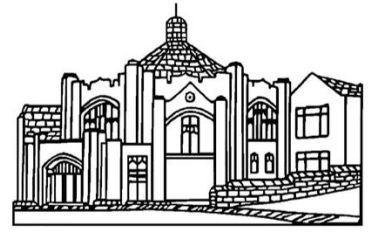




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 6th October 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. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 13th October 10:30am Local Arrangement

Sunday 20th October 10:30am Rev. Michelle Deans (Harvest Festival)

Sunday 27th October 10:45am United Service at Hillsborough (no service at Wesley Hall)

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)

❖ Wesley Hall Church Offering

This year (2024/25) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has increased by £1,050 to £32,550. Last year (2023/24) we broke even on the church side of the accounts, and to do so again this year we will need raise the additional £1,050 from our congregational offering. The Circuit support us by providing a Minister, admin support through the office, and grants towards our children, families and youth work, so it is important that we continue to pay our full contribution to the Assessment.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church, with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding Jacque and Jason to support their outreach work. In the current economic climate, we fully understand that this might not be possible for everyone. Any other fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

If you do not currently give regularly and would like to start, popular methods are standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

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COMING SOON

❖ Coffee Morning

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am on *Wednesday 16th October* in the Sanctuary. The coffee mornings will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month going forward, and will be an informal drop in.

❖ Wesley Hall Church Council

The Wesley Hall Church Council (our Trustee body) is meeting on *Thursday 17th October* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meeting, but only members can vote on any decisions made. We are always looking for new members, so please do feel free to come along and see what it is like!

❖ One World Choir Concert

The One World Choir is performing in a concert at Stephen Hill Methodist Church on *Friday 18th October* at 7:30 pm. There will be supporting acts including some comic verse and the concert is scheduled to finish at 9:00pm. Membership of the choir is open to all refugees and asylum seekers. The Choir aims for positive social change through the development of a welcoming and vibrant community choir, primarily for asylum seekers and refugees in Sheffield. There will be a collection, which will be split between the choir and charities supported by Stephen Hill.

❖ Harvest Festival with Bring and Share Lunch

Our Harvest Festival will take place during morning worship on *Sunday 20th October*, which will be led by Michelle. After worship, everyone is invited to a bring-and-share lunch in the Church Hall downstairs. All are invited, and if you are not able to bring anything you are very welcome to come and share in the meal. We will need help setting up, washing up, and clearing away, so it would be great if some people would be able to lend a hand on the day.

We will be supporting two charities this Harvest:

The Sunday Centre

Firstly, there is the opportunity to bring donations of goods which will be passed on to the Sunday Centre, which operates out of Victoria Hall Methodist Church. The Sunday Centre serves Sheffield's homeless and vulnerable. On Sundays, there is a particular need for a safe, warm refuge available to all because many of the other relief organisations working in Sheffield close on this day.

Michael Burston from the Sunday Centre project has sent us the following message:

"Thank you for thinking of us and thank you for inviting your congregation to bring donations for us to your harvest festival.

We are as busy, if not busier than ever. We now see up to 150 people, and very occasionally more, each Sunday. The number of guests we see is split about 60:40 between those that like to come inside for a sit-down meal, and those that prefer a takeaway. They are made up of Sheffield's homeless, rootless, marginalised, and anyone in need. Our user-group is diverse and includes not only local homeless and other people in need, but also refugees, asylum seekers, and new arrivals in the city.

Because of the increase in the number of people we serve on a Sunday, the number of takeaway bags we provide has now grown to 120, and the number of meals that the cooks prepare each week has gone up to anything between 120 and 130, depending on what the meal is. And, as you can imagine, the hot drink service is equally as busy.

The editor for October is Matt. Please e-mail items for the newsletter to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Matt on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.

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It's crazy to think that maybe just 6 years ago we would think that seeing 80 guests was a large number, and that a couple of years after that we were shocked when that number went up to 100. It is a sad indictment of the times we live in that the number has now crept up to 150 and, in honesty, I don't see that number slowing down."

Michael has asked particularly for donations of long shelf-life foodstuffs (e.g. biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate bars, pot noodles etc.) or toiletries (e.g. shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/paste), as they can either be held as emergency food support for the guests or added to supplement the items in the takeaway bags they hand out each Sunday.

All We Can

Any monetary donations will be passed on to All We Can, which is the Methodist Church's international relief and development organisation, working to see every person's potential fulfilled. All We Can has served some of the most marginalised communities on earth for the last eight decades, since a group of Methodists answered the call of refugees in Europe in the 1930s. Their story is about the inherent value and potential in all people. Whether children fleeing tyranny, communities facing extreme poverty, or families hit by disaster, they answer through partnering with local innovators, projects and churches to unleash inherent potential.

❖ **Circuit Welcome Service**

There will be a Circuit Welcome Service for Rev. Sean Adair, Rev. Phill Borkett, and Maurice Stafford (all of whom are taking pastoral charge of churches for this year) at 3:00pm on *Sunday 20th October* at Trinity Killamarsh Methodist Church. All are welcome, and the service will also be streamed on Teams (details to follow).

