



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th December 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** **Carol Service led by Mr. Andrew Maxfield**
The Steward on duty is Andrew Gray

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| <i>Christmas Day</i> | <i>9:30am</i> | <i>Christmas Morning Family Celebration</i> |
| <i>Sunday 31st December</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Local Arrangements</i> |
| <i>Sunday 7th January</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Louise Etherington</i> |
| <i>Sunday 14th January</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)</i> |

THIS WEEK

❖ Christmas Greetings

- "Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Love from Jim & Dorothy."
- We have received a Christmas card from Jonathan, who some of you know, and it is on the screen at the back of church. He writes, "Enjoyed the services for children, community events, Big Lunch and Harvest Festival plus helping Stephen in the garden".
- Also on the screen is a card from Moj, Mehrab & Rosie, which says, "We are thankful to have you in our lives, even if we are far away. We hope your holiday season is full of peace, joy, and happiness! Lots of love, Mehrab, Moj & Rosie xx".

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering:

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place this Wednesday (please note the change back to Wednesdays for the rest of the year) 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)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The December to February TRIBE rota is now out. We've got a few leader's spaces we still need to fill, and many spaces for a second person (no planning or prep involved for the second person). There should be a rota at the back of church, so write yourself in. (If there isn't, just let Jacque or Matt know any dates you can do.)

COMING SOON

○ Loving all People

○ Building Community

○ Sharing our Christian Faith

❖ **Mental Health First Aid Training 2024**

If you would like to learn more about mental health and how to support others with their mental health, then MHFA is the right course for you. The course will teach you how to recognise, respond and signpost; will equip you with a 'tool kit'; and give you the confidence needed for this important role. These are some of the comments from the last two courses held in the Sheffield Circuit: "Excellent course"; "Excellent presenter"; "Excellent course material"; "Would strongly advise at least one person in every workplace, community, charity, church, should do this course"; "The need is out there!"; "Excellent course"; "Informative and helpful workbook with group exercises that were challenging but useful in putting theory into practice". Two full days attendance are mandatory, with a choice of: 25th & 26th January; 20th & 22nd February; 30th April & 2nd May. Booking is essential and is free for Sheffield based Methodist members or staff. For more information and to book, please see: [Sheffield Circuit | Mental Health First Aid Training](#); and if you have any questions, please contact Tim Jansen: tim.jansen@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Prayer Walk Noticeboard**

Please do check out the new Prayer Walk display on the back wall of Church. Thank you to Louise who put this together for our Prayer Morning a couple of weeks ago. You will see a large map of the Crookes area and some laminated prayer walk sheets. As the sheets say, you can either take the card and prayer-walk the route, or alternatively complete the walk by tracing your finger on the large map. Please do find the time over the next few weeks to do either. The sheets give ideas of what to pray about. It's also providing people coming into the building with an opportunity to engage in prayer for the local community.

❖ **Communion Stewards**

Dorothy & Jim are reluctantly standing down from the Communion Steward role, and we thank them for their many years of faithful service. Judith & Brian are happy to continue helping with this, but we need to share this responsibility. If you are interested in joining them on a rota or want to know more before committing to this, please speak to one of them.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ 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, and that our application to the Sheffield Town Trust will be successful.
- ❖ 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 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).