week, with the dates of our next two services below. We invite you to explore the other worship options (these are available on the last page) on the weeks when we are not meeting via Zoom. Our Zoom services are also available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so are not available to people searching YouTube and can only be accessed using a direct link. If you would like the link, or would prefer a DVD or audio recording of the services, just ask Matt.

Zoom on Sunday 16th May	10:30am	Rev. Judith Jessop
Zoom on Sunday 30 th May	10:30am	Cliff College Festival Livestream

THIS WEEK

❖ Zoom Worship

Our next Zoom service is this *Sunday 16th May* and will be led by Rev. Judith Jessop. Judith will be leading us in an Agape Meal so please have something ready to eat and drink (coffee & cake is fine!). She also asks if we could each have a pen and paper handy. The Zoom details are below:

<https://zoom.us/j/96423971221?pwd=WmxNMII2THVhSUswY3dVL0JmRC9pQT09>

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!

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❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meets monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is on *Monday 17th May*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

Those currently serving on the Leadership Team are Sean, Claire, Louise, Andrew, Matt, Jo and Dorothy

❖ Wesley Hall Toddler Group

Our Wednesday Toddler Group is returning but with two sessions: 10–11:30am and 1–2:30pm with the first day back being this *Wednesday 19th May*. This is an exciting and positive step toward supporting the needs of families within our community. We will be following Government guidelines and our risk assessment will ensure safety measures are in place. Like our Wesley Wiggles baby group, we will be limiting numbers and operating a booking system.

It would be great to have some volunteers over the day to ensure everything runs smoothly. Here is a list of activities so if there is anything you feel able to help with, please get in touch; you don't need to commit to both sessions or every week, as I can put together a rota.

- Making drinks at the start of each session
- An extra person to float and help with any cleaning throughout such as giving the toys a wipe down where possible at both sessions
- Packing down from 2:30pm

If you are able to offer any help for any of the above, we would be so grateful. I am also happy to answer any questions and talk through any concerns from anyone regarding the group.

Claire: 07412 124 310 / families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ Coffee & Crafts

Coffee & Crafts returns this *Wednesday 19th May* at 2:00pm, upstairs in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come along for some craft, a drink and a natter! If you have any questions, just ask Dorothy.

❖ Fellowship Group

Our Thursday Fellowship Group is on Thursdays at 8pm via Zoom. We are looking at Ephesians over the next few weeks and all are welcome. Please ask Andrea for more information or for the Zoom details.

COMING SOON

❖ TRIBE

We would like to arrange an outdoor get together for the families in our church on *Sunday 23rd May* at 11am. We were thinking of meeting on the Bole Hills for a play, chat and picnic lunch. This is open to our children of crèche and TRIBE age.

It would be helpful to contact me if you are interested in coming so I can get an idea of numbers and make a list of those attending. It is important that we do not exceed 30 people in line with government guidelines. Claire 07412124310 / families@wesleyhall.org.uk.

❖ Cliff College Festival 2021 (Around the Campfire)

Festival at Home 2021 is taking place from *Saturday 29th to Monday 31st May* and will be a digital event due to the ongoing event restrictions.

During Festival at Home we are unpacking the theme Around the Campfire. This is an opportunity to meet together as the church from across the country and around the world, to worship and pray together and to learn from and be challenged by God's word and by one another.

Over the weekend, we hope to enable you to encounter God through worship, fellowship, seminars, games, Bible studies, reflections and more, from the comfort of your own home. It is our prayer that wherever and however you engage with Festival at Home, you might also engage with God. A link with more information is below:

<https://cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival/cliff-festival-2021-around-the-campfire>

Wesley Hall will be joining the festival for Bible study on the morning of Sunday 30th May at our usual 10:30am. The Bible study will include worship and will be led by Cliff College principal Rev. Ashley Cooper, who will be exploring the theme of fire from the book of Exodus. More details on how to access this will be shared closer to the time.

❖ **AGM**

We will be holding our AGM after our Zoom worship on *Sunday 13th June*. This meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please put the date in your diary.

❖ **Return to Face to Face Worship**

Our plan is to return to face to face worship from step four of the lockdown easing roadmap, which will mean that our first service back will be no earlier than *Sunday 27th June* and we would then return to weekly worship in the building. This is dependent on Government advice at the time so we will keep you updated if this changes.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Sad News from the Circuit**

Many of you may be aware by now of the very sad news that the Reverend Jen Mullis, O.B.E. died on the 9th May 2021. As a Circuit we mourn her loss and give thanks for her life and ministry among us. Please hold her family in your prayers.

❖ **Dial-a-Prayer & Podcast**

During lockdown we (the Methodist Church) heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free phone lines that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast. We are delighted that nearly 6,000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to the President and Vice-President: 0808 281 2695

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For all the groups that share our building as they prepare to return to face to face meeting this week, for all the children's groups that have already returned, please pray that this can be done safely.
- ❖ For the Toddler Group, as it reopens this week, for those who are running it and that those who come would feel safe (and be safe!)
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For the family of Jen Mullis, who died suddenly this week
- ❖ Pray for our application to Methodist Youth Activities for a grant towards our continued youth work over the next three years
- ❖ For Matt, for peace as he struggles on behalf of our church to get some answers from the Circuit, and that he would be able to switch off when away from work

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).

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the people of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of love, lifting up the holy land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace: peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called holy.

God of hope, we lift up the city of Jerusalem, distracted and divided, yet still filled with promise as all the cities of the world. Come again into our cities, places of worship, Upper Rooms and Gethsemanes, that we may be given sight to recognize you.

God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in Palestine and Israel and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of the Holy Land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with most churches, will not be worshipping in our church buildings, but in our own homes. Below are a number of options (in no particular order) to help us to do this:

❖ 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/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

❖ 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 again 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

[Victoria Hall](#)

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[Coal Aston Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Stocksbridge Christian Centre](#) (as Part of the Cornerstone Mission Partnership)

[Christ Church Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill Methodist Church](#)

[St Andrew's Gosforth Valley](#)

[Church of Christ, Darnall](#)

[Victoria Stafford Road](#)

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.