



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 21st March 2021

We are now holding our Zoom services every other week, with the dates of our next two service 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	28th March 10:30am	David Harris
Zoom at Easter	4 th April 10:30am	John Simms

THIS WEEK

❖ 40 Acts

40 Acts started with a simple idea from Stewardship to commit to 40 days of giving out, not giving up over Lent, to put others before ourselves and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and follow his call to love our neighbours. They are not sharing new acts this year, but since we have not followed this before, we will be sharing the links from last year (which means that some of them may need adapting in order to be COVID safe). The acts for this week are below (each Act has a green, amber and red suggestion, and each will take an increasing amount of time and/ or money):

Monday 29) Commit	Thursday 32) Prized Possession
Tuesday 30) First Fruits	Friday 33) War Torn
Wednesday 31) At Your Service	Saturday 34) On a Mission

❖ Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting will be this Wednesday 24th March at 7:30pm and will take place via Zoom. If you have any items for the agenda, please pass them to Matt Irons (0114 267 9040 or matt.iron@wesleyhall.org.uk).

❖ 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

COMING SOON

❖ Easter Celebration CD

The Methodist Church has produced an Easter Celebration CD which includes Easter hymns, readings and a reflection from the President of the Conference. If you would like a copy, please let Matt know.

❖ Vision Exploration Meeting

Following on from our very positive congregational meeting in January, we need to look at things in a little more detail and start to flesh out the community chaplain idea and explore how it will fit in our current structure, or if that structure needs to change. As part of this meeting we will be undertaking an organisational risk assessment to assess our strengths and weaknesses to help us work out if there are any gaps that need filling. We can then move on to brainstorm what we do now, what we would like to happen in the future, and how we need to organise ourselves to get there. This meeting is open to anyone, not just Church Council or Leadership Team members, since this is all still very new and we want to get as many ideas, suggestions and opinions as we can! If you would like to be a part of this, please let Matt know so that he can then find a time to meet that suits everyone.

❖ Arise Sheffield

Please consider getting involved with this prayer for Sheffield initiative being organised by Sheffield Together (www.sheffieldarise.org), on their website is a short video that explains what the prayer walk is about. The aim is between *1st to 31st March* for someone to do a prayer walk on every road in Sheffield and then an Easter card will be delivered by Royal Mail to each household in Sheffield with information for people who want to know more. You can sign up on the website now and from 1st March say which road you will do a prayer walk on. I think this is a brilliant idea as lockdown is making more people open to God, thanks Andrea.

❖ Daffodils!

A few weeks ago, Liz Jenkinson watched a TV programme about people who use craft to get across a message to others. It set her thinking about the churches who leave knitted angels around their community at Christmastime, with a message of hope and love for whoever may find one.

That set Liz wondering whether at Wesley Hall we might do something different from the usual ways of engaging with our community (that we do when there is not a pandemic), and if we might do it by way of crafted daffodils for Easter. A few people think it's an idea worth exploring and so some have started knitting, crocheting or sewing daffodils.

If you think it's a good idea, might you be able to:

- Make daffodils in wool, fabric, paper, clay?
- Think of a suitable text, message or prayer to accompany each flower?
- Suggest how we might distribute them or where we might make them available?
- Pray for this aspect as well as all the other aspects of Wesley Hall's links into the community?

If you want any further details, please contact Lesley Ingamells (██████████) or Liz Jenkinson (██████████).

❖ Zoom Worship

Our next Zoom service will be next Sunday 28th March. (The Zoom details are the same for all our services but will be included in next week's Newsletter.)

AND FINALLY...

❖ 'Mission News'

With the newsletter this week, there's a 'Mission News' attachment from Neil Harland (Mission Development Support). Please have a look at this and consider how you might respond: listening to your family, friends, colleagues, communities.

❖ Methodist Way of Life

As a small part of Neil Harland's role as Mission Development Support Worker, he has produced some videos, two of which feature Claire and Sean. You may wish to have a look.....

[Methodist Way of Life \(video 1\)](#)

[Methodist Way of Life \(video 2\)](#)

❖ Walk for Water

During lent Sean is taking part in Walk for Water for CAFOD. The goal is to walk 10,000 steps for 40 days to raise money to aid CAFOD in their aim of providing wells or more help to those who need to walk (around) 10,000 steps each day just for water. Please feel free to give as much or as little as you can to this amazing charity and to spur Sean and Amy (his fiancé) on!

For more info and a way to donate, please look at this link www.justgiving.com, or get in touch with Sean on 401 980 794 or youth@wesleyhall.org.uk.

❖ Christian Aid

Christian Aid aims to end poverty and injustice worldwide. Christian Aid week, which takes place each year in May, is a big part of their fundraising effort and in 2019 £8million was raised. Andrea Killingsworth has been coordinating Christian Aid week for Wesley Hall since 2009 and is looking to step down from doing this, although she will continue to support it. The main focus of the week has been the door-to-door collections during the week in May, but other fundraising activities have also taken place. However, how things are approached is not set in stone. If you want to know more about what is involved in coordinating Christian Aid week, please speak to Andrea. Our thanks go out to Andrea for all her hard work while doing this.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church and Leadership Team as we explore the possibility of having a Community Chaplain to support and engage with all the people who use our building (when it is not closed due to COVID).
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Lunch Club as we look to the future and try to keep in touch with our members.
- ❖ For our grant application for £15,000 to the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage.

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).

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/UCUAUqhmhehvz5sqhh72LIMxA>

❖ 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.