



# Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with most churches, 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). If you're unable to join us at 2pm this afternoon, you might want to look at this in your own time.

#### ❖ 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.

#### ❖ Sheffield Methodist Circuit Streamed Services

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

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

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

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Christ Church, Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill](#)

[St Andrew's, Gosforth Valley](#)

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.

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ Zoom Service

This afternoon, we'll be worshipping together again for our next virtual service, which will also be our Gift Day. Emma and Matt will lead us in this week's Vine service, with various members of our congregation contributing, as per the attached service sheet (although some of the readings will be from different translations). We'll meet via Zoom and the link/details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81727916788?pwd=a2hEdVIYeVNHnkZzY3I2a1F0T2Mrdz09>

Meeting ID: **817 2791 6788**

Password: **313673**

The meeting will be open from 1:45pm if you want to login in a bit early to make sure you have mastered the technology!

There is also an option to connect by telephone for audio only. If you would like to do this, please follow these instructions:

1. Dial one of these numbers –
  - a. 0131 460 1196
  - b. 0203 051 2874
  - c. 0203 481 5237
  - d. 0203 481 5240
2. An automated voice will ask you to enter the Meeting ID followed by hash; enter **817 2791 6788, #**
3. It will ask you to enter your Participant ID (you don't have one) or just press hash, so press **#**
4. It will then ask you to enter the Meeting Password followed by hash; enter **313673, #**
5. You will be in the meeting!

### ❖ Gift Day 2020

As mentioned above, today is our Gift Day. We committed our Gift Days for 2018, 2019 and 2020 to supporting the employment of both a Families & Community Co-ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker. Those who have filled these roles over this period have done a great job working with the children and young people of both Wesley Ebenezer congregations and the local community. Even though Claire and Sean are currently furloughed, a large portion of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day, and we still need to need to raise at least £3,500 just to break even. Our original target for this year was £7,500 and all money raised will be spent on our children, families and youth provision. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order, but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off today or in the next week or so, or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Also, we now have a new online giving page at <https://www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy> so can now accept Gift Day donations via a bank/credit card. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt.

### ❖ Circuit Missional Event - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Are you curious about how we might be missional when we slowly exit lockdown in the time of Covid-19? If so, why not join a Zoom webinar on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am to explore this question? The webinar will be in the form of a conversation between Revd Leslie Newton (Chair of Yorkshire North and East District), Revd Gill Newton (Chair of Sheffield District) and Michael Harvey (Director and Chief Executive of the National Weekend of Invitation), hosted by Revd Carla Quenet (Learning Network, Yorkshire Plus Region).

We are dispersed into our neighbourhoods and unable to physically gather in our buildings, but at the same time engaged in prayer and service in our communities. In this webinar we will consider a simple way for Christians to be in mission to touch lives and grow as followers of Jesus in the process, as well as developing relationships for the time when we are able to gather again. To book your place and to obtain joining instructions, follow this [link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting. If you have any further questions or problems, please contact Katrin Hackett (District Administrator) on 0114 270 9990 or e-mail [admin@sheffieldmethodist.org](mailto:admin@sheffieldmethodist.org).

## PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus outbreak.
- ❖ For Sally, as she recovers at home and tentatively resumes work, while awaiting further hospital treatment.

**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...

### ❖ Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships is a faith-based international charity that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. Carole and Andrew Gray will be hosting two quiz nights in order to raise funds for the brilliant work Mercy Ships does. The quiz nights will be on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July, and will be done via Zoom (with video and telephone-only options available); there'll even be a (virtual) prize for each quiz! If you're interested in joining, please contact Andrew on [REDACTED] or at [andrewgray20@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewgray20@hotmail.com). If you would like to know more about Mercy Ships or to donate, their website is <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>

### ❖ Fellowship Group

One of our fellowship groups is currently meeting on Thursday evenings via Zoom. They've just started a new study about the book of Genesis. 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 them, please message Andrew Gray on [REDACTED].

❖ **From Tim Crome...**

Dear Friends,

The gospel reading this Sunday, Matthew 10:40-42, talks of how the followers of Jesus are welcomed as they go about their ministry. It assumes that they have gone out from their base. It assumes that there is a natural engagement between the disciples and those they meet.

At a time when we are beginning to think about how we might begin to think about re-entering our church buildings when we are permitted, it is as if we have to consider how we are welcomed back into our familiar places.

There will be much to plan and act upon before we can open our buildings. The necessary risk assessments, cleaning regimes and whatever social distancing guidance at the time will need to be observed. Whenever we are welcomed back into our buildings, things will be very different. Some of our congregations may not feel able to return, and no one will be forced to do so until it is right for their situation.

There will be a lot of work involved in planning a return, planning a welcome. Safe levels of hospitality will vary from place to place. One way systems may be needed to keep people suitably distanced, and how we worship and act could be very different. At the time of writing the 2 metre rule still applies. By the time you read this it may have changed!

The first disciples had no responsibility for buildings, and buildings did not dictate their way of operating. As we reflect on what our discipleship has been like without our buildings, what have we learned? Has there been a liberation and release? Should we consider radical alternatives to our buildings, how we use them and what they are for?

It appears in the reading that the disciples were engaged in doorstep ministry: low-level, personal, and local. During the lockdown, many of us have experienced something similar: discovering neighbours and their needs; building relationships and friendships; offering help and support. In other words, living out a welcome, rich in reward, transforming for the future, as we engage with those who will perhaps never come to church but who will have experienced something of God's welcome through us and hopefully us through them.

Peace,

Tim

Rev'd Tim Crome, Co Superintendent