



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 4th October 2020

THIS WEEK

❖ Sunday Home Worship Options

These are still included in the newsletter, but have moved to the last page.

❖ Prayer Gathering

The prayer gathering we had planned for, *Saturday 3rd October*, at 2pm will not now be taking place, as Sally does not think it is safe for us to meet.

❖ Messy Church

We are excited to say that Messy Church is returning next *Saturday 10th October* and our theme is 'David and Goliath'. We are exploring a new way of being together for these sessions since we are still unable to meet at church. Each family will get an activity bag (see photo) to go through at home and then join a Zoom meeting at 11am for our usual upfront slot with stories, songs and fellowship with one another. If you would like an activity bag, just pop into the office anytime between 9am and 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (these are Claire's usual working hours) or contact Claire to arrange something else on 07412 124 310.



❖ Zoom Service

Our next Zoom service will be on *Sunday 11th October* but **the time is changing to 10:30am and not 2:00pm**. The link and login details will still be that same, but please remember to join us at the earlier time!

❖ Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after our Zoom service on *Sunday 11th October*. As we are not meeting in person at church, it is more difficult to stay in touch with each other, so this meeting is an opportunity to share some of the things that have been happening recently and to review our Zoom services and prayer gatherings and their day/ time. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting which we'll aim to keep short!

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUTH

❖ Wesley Wiggles

The new Wiggles groups have now been running for two Thursdays and have been very successful. There are two groups each week, at 10:30am and 1pm. We have had some lovely feedback from the parents and they are looking forward to coming back. Each family has their own mat and basket of toys and the hall provides plenty of space to socially distance from one another, as you can see from the photos. Claire made a little pamper bag for each of the Mums, and Matt has been making much appreciated hot drinks and biscuits! On reflection, the time between groups is a bit tight since we have to wash down all the mats, and put the toys and mugs through the dishwasher. If anyone is available to help with the washing between sessions, it would be much appreciated.



❖ TRIBE

We have now set up a WhatsApp group for the families at Wesley Hall, if you would like to join please send Claire a message on 07412 124 310 (thank you to the people who have responded so far). We will keep everyone in the group informed of anything we arrange and share some activities too.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Drop Inn and WHY as we restart them, that the young people who take part feel members of this community and feel the love and support of the Lord.
- ❖ For Wesley Wigglers and Claire as she welcomes young families back to Wesley Hall to chat to and support them. Pray for safety for everyone and for volunteers to help with washing between sessions.
- ❖ For Messy Church, as we try a new format next Saturday, that people will engage and come to pick up the take home bags and for the Zoom technology that everything would work!

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...

❖ Mehrab & Moj – On the Move!

Mehrab & Moj will be leaving Sheffield on the 10th of October as Moj has a new job in Clacton. They would like to thank everyone for their support during their time at Wesley Hall. They will miss everyone and would love to keep in touch. Their new address will be [REDACTED].

❖ Thank You from Louise...

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all your prayers, telephone calls, cards and visits over the last 8 months. It is hard to imagine how I would have coped without so much support from so many friends. When I first became ill, your support for my parents, sister and brother-in-law was amazing to witness. Even though I could not communicate with you all, just knowing you were there, praying for me and offering practical help made me feel so loved. I believe my recovery is an answer to prayer; the hospital team repeatedly told me they couldn't understand how I was progressing so quickly and so well. When I left Critical Care the nursing team spoke of how the atmosphere in my room was different to the rest of the ward. How it felt a place of peace and how all my visitors were so caring of me and my parents. I always knew that my room was soaked in prayer but for others to feel it too was truly special.

Since I have come home, I have started the final phase of my recovery. I am having community physio and I am slowly starting to go for walks outside. I am beginning to pick up the pieces of "normal" life and filling my diary with meetings as well as numerous hospital appointments. Thank you again for all you have done during my hospital admission and recovery; I am sorry to have scared you all so much! I can't wait to see you all either in person or across Zoom.

❖ Methodist Women in Britain

Methodist Women in Britain has created a simple act of worship to raise awareness of how Covid-19 has affected some of our partner churches and how the Global Relationships Team is responding to new and increased needs. You can find the service [here](#).

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).

❖ 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](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Christ Church, Stocksbridge](#)

[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.