



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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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](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totle 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

❖ 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 the next two Mondays (6th & 13th 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 [REDACTED]. If you would like to know more about Mercy Ships or to donate, their website is <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>

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...

❖ Circuit Mental Health Consultant

I am happy to report that I, Tim Jansen, have started as the Mental Health Consultant for the Sheffield Circuit. Over the coming 6 months, together with a work-group from the circuit, we will be supporting and growing all things mental-health within the circuit.

The role will mainly look at supporting and signposting those that need support around mental health related situations, whether this is for yourself or for someone you support. Next to that I will be rolling out some online training towards the end of July and we will keep looking at what is needed most and try to meet those needs. In order to make a start, [here is a link](#) to a short video clip with some information and a flow chart to help you find the best way to address a situation around mental health. Keep your eyes on the newsletter as I will be posting updates as well as dates for the online training sessions. There is a phone number and e-mail address you can use to contact me, however I cannot always answer the phone due to other work commitments, so if I'm unavailable leave me a message and I'll come back to you as soon as I can. In case of emergencies, always call relevant emergency services 111/999.

Thanks, Tim. (Mentalhealth@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk; 07570 874490)

❖ **Gift Day 2020**

Our Gift Day was last week, with all money going to support the employment of both a Families & Community Co-ordinator and a Preteen & Youth Worker. If you have not yet given but would like to, it is not too late! 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 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 credit/debit card. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt.

❖ **From Tim Crome...**

Dear Friends,

The gospel for this Sunday (Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30) makes reference to one of the criticisms of Jesus that he was a glutton and a drunkard. How did the lectionary know that pubs will be re-opening this very weekend?

Both John the Baptist and Jesus confounded the expectations of their day. They did not fit; they challenged the status quo and the allegiance of everyone. What was normal, what was expected came under the piercing scrutiny of Kingdom values.

So those usually overlooked, marginalised or voiceless are deemed by John and Jesus to be the ones who 'get it'; who have half a foot in the doorway of the Kingdom. Those who are used to being burdened, and used to having no say or place, are those who find that being yoked with Jesus is liberating, refreshing and life enhancing.

In our churches we are beginning to wonder how, when and whether we might re-open our buildings again. This will not be a quick process. The work of risk assessment needs to be thorough so that people can be as safe as possible.

We all know what is normal and usual within the life of our church. We know what we like and what we don't like. As we begin to explore how we are the church post lock down, will we just try to replicate the past? Or might we be prompted to imagine things differently? Many have felt the burdens of responsibilities in the church for many years, might this be the opportunity to lighten the load, or take on something else? Have we found different ways of worship which have fed us? How might we be more participative in our future worship?

Both Jesus and John were shocks to the systems of their day; both brought radical liberation. We have been shocked too and now face opportunities to change and grow as we are led into a liberating future.

Peace,

Tim

Rev'd Tim Crome, Co Superintendent