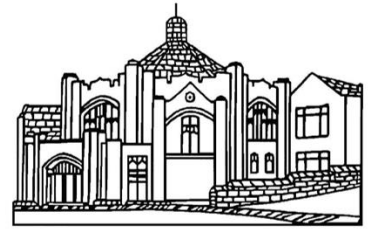




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 28th January 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. Ian Bell**
The steward on duty is Steve Wright

Sunday 4th February 10:30am *Rev. Romeo Pedro*
Sunday 11th February 10:30am *Rev. Michelle Deans (United Service & Holy Communion)*
Sunday 18th February 10:30am *Rev. Peter Edwards*

THIS WEEK

❖ 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 Gathering

Come along to hear about the work going on to discern the Church's future direction for youth work, mission to the community and about the next joint churches eco group event. We will be meeting on zoom this *Thursday 1st February* from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, so that whatever the weather, we can come together! The aim of our time together is to share progress/ ideas with the congregation and bring all these things before God to ask for His guidance, wisdom and strength. If you have any questions, please see Emma or Rev. Michelle.

<https://zoom.us/j/97183369448?pwd=U0ViNmFzMzdCeWc0UkZqem8xY0pCUT09>

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COMING SOON

❖ Lent Course

After discussion with various people across the three churches, Michelle has decided to put on a Lent Course which will be held on Monday evenings on Zoom. It takes place on Monday 19th and 26th February, and Monday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March, so please put the dates in your diary. The course is aimed at all three churches and for those who are unable to join via Zoom, hard copies of the study will be made available. It will be a great opportunity to learn, worship and grow together!

❖ **National Methodist Youth Brass Band Concert**

At 7:00pm on *Saturday 24th February*, Chapeltown Methodist are hosting a concert by the National Methodist Youth Brass Band as part of their building 30th anniversary. It is free to attend but with seats limited please book via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-methodist-youth-brass-band-concert-tickets-760292173357>.

Come along, it will be a great evening!

❖ **Local Churches Working Together**

Our next joint churches in Crookes event is on *Saturday 9th March* from 10am – 12pm here at Wesley Hall, and will be a kind of repair café. The likely focus will be mending clothes, but if you have any skills you'd be willing to share on fixing anything please let Jacque know. Get the date in your diary!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ **Messy Church**

Messy Church is *Saturday 24th February*, and we'll be exploring the story of Jesus calms the storm. If anyone is able to help in the kitchen, help with the AV, sit with a craft, help setup or pack down or generally chat to people on the day please let Jacque know.

❖ **Do You Have Any Spare Lego?**

We have a small collection of Lego at Church, but we're using it often enough that we could do with some more, so if anyone has any in an attic they don't need anymore we would appreciate any Lego donations. Thank you!

AND FINALLY

❖ **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.

❖ **Farewell to Jonathan Buckley**

Jonathan Buckley will be stepping down from his post as Youth and Children's Project Co-Ordinator at the end of January.

In recognition of the great energy and enthusiasm Jonathan has brought to this post The Circuit Leadership Team would like mark his leaving with a gift. However, at this own request, Jonathan has asked that any monetary gifts churches or individuals may wish to give be donated to the Snowdrop project, a charity here in Sheffield supporting victims of trafficking. Jonathan himself will be running 4 half marathons in 4 weeks in April, in part to celebrate his 40th birthday, but also to try and raise some money for the snowdrop project. For more information see www.snowdropproject.co.uk.

If you would like to contribute to a donation to be made on behalf of the Circuit to the Snowdrop Project, give it to Matt and he will pass it on.

❖ **Saltmine Theatre Company**

Saltmine Theatre Company are putting on their show 'The Rhyming Bible' at St. Bart's (Primrose Hill, S6 2UW) from 6:00 – 7:00pm on *Monday 26th February*.

It is a great show, sums up a lot of the Bible and focuses on the New Life Jesus brings at Easter. It is a lot of fun and interactive and enjoyable and thought provoking. Its set in an angel training academy so be prepared for fun and flying!

Prices are £5 for adults, £2.50 unwaged/ concession/ children, and £10 family and are available from Esther (07500 967 737) or Andy (07455 834 961) or via <https://sttimsandthevine.churchsuite.com/events/ohw1cyit>.

❖ **Volunteer Chaplains Needed**

South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service (SYCLS): Join us in our mission to support & serve communities across South Yorkshire. Are you able to volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis? We're recruiting:

- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Chaplains
- School Staff Chaplains
- *Hospice Chaplains (positions limited)

Full training is given and ordination is not necessary. Please contact roxy@sycls.co.uk or call 07903 899 751 for a Volunteer Application Form.

❖ **Superintendent's Thoughts for January**

Romeo has written his monthly reflection, which can be read online at <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/lib/F815898.pdf>.

❖ **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 one part 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) so if you could keep this group in your prayers especially that would be helpful
- ❖ 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).