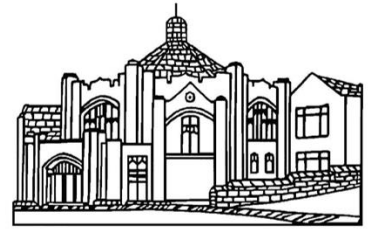




# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

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. Mike Jones with AGM & Gift Day**  
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am Louise Etherington*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Glenn Evans*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Rev. Graham Wassell*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **Church AGM**

We will be holding our AGM after our worship *TODAY*. It will be an opportunity to hear from our lay workers, feed back on where we are now, and look at future plans. The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please do stay and join in.

We will also be appointing the Leadership Team, worship stewards, Church Council and Circuit Meeting representatives as well as the members of our lay worker management groups. If you are interested in any of these roles, please see Mike or Matt.

### ❖ **Gift Day 2023**

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-Ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year is £8,000, with £2,000 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, we have not yet managed to secure all the grant funding we had hoped for, so if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, although we do completely understand that there are many other pressures on people's finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year is next *TODAY*. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online ([www.stewardship.org.uk](http://www.stewardship.org.uk)), but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off on or around the Gift Day,

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or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt Irons.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering:**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place 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)

## COMING SOON

❖ **Joseph Gray - Leeds Half Marathon for Charity**

On *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May*, Joseph will be running his first half marathon. He will be fundraising for the 'Bodie Hodges Foundation'. After Henry, Joseph's cousin, died at just 8 months old in August 2020, this charity provided Henry's family with bereavement counselling, and continue to support them now. Donations to help the charity continue this invaluable service would be gratefully received. Please use the link below, especially if you're able to Gift Aid your donation; alternatively, see any member of the Gray family. Thank you.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joe-gray03?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=joe-gray03&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=65c6444da2174d819c70aa97bf7dc729](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joe-gray03?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=joe-gray03&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=65c6444da2174d819c70aa97bf7dc729)

❖ **Superintendent Romeo Pedro's Thoughts – April 2023**

Romeo is currently sharing monthly messages. To watch a video of April's message, please click here <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/lets-talk-superintendents-thoughts-april.html> or there are some printed copies on the heater at the back of church.

❖ **Cliff Festival 2023**

Cliff Festival 2023 runs from *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May* at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Expect morning and evening worship and Bible teaching, seminars, games and activities for people of all ages, opportunities to be reenergised and resourced for mission – and all in the stunning surrounds of the Peak District. The theme this year is Eden Restored and the morning bible studies will be led by Dr Ruth Valerio. Other contributors will be announced shortly and closer to the event the programme will be available on the Cliff College website. They run excellent youth and children's work provision for children aged 2 and upwards.

There is the option to visit for the day as well as buying a ticket for the whole weekend (entry is free to all under 18s). Day passes are £22 for adults or £15 for concessions (65 or over/ students/ living with a disability or on benefits). We won't be having a service here at Wesley Hall on *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May*, so that would be a great opportunity to come and see what it is like!

Come for the day or bring your tent (like the Irons family) and stay for the weekend. Visit [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival) to find out more and book.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES / YOUTH

- Our next event is Stay & Play on *Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May*, which has an international theme and will be upstairs in the Sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen serving drinks, then please let Neil know.

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- For the Stay & Play above, if you have any cardboard tubes (toilet or kitchen rolls), or any 1p or 2p coins please could you bring them to Neil or leave in the office.
- At our Toddler Group we will be fundraising for Christian Aid by having a Teddy Bear's Picnic on *Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May*. If anyone is able to bake some cupcakes to sell at the event, please let Neil know.

## **EASTER REFLECTION**

**By the Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Conference**

On Holy Saturday 2022 I visited the former Maya centre at Lamanai, Belize. Among the many incredible facts we learned about the Maya was the account of how they came to leave their settlement by the New River Lagoon in 1534, after over three thousand years on the land. By then they had established a thriving trading centre and were well-established in an area stretching for ten miles on one side of the river. There were between forty and sixty thousand people living with customs, religion and vast temples that they had built over the years.

The Spanish attacked this community in 1534. The Maya repelled them but then made the incredible decision to leave. They knew the Spanish would be back with larger forces. We don't know how quickly they decided to leave or whether some stayed behind for a while but we know that, eventually, they all left and their homes, edifices and temples were left to the elements and to be overtaken by the forest.

The Maya sacrificed everything they had and all that they had established over three thousand years. They did not cling to the past but gave up everything in order to guarantee a future for the generations to come.

This Easter Weekend we have celebrated and rejoiced in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We recall the sacrifice of the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the whole world. We revel in the resurrection and the new life that is ours in Christ.

Though the Maya knew little, if anything, of Christ's sacrificial love, they are people created in the image of God. To this day, there are still Maya in and around Belize because of the sacrifices of their people in 1534.

Settlements, centres and communities do not need to make such sacrifices to enjoy new life in Christ. It is Jesus who has made the sacrifice. We are invited to give him our lives so that we might know life in all its fullness. We die with Christ, that we might rise with Him. It is amazing what sacrifices previous generations have made for our sake but the sacrifice that is above all else is understood in the death and resurrection of Jesus who died, that we might live - and live eternally.

Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill or recovering from surgery
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ Thank you for Wesley Wigglers, for the growth of the group and for all those who are coming along
- ❖ For the upcoming meetings about the future of youth work and mission at Wesley Hall

**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).**