



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**    **Preacher**    **Mr. Chris Sissons**  
**The Steward on duty is Emma Irons**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans (All Age Christmas Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>17<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Nativity Service</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Andrew Maxfield</i>

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ Michelle's December Newsletter

Attached to the Wesley Hall newsletter e-mail and available to pick up at the back of church, is Michelle's December Minster's newsletter. She aims to produce one of these each month so we can see what is going on across her three churches and support with our prayers everything that is going on.

### ❖ St. Tim's Christmas Tree Festival

St Tim's have been holding a Christmas Tree Festival this weekend. Join them for the final day today, 2pm to 4pm; Carol service and prize giving.

### ❖ Handel's Messiah

On Monday 4th December at 7.00pm at Victoria Hall (Norfolk Street, Sheffield. S1 2JB), Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra will be performing Handel's Messiah. Tickets are £18 (£15 concessions, £8 Student) and are available online from [WeGotTickets](#), or on the door.

### ❖ 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)

### ❖ **Christmas Praise in the City**

On *Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December* at 7pm, at Victoria Hall (Norfolk St, Sheffield, S1 2JB), Cliff College will be hosting a Christmas Praise for you to begin your Christmas celebrations in style. This is a free event with refreshments included. It promises an unforgettable evening of festive joy. Sing along with heart-warming carols, listen to the Salvation Army brass band, hear an uplifting message, and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. They would like you to book your free place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-praise-in-the-city-tickets-726694662297?aff=oddttdtcreator>, but we're sure you will be able to turn up on the night too.

## **COMING SOON**

### ❖ **Vivacity Choir: Christmas Concert**

On *Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December* Vivacity Choir are holding their Christmas Concert, here at Wesley Hall, in support of Sheffield Young Carers. They are having a matinee performance at 4pm, followed by an evening performance at 6:30pm. The cost is £5 for an adult ticket, £3 for children aged between 6-13, and a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) is £13. Tickets are available at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vivacitychoir>.

### ❖ **Mini Broomhill Community Fun Day**

Join us at the Broomhill Methodist Centre (formerly Broomhill Methodist Church) on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 10am for an opportunity to meet other families over a warm drink, with plenty of imaginative play and activities for all the family. At this event, we are eager to meet local community, understand your needs, and listen to your ideas. Your insights are invaluable to us as we shape this creative play space to serve you best. Imagine a place where imaginations run wild, friendships blossom, and knowledge is gained through joyful exploration. We want you to be an integral part of this journey. Join us for a day filled with fun, laughter, and the opportunity to envision the limitless possibilities of this new community venue. Let's come together to play, learn, and create memories. Together, we can make our community vibrant and supportive. We look forward to meeting you at the test launch event and starting this exciting adventure together.

### ❖ **TRIBE Nativity**

This year in our TRIBE nativity service we will be retelling the story of Jesus' birth, and the children and wider congregation will be invited to become Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, Angels and Star Watchers. We will be using material provided by the Bible Society and written by Bob Hartman.

We will be providing some resources for the children, but we would encourage everyone to choose a character from the list above and come with some form of prop or costume. For example, if you decide on Mary, perhaps you could bring a shawl or doll; if you're Joseph, you could bring a flat cap or pair of sandals etc. The script is designed for more than one of each character, so we can have as many Marys/Josephs as we want!!

We will then journey through the nativity story together.

### ❖ **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: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January; 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February; 30<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Booking is essential, via Eventbrite, and is free for Sheffield based Methodist members or staff. For questions, please contact Tim Jansen: [tim.jansen@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk](mailto:tim.jansen@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk).

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

- Christmas Messy Church is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We currently don't have any volunteers and need someone for the kitchen (and more people around would be ideal), so if you think you might be able to help, please let Jacque know. (We really need someone from 10:30am-12:30pm.)
- For the Christmas Messy Church we'll also need kitchen-roll inners, garden foliage clippings (ideally cut just before the day), and any old baubles you no longer have use for. Any donations of the above would be appreciated. We're also low on small (clean) jars with the labels removed, and the lids; if anyone has any which would otherwise be going in the recycling, we'd like them please!
- The Toddler Nativity is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December; it's one of Jacque's favourites and we'd love it if anyone wanted to join us. We are also in need of some (toy) sheep. If you have any at home you no longer want, see any in a charity shop (if you buy them and want to claim the money back, please keep the receipt), or if you're up for knitting or crocheting one or two, we need a flock for the Toddler Christmas Nativity!
- 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.)

## **AND FINALLY...**

### ❖ **Church Council & Casting the Net**

We recently had an open Church Council meeting to discuss the Circuit's Casting the Net on the Other Side document, which encourages us to think about and engage with what the future of the Circuit will look like. Everyone is also very welcome to send their own individual responses to be considered. The last page of the document has some questions that can be used to help, or thoughts can be written in any way or form you like. If you would like to send some feedback, just pass it to Matt or Michelle who will send it on to Romeo.

Printed Copies of Casting the Net on the Other Side are available at the back of church.

### ❖ **Sandwich Recommendations**

Wesley Hall is hosting a District Digital Day in January (more details to follow). As part of the planning process, we have been asked to suggest a local caterer that the District can book to provide a buffet sandwich lunch for those attending on the day. Do you have anyone that you can recommend? If so, please let Matt know.

### ❖ **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 you 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.

## **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).