



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th March 2024

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. Michelle Deans (Baptism)**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 31st March *10:30am* *Rev. John Simms (Easter, Holy Communion)*

Sunday 7th April *10:30am* *Rev. Phill Borkett*

Sunday 14th April *10:30am* *Mr. Neil Offord*

THIS WEEK

❖ Joint Lent Course

Michelle is running a joint Lent Course for all of her three churches, based on 'Life on the Breadline', which will run every Monday evening during Lent, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. For those who are unable to join via Zoom, there is also a telephone connection. Or if you can access Zoom and you know someone who can't, why not invite them round to join in with you? It will be a great opportunity to learn, worship and grow together!

The Zoom meeting details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/92297523343?pwd=c2pUdUxUakFEVm9ua0ZieDhrNmh3UT09>

Meeting ID: 922 9752 3343 Passcode: 165392 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place as usual 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)

❖ Unbounded love: Daily Reflection emails during Lent

Throughout Lent, the Methodist Church are sharing daily email reflections that explore the theme of Unbounded Love. Charles Wesley's famous hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* talks about Jesus as "unbounded love" – a kind of love that cannot be contained, that works in our lives and in our world to free and heal us. Daily emails contain a mixture of bible studies, creative activities, and challenges to take action. To sign up to receive these, please follow the link and enter your name and email address:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/#:~:text=God's%20love%20doesn't%20stay,free%20us%20and%20heal%20us.>

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thurs 28 th March	7:00pm	Holy Communion (<i>at Wisewood</i>)
Good Friday 29 th March	10:45am	Reflective Service (<i>at Hillsborough</i>) followed by Walk of Witness in Hillsborough Park
Easter Sunday 31 st March	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Easter Morning Holy Communion

CHILDREN & FAMILIES.

- **Messy Church** - Thank you to those who came / are coming to Messy Church. The next families' event is a Lego Stay & Play on 20th April. If you're able to help at all, please let Jacque know. (Please note, there won't be a bouncy castle at this event.)
- **Holiday Club** - Holiday club has been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers across the two churches, but we are doing an Easter drop in on the Monday instead: 8th April, 10am-1pm at St Tim's. If you'd like to volunteer, please let Jacque know. There will be crafts, games, baking, refreshments, and a treasure hunt. If you have children in your life who you'd like to bring along, please mark the date in your diary.
- **TRIBE** - If you're able to help either run a session for TRIBE (our children's group on a Sunday morning) or be the second adult to go down with them, please talk to Matt or Jacque.

AND FINALLY

❖ Easter Offering

Envelopes are available at the back of church for those who wish to make a donation to the Methodist Church's World Mission Fund through the Easter Offering. This fund helps to support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments, and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the church to make grants to partner churches for special projects. If you would like to donate, just put your offering in an envelope and put it in the offering plate (near the hatch).

❖ Seeded Paper Crosses

This week, Lesley Ingamells saw a supermarket selling boxes of 6 seeded paper crosses and thought it might be nice for us to circulate individual ones around Crookes on Easter Sunday. Liz Jenkinson has ordered some seeded paper to make crosses, and Lesley has started crocheting small flowers to stitch in the centre, with a bible text to be written on the back and instructions for planting the crosses to produce seeds. If anyone would like to join Lesley in making some flowers, hers are about 2 inches square with a leaf behind, but they could be made of felt or other material, and the design is up to you. If you need any more information, please call Lesley on [REDACTED].

❖ **Michelle's March Newsletter**

Attached to the Wesley Hall newsletter e-mail and available to pick up at the back of church, is Michelle's March newsletter. She aims to produce one of these each month so we can see what is going on across her three churches and support with our prayers everything that is going on.

❖ **Arise Sheffield: Month of Prayer Walking**

Since 2021, over a thousand believers from across Sheffield have been arising together each March to prayer-walk every street in our city. Arise Sheffield encourage prayer-walkers to use the Arise Prayer App, as the organisers can then see which streets have been prayer-walked. However, it's not compulsory! For more information, and to read the most recent Arise magazine, see:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61d8172ee96ea72c233f1866/t/65ddc4c086e5a10a874065c7/1709032649182/Your+Guide+to+Arise+March+2024.pdf>.

This gives you a step-by-step guide to Arise and prayer-walking this year, including instructions about using the App.

❖ **Sheffield Street Pastors**

Are you interested in making a difference in Sheffield City Centre? Are you concerned for the young people out at night? Will you pray for the Sheffield Street Pastors?

There are some observer spaces available in March, and if you are interested, please call Becky Marshall on 07763 635440. There is also a 2-minute video about who they are and some of their work from 2023: <https://youtu.be/EwZ8-SMeI-c>

❖ **Flower Rota**

The Flower Rota for 2024 is on the notice board at the back of Church. Please add your name if you are able to contribute towards the flowers for a particular week. Someone will then be in touch just before the date to ask if you have particular colours or flowers you would like.

❖ **Sunday Morning Worship Steward**

A vacancy has arisen to join the worship steward team. The worship steward role is a very practical one, to ensure the smooth running of Sunday morning worship. It is quite separate from the leadership team of the church.

Currently, the role involves making email contact with the preacher before the Sunday service, finding volunteers to read the bible readings, passing information on to the musicians and AV operatives, and then arriving early on a Sunday morning to arrange the Sanctuary ready for worship, greet the preacher and, after the service, count the offering. However, the role can be flexible and tailored to your own skill set, so please don't be put off if there's any parts you're worried about.

At the moment, you could expect to be a worship steward approximately once every 4 weeks or so. If you are interested, please see Emma or another member of the current team – Steve, Jenny and Andrew. Full training will be provided!

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Our current Wigglers cohort are mostly returning to work or moving up to toddlers, so there's a transition time at Wigglers (this happens every 6-12 months). Please keep this group in your prayers.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill, in hospital or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ For Casting the Net on the Other Side, as churches meet across Sheffield to pray, discuss and consider what our future looks like.
- ❖ For our car park resurfacing project, that it would progress quickly.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, and the conflict between Palestine and Israel, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ For continued quick progress on employment of a joint youth worker.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.

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).