



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 20th December 2020

THIS WEEK

❖ Zoom Service

We'll be meeting via Zoom again this morning, Sunday 20th December, for the fourth Sunday in Advent. Our services will be available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so they 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 (matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk, 0114 267 9040).

Zoom details:

<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!

❖ Zoom Worship

The Leadership Team are looking to put together a team of people who are willing to take responsibility for putting together a Zoom worship service on a rota basis. The Vine material is always available and we are hoping to get hold of some recorded sermons from the Circuit, so this is likely to entail finding readers and choosing the songs for the service. It would also be really helpful to know who is willing to take part by reading or leading prayers. If you are interested in taking part in any way, or would like to find out more, please ask Matt.

❖ Sunday Home Worship Options

As well as our Zoom services you may still wish to utilise any of the various other worship resources which are still included in the newsletter, but have moved to the last page.

❖ Daily Advent Stories

The Methodist Church Christmas campaign for 2020, #GodIsWithUs, seeks to share the Christmas message of Emmanuel, the good news that God is with us, through twenty-four stories of individuals and their experiences of this extraordinary year. Each day of Advent they will share a testimony from somebody connected to the Methodist Church, reflecting on what hope has looked like for them this year and how they have experienced God with them. The individuals whose stories the campaign tells include those who have felt the painful effects of isolation this year, who have experienced extreme poverty, who have struggled with poor mental health, who have lost loved ones – like so many millions of others. But ultimately, incredibly, God's loving presence radiates from each of them in beams of powerful hope. Hope that is so necessary for such a time as this. We will be sharing these stories each day via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WesleyHallCrookes/> so please like our page if you would like to follow the stories.

❖ Christmas Day

As usual, we'll be having a service on Christmas morning, at 9.30am. This year we'll be meeting via Zoom and the service will be led by Louise.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our building, that we would be able to raise the required £15,000 in new bookings and grants in order to break even this year.
- ❖ We have a grant application in to help with our projected deficit due to reduced bookings because of COVID. Please could you pray for this application and for those who are meeting this week to consider how to allocate the grant money?
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Dorothy and Jim, now both recovering at home.
- ❖ For Christopher for heart, health, strength and salvation.
- ❖ For Lunch Club as we look to the future and try to keep in touch with our members.

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).

CAROLS

❖ Sheffield Carols

We won't be having a Carol service at Wesley Hall this year but would encourage you to consider a new way of carolling. Each Thursday in December at 8:00pm, people can stand on their own doorstep and join with neighbours (also standing on their doorstep, at a safe distance) and join in with the carol for that week. Musicians can join too! The Carols will be:

- Thursday 24th December: Away in a Manger / We Wish you a Merry Christmas

The words to Cradle Song (Away in a Manger) have been sent out with the newsletter this week. If you would like any printing (for yourself or to give to neighbours) just ask Matt: matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk, 0114 267 9040.

❖ Carols on the Doorstep

Tonight, *Sunday 20th December*, at 5:30pm, the whole country has the chance to join in 'Carols on the Doorstep', with four carols for everyone to sing along to music played through your radio. The project comes with invitations and posters to engage your neighbours and communities. Find out more from: <http://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk>

AND FINALLY

❖ Christmas Cards

Christmas will soon be upon us! Many people usually write their cards and bring them to church to give out either in person or via the pigeon holes, but since we are not meeting for worship in person we will not be able to do that this year. Instead, we are going to dedicate a special page of the newsletter to Christmas greetings and encourage people to make a donation to Action for Children with the money saved by not buying cards. If you would like to take part in this, just send your message to the newsletter email account or pop it to in the letterbox at church and then either donate to Action for Children directly or give it to Matt to pass on.

❖ Christmas Card Messages...

- Wishing all my friends at Wesley Hall the peace and joy of the Christmas season and a happy and healthy 2021. With love, Gill x
- Season's greetings & God bless. Love to all, Pat Wright.
- Happy Christmas and best wishes for a better 2021! Margaret Gray.
- To all at Wesley Hall church and Luncheon Club. Hope you are all keeping well and we will soon be able to meet up again. Best wishes, Ann Wilkinson (from Alexander Court)
- With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from Cath Marriott.
- Wishing a Merry Christmas and a hope-filled New Year to all our church family. Carole, Andrew, Joseph & Benjamin x
- Merry Christmas to everyone. We've missed you and hope to see you all again soon in 2021. With love from, Alice, Karl and Archie xxx
- To all our church family at Wesley Hall, wishing you a very happy Christmas and all the best for a healthy and much better New Year. Linda and Steve
- To Everyone at Wesley Hall. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year. With love from Alison.
- During these constrained and difficult times, we wish all our friends and fellow worshippers at Wesley Hall, a very happy and healthy New Year. Judith & Brian.
- Happy Christmas to all our church family. With love from the Ironseseses xxxx
- Wishing everyone a Happy & Safe Christmas, despite the restrictions, and a much better 2021! God bless, Andrea

❖ **Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2021 are now available so if you are currently using the envelopes, just pop in to church from 9am to 5pm Monday to Wednesday this coming week, or in the New Year. Thank you to everyone who has found an alternative way to give while we are not meeting for worship during the pandemic; your continued support is very much appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to start giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

❖ **Dorothy and Jim...**

...would like to say thank you everyone for their prayers and support over the past few weeks, and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

❖ **Good News!**

Mehrab & Moj have had a baby girl, '██████', born on 7th December.

❖ **Farewell Gift for Sally**

As I am sure we all want to mark Sally's leaving Louise is going to make a book filled with all our messages to say goodbye to her. And if you would like to put something towards a leaving gift for Sally, let Matt have this by cash cheque or bank transfer. We have had a good number of contributions to Sally's leaving gift (thanks very much!), but not as many messages for Louise to add to the book she is preparing. If you would like to add a message to Sally, please email Louise at: ██████████

❖ **Good News from Greenhill**

In 2014, after a vision day and much prayer, we felt that God was leading us to extend and update our facilities to further our community outreach. We wanted to be good hosts and to offer a safe space for the social, mental and spiritual wellbeing of the people in our communities we are called to serve. And so, we began a journey. To read about the rest of the journey click [here](#).

❖ **Keeping in Touch (with TRIBE)**

One of the ideas that came from Claire's last management group meeting was trying to put people who live alone in touch with children from TRIBE. Ideally, those who would like to be involved would be paired up and could then arrange to phone/video call/Zoom to keep in touch and help combat isolation during lockdown. If you are interested, (as either a person living alone or a TRIBE member), please let Claire know families@wesleyhall.org.uk, 07412 124 310).

❖ **Extraordinary Gifts from All We Can**

Christmas is a special time of year to gather together with families and loved ones and, as Christians, to celebrate Jesus, the most extraordinary gift of all. Although this year will be different, you can still spread joy and hope at this special time of year through giving your loved ones All We Can's Extraordinary Gifts, which will in turn bring hope and joy, as well as helping to change lives in some of the world's poorest communities.

With every Extraordinary Gift from All We Can, you'll receive a card to pass onto your loved one, showing them the difference that their gift could make. This year, make sure your Christmas is extraordinary by helping a family in need. Order your Extraordinary Gifts today at: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/shop/>

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.