



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with many churches across the country, 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. They are currently looking at a series on the beatitudes and Rev Martyn Atkins (a previous principal of Cliff College) is preaching this week.

❖ Sheffield Methodist Circuit Streamed Services

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totle Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Christ Church, Stocksbridge](#)

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.

COMING SOON

❖ Pentecost – 31st May

Next Sunday will be Pentecost so we thought we'd celebrate by joining together for a virtual service. Sally will lead us, with Emma providing the music. We'll meet via Zoom, which has an option to connect by telephone so everyone should be able to join. We hope to be able to do this at 2pm and more details will follow. It would be great for as many of us as possible to meet so put it in your diary!

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus outbreak.

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).

AND FINALLY...

❖ Christian Aid Update

We're pleased to be able to give some updates about our Christian Aid fundraising...

- The amount given through the Wesley Hall Facebook page is currently £200.
- Liz and Andy raised £517 from their sponsored bike ride.
- The winner of the TV quiz was Margaret Gray (no help was given by the quiz organisers!). She wins sponsorship of a sewing course to enable an Indian family to set up their own business.

If you haven't had chance to donate yet, it's not too late! If you are on Facebook, and feel able to contribute, please do so here: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2483618898616971/> (100% of all donations will go directly to Christian Aid). Alternatively, put a cheque in an envelope marked 'for Christian Aid' but made payable to 'Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church' (we'll forward the donation on) and pop it in the church letter box or drop it in to Andrea Killingsworth at 38 Aldred Road. Or if you'd rather give cash, please drop at Andrea's. If you're unable to take any of those options, please call Christian Aid on 020 7523 2269 to make a card payment. For more information on the work of Christian Aid, please visit www.christianaid.org.uk.

❖ YourNeighbour.org

A new initiative, YourNeighbour.org, aims to support the work that churches are doing to be good neighbours in communities across the UK during the coronavirus crisis. They will support vulnerable people, working as a coordinated national response, partnering with the UK government and other agencies. For more information, see their website: YourNeighbour.org. Or if you need help, please call **0300 323 9952**.

❖ Spring Harvest

Spring Harvest, which normally takes place at Butlins (Skegness and Minehead) at Easter, was, unsurprisingly, cancelled. However, a lot of the intended content was broadcast on YouTube. A number of us have been really blessed with what we've watched so far and would encourage others to have a look. The theme is 'Unleashed', based on the book of Acts. Try the link to their YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest> or have a look at the Spring Harvest website: <https://springharvest.org/spring-harvest-home/>. Most content will now be available until the end of May and is completely free!

❖ Weekly Offertory *(updated)*

Thank you to everyone who usually gives using envelopes that has managed to find an alternative way of giving! What we are still missing, though, is the loose cash that was put in the offering plate as it went round during our Sunday worship. The total given in this way was up to £50 per week, but since the church building is closed and we are not meeting for worship, this has now reduced to zero.

If you are able to make a one off gift, in lieu of any missed offering plate donations, here are two options below:

- Post a cheque with your offering to Wesley Hall, either using the postal system or by dropping it into the post box next to the main entrance if you are out for a walk and passing.
- Make a bank transfer to Wesley Hall (just ask Matt for the bank details).

Thank you very much to everyone who gives to Wesley Hall; we wouldn't be here without you!

❖ Fellowship Group

One of our Fellowship Groups is currently meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. At the moment, Andrea is leading a study about justice. The sessions consist of reading the set bible passage, trying to understand that passage further and exploring what it means for us today through a series of question-led discussions, and then ending in a time of prayer. If you would like to join us, please message Andrew Gray on [REDACTED].

❖ From Emma: Music to Cheer Everyone Up!

I wanted to share with you some worship songs that are doing the rounds, which you might enjoy or find encouraging to listen to.

The first one is 'The Blessing' which can be found at <https://youtu.be/PUtll3mNj5U>. Over 65 churches and movements, representing hundreds of others, have come together online to sing a song of blessing over our land.

Secondly, I've become a member of the National Methodist Virtual Choir. They've put out some great arrangements of 'In Christ Alone' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKJfs8C14yc>) and their latest song was '10,000 Reasons' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2M58JuV-FU>). (If you watch carefully you might be able to spot me and the girls!) For anyone who's interested in being part of the choir, you can find out more information on their website: <https://nmcgb.org/>. It's really easy to sign up and then you'll be e-mailed when the parts of a new song are released. The next song is going to be 'Everlasting Arms' by Lou Fellingham. The rehearsal parts are all online and if you want to be brave and record yourself, there's details about how you do that and get your video uploaded.