



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 23rd 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 30th May	10:30am	Cliff College Festival Livestream
Zoom on Sunday 13 th June	10:30am	Louise Etherington

THIS WEEK

❖ Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost! We are not meeting as a congregation but since this is such an important day in the church calendar, we invite you to explore the other worship options available on the last page.

❖ TRIBE

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

❖ Coffee & Crafts

Coffee & Crafts continues this *Tuesday 25th 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.

❖ Wesley Hall Toddler Group

Last Wednesday we reopened our Toddler Group and it was a great success! The morning sessions are fully booked for last week and this week but the afternoon sessions still have a few spaces left. It was wonderful to welcome families back into church and we have had some positive feedback.

A few people said they felt quite emotional; for some it is their first time to a group and for others a return after a long time away. I certainly felt this too and may have had a cry when I got home whilst reflecting on the day.

We are excited for next week and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to build relationships with and offer support to these families. After half term we can increase our numbers attending to 20 which is great as we can then accommodate more families.

I still have some space on my kitchen rota if anyone can offer any help for either the morning or afternoon session. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment.

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

❖ 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

❖ 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.

❖ Gift Day 2021

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families & Community Co-Ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker. Those who fill these roles are doing a great job working with children and young people of both our church and the local community, and this last year has been especially difficult due to COVID restrictions.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day, and our target for this year was £8,750, with £2,500 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, Sean's management team met recently, reviewed his workload and agreed to increase his hours from 10 to 14 per week from September (subject to funding). The main reason for this is that our youth group (WHY) is now meeting weekly rather than fortnightly and it is not possible to maintain this, and also continue with the rest of our varied youth program, in 10 hours a week. So if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, but we completely understand that COVID has and is having an impact on people's everyday finances.

Our Gift Day this year is on *Sunday 13th June*, which is the same day as our AGM. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy) 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, 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.

❖ 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

❖ Wesley Working Party!

We are blessed with a large building, but it takes a lot of work to keep it maintained and in good repair. Most of this work can only be done by contractors, but there are still a number of smaller jobs that we are able tackle ourselves. We are looking to put together a working party to begin some of these jobs, like clearing weeds and painting windows and railings. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact John Jenkinson on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. All are welcome and no special skills or knowledge required!

❖ Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is passed for this year, but there it is not too late give if you have not yet done so and would like to! You can give on line at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk> or by telephone by calling 020 7523 2269. Alternatively, you can drop off a donation at church either by handing it in at the church office or by putting it in the church post box (please put in an envelope marked Christian Aid). Many thanks, your donation is valuable especially as wider fundraising in the community is much more difficult at the moment.

❖ 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 return to face to face meetings, for all the children's groups that have already returned, please pray that everyone will be kept safe
- ❖ Give thanks for the successful reopening of our Toddler Group, and for continued safety for those who are running it and those who come
- ❖ The situation with COVID in India, that the spread of the virus would slow and that medical supplies would reach the county to help treat those who are ill
- ❖ For the meeting that Matt and Steve have with the Circuit on Monday, that it would be positive and productive and would help us to all move forward together
- ❖ Pray for our application to Methodist Youth Activities for a grant towards our continued youth work over the next three years

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 will not be worshipping in our church building, 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.