❖ **Christian Aid Ceilidh**

Come along and enjoy a Ceilidh in support of Christian Aid, dancing to the Well Dressed Band! The Ceilidh will be here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 26th October* from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Adults £10, children £8, including a baked potato with chilli and soft drinks (all proceeds to Christian Aid). Book tickets [here](#) or pay on the door.

❖ **Remembrance Sunday**

This year for Remembrance Sunday we are going to start to make a poppy display for the front of church. We are hoping each person could make a poppy to add to the display in either material, knitted or crocheted. If you don't feel you have the skills to do this, don't worry - in the run up to the event, Betty and Louise are going to have a craft table with all the things you need to make one. The plan is to make them the approximate size of a standard poppy you would wear. If you would like to know more, please speak to Betty or Louise.

❖ **Save the Date**

Our Christmas Fair will be on *Saturday 30th November*, so please save the date!

GOOD NEWS!

❖ **Joint Youth Worker – Introducing Jason Colley**

Our new youth worker Jason has started! Jason can be reached on 07865 778 319 or at youth@wesleyhall.org.uk. He will be at Wesley Hall on Tuesdays, so do pop in and say hello. Here is a little introduction he has written about himself...

Hi! My name is Jason, and I am the new youth worker serving your church.

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I have lived in Sheffield my entire life, and started attending St Leonard's Church, Norwood at age 8. I very much enjoyed Sunday School, but once I graduated to my teenage years, the choir really was not the best fit for my (sadly lacking) musical talents, causing me to leave the Church.

Once I had my own children, I brought them back to the church, but the missional strategy of being a good Christian in the world led me to engage in multiple projects outside the church and ultimately left me with no time for church. These projects included a local litter picking group, Parson Cross Cubs and Scouts at Mount Tabor Methodist Church. I also helped with Falcon Camps run by Jonathan Buckley. More recently I have been running Scouts in Chapeltown.

Lockdown stopped my good works, and I was driven by numerous events to pick up a document that I had previously paid little heed to; it's called the Bible.

The reading led me to read the chronicles of Moses, King David, Jesus and St Paul, some of which I had never heard in the Sunday Eucharist, and this inspired me to look for a church that explores the Bible in a little more detail. This led me to St John's in Chapeltown, where I have been worshipping for just over a year.

Living in Shirecliffe, and from experiences with my own family, I can see with my own eyes what a rejection of Jesus does to people, and I am eager to help build the Kingdom of Heaven in any area where God places me.

❖ **Cost of Living Grant**

We have been awarded a £5,000 grant from South Yorkshire's Community Foundation! This is to help with our higher running costs associated with the recent cost of living increases. This is really good news and will make a big difference to our financial position at year-end, with the accounts now likely to be close to breaking even.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ **Stay & Play**

A massive thank you to everyone who came to or volunteered at Stay & Play! Extra hands-on deck made such a difference; Jacque really appreciates it

❖ **Messy Church**

Date for the diary: our next Messy Church is on *Saturday 26th October* from 10am to 12pm.

❖ **TRIBE (Sunday School) Rota – Help Needed!**

The TRIBE rota will be at the back of church. If you are able to sign up to go downstairs as the second adult for a week or two, please do.

We also really need more leaders! If you are interested in running a TRIBE session, we really need one or two more leaders. For more information, please see/ phone/ email Jacque or Matt; phone numbers are on the newsletter; Jacque's email address is families@wesleyhall.org.uk.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Circuit Meeting News**

One change identified during Casting the Net was to improve communications across the Circuit. As part of this, a summary of the recent Circuit meeting has been produced. It has been emailed out with this newsletter, and printed copies are attached.

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❖ **Welcome Desk: Tuesday mornings 9:15am to 11:15am**

For a number of weeks before the Summer Holidays, Emma was sat on a welcome desk in the church foyer on Tuesday mornings as a church presence, offering a welcome to people who came into the building for their Slimming World session or Zumba class. This provided an opportunity to develop relationships, and Emma found people to be very friendly and open.

Ideally, Emma would like to find someone who is willing to share this role, so that it could become a fortnightly commitment for both parties. It's not as intense as it sounds! Emma takes a book/craft or other task to be getting on with during down-times.

If you're interested, please have a word with Emma or Michelle.

❖ **Dry Rot Found**

We have found some dry rot in an old cupboard in the corner of the Upper Room. This is not good news and so far we have had a quotation of just under £20,000 to treat, remove and repair the affected area. Please pray that we will be able to find the money to get this work done quickly before the rot spreads further.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, for grant support from nPower Business Solutions and that everything would progress smoothly to ensure that we meet grant conditions of our funders.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes. With thanks for the New Beginnings Grant from the Sheffield Methodist District towards the cost of hosting a Christmas lunch for some of our elderly neighbours living on Brick Street that we may build and maintain strong relationships with them.
- ❖ Please pray that we would quickly find the money to treat the dry rot before it spreads further