



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th January 2025

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 (United Service at Wesley Hall)**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 2nd February 10:30am Neil Craig

Sunday 9th February 10:30am Jane Offord

Sunday 16th February 10:30am Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK

❖ Joint Bible Study (Betwixt & Between)

Our joint bible study entitled Betwixt & Between and led by Michelle, continues this *Monday 27th January* from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and runs through to *Monday 24th February*. Ash Wednesday then follows on *Wednesday 5th March*, when Michelle will be leading an in person gathering at Wisewood. A brief summary of the course can be found at the end of the newsletter. All are welcome, and if you would like to gather in small groups and join together, especially to support those that are less confident with technology, that would be fantastic. If there are any sessions you can't make, just drop Michelle an email and she will send you the PowerPoint.

Please find the Zoom link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/91983659472?pwd=LSKa4XNet9iPPHLMPwbmmYuTaL1U5B.1>

Meeting ID: 919 8365 9472 Passcode: 154519

(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)

❖ Church Prayer morning

We are going to hold a prayer meeting at 11:00am this *Saturday 1st February* in the Sanctuary, followed by a bring and share lunch starting at about 12:15pm. As we look towards what the new year will bring for the church, we will reflect and pray together about different aspects of church life. Let's listen to God's voice and be inspired and encouraged as we bring all we do as church, to Him. Everyone is welcome. The prayer meeting's not an event aimed at children, but there will

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be an unmanned craft table out, if you want to come and bring your kids. If you can't make the prayer event, you'd be welcome to join us for lunch from 12:15pm. Any questions, ask Emma.

COMING SOON

❖ Coffee Morning

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/ tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am on *Wednesday 5th February* in the Sanctuary, and why not bring a friend? The coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and are an informal drop in open to all.

❖ Mental Health and Christianity Conference

This will take place from 9:30am to 3:30pm on *Saturday 22nd March* here at Wesley Hall. The Conference is aimed at all those, ordained or lay, who are working or volunteering with people in churches and Christian organisations, but it is open to anyone who is interested. The aim is to deliver a high standard of information based upon both science and experience while respecting and incorporating the Christian faith. We will do this through our choice of speakers and workshop leaders who will offer both practical and academic information. We hope participants will find information and inspiration during the Conference that will help them support others and themselves.

The Keynote Speaker is Dr Simon Hewitt, lecturer in philosophy and religion at Leeds University. Simon works on a variety of topics, including the theology of mental illness, drawing on his own experience of living with bipolar disorder.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and booking is via Evenbite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-and-christianity-conference-tickets-1096283225639>. We are suggesting a donation of £12 towards the cost of the Conference, but to make it accessible to all we are having a pay what you can system for tickets, so you can give more or less than £12.00. If after all costs have been covered we have a surplus, we will use it to support Mental Health work in the Sheffield Methodist Circuit.

❖ Membership

We are delighted that Anne Wilkinson has decided to become a member at Wesley Hall. She is going to be received into membership in a special service on *Sunday 6th April*, led by Michelle. If anyone else would like to take the step of becoming a member at Wesley Hall, please speak with Michelle or let anyone on the Leadership team know. There's no formal course that you need to attend, Michelle will merely have a chat with you. It would be lovely to see the church membership grow!!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ Many thanks to those who helped at Stay & Play last week! The next one is a bouncy castle one on *Saturday 26th April*, so pencil it in your diary if you'd like to come (or know anyone who might)
- ❖ Messy Church is on *Saturday 15th February* from 10am to 12pm, aimed mostly at preschool and primary aged families, but all families welcome. If you'd like to help (set up, pack down, baking, talking to people, in the kitchen, etc) please let Jacque know.
- ❖ Probably too late, but if you're about to throw away any received Christmas cards consider donating them instead, they're useful for crafts and for toddlers playing post office.

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- ❖ If you use spreadable butter, margarine or stork we could use the empty (washed) tubs - bonus points for the massive ones (the little shallow ones sadly aren't very useful).

AND FINALLY...

❖ Sunday Morning Stewarding

We are seeking two people to become Sunday morning stewards and help with the practicalities of making Sunday morning worship happen. In a change to the current role, you will not be required to contact the preacher in the week leading up to the Sunday morning. Your duties would therefore be much more limited to Sunday morning. There aren't any regular meetings that you'll have to attend.

If we can find two extra people, then each steward would only be on duty once every four weeks.

Here's a list of the tasks:

- Arrive between 9:45 and 10:00am to open up church
- Set up the Sanctuary ready for worship (There may be a small amount of chair moving and setting up the kids table to the side. Occasionally if there has been a concert on the Saturday night, then there is more work to do, but we will all pitch in and help.)
- Arrange for readers of the bible passages
- Put up the hymn numbers and Bible page numbers
- Pray with the preacher and music team before the service starts
- Welcome everyone at the start of worship, highlight notices and introduce the preacher
- After the service, count and record the offertory
- Ensure the Sanctuary is left tidy for the next user
- Conduct a walk around the building to check all exits are locked

If anyone feels they are able to serve in this way, please let Emma know. The task list isn't set in stone and we can be flexible to accommodate people's gifts and abilities.

❖ Dry Rot Update

The Methodist Church Conservation Officer, who is responsible for all the listed Methodist buildings in the country, is not happy with using any chemical treatment on the dry rot in the Upper Room cupboard. Instead, we will be removing and replacing all damaged timber, repairing the roof and ventilating the area. This should be enough to stop it returning, but prayers that this works would be much appreciated! We don't have a final cost for this work yet, but since it excluded treatment work it will be lower than the previous estimates. But it is good that we now have an approved way forward so we can start to address the problem.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Hall Youth (WHY), that more young people might be led to attend
- ❖ For more volunteers to help at Drop Inn
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.
- ❖ Please pray that the dry rot works will be successful and the dry rot will not return

BETWIXT & BETWEEN

Exploring the Christian Journey from Advent to Lent

Description: Join us for a transformative six-week course as we journey from Advent to Lent, exploring the significance of these seasons and the life of Jesus. Please feel free to read the Scriptures before each session.

There will be opportunities to join in with activities in the breakout rooms.

Schedule:

Week 1 (Monday 20th January):

- ~~Theme:~~ Transition from Advent/Christmas to Lent
- ~~Scriptures:~~ Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Week 2 (Monday 27th January):

- **Theme:** The Mystery of the Incarnation
- **Scriptures:** John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11

Week 3 (Monday 3rd February):

- **Theme:** Jesus' Early Ministry and Calling
- **Scriptures:** Luke 4:14-21; Mark 1:14-20

Week 4 (Monday 10th February):

- **Theme:** Key Teachings of Jesus
- **Scriptures:** Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 10:25-37

Week 5 (Monday 17th February):

- **Theme:** Jesus' Journey to the Cross
- **Scriptures:** Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 15:33-39

Week 6 (Monday 24th February):

- **Theme:** Preparing for the Lenten Journey
- **Scriptures:** Joel 2:12-13; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18