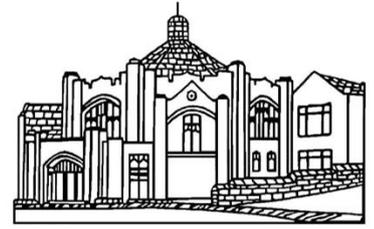




# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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 Phill Borkett**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

*Sunday 15th May 10:30am*      *Louise Etherington*

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30am*      *Rev Phill Borkett (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am*      *Local Arrangements*

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please consider taking a lateral flow test in the morning before coming to worship.
- Although the regulations have now changed, you might still feel it appropriate to wear a face covering, particularly when not in your seat.
- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

### ❖ **Offering Plate**

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship; it will be by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **Circuit Prayer Initiative**

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join in a weekly prayer gathering every Wednesday. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

### ❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events, and their next meeting is on *Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

### ❖ **God in Love Unites Us (Rescheduled)**

Following the decisions by the Methodist Church conference to permit same sex couples to marry in a Methodist Church, there will be a facilitated pastoral conversation on *Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May* at 7:30pm to discuss whether Wesley Hall fellowship wishes to register the building for same sex

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marriage. This conversation will be led by Rev Gail Hunt and all can attend. The discussions will inform Church Council, who have the ultimate responsibility as trustees to make this decision.

## COMING SOON

### ❖ Sundays 8th and 22nd May

During worship on these Sundays, Rev Phill Borkett will be introducing us to the 'Walking with Micah' project which is helping the Methodist Church in Britain focus on its priorities for social justice. The hope is that Methodist groups will reflect together and share their responses to:

- listen to people with experience of injustice
- explore where God is, and
- reflect on what a just, equal and life-giving world looks like.

The Methodist Church hopes that those participating in the project will contribute to formulating priorities by considering three questions and sending in responses:

- Imagine a fair, more equal and life-bringing society and world... what does that look like?
- To get there, what is the most important issue that needs addressing?
- And what is one key action that needs to be taken to address it?

You are invited to reflect on these issues in advance. There will be handouts available for you to give your thoughts to the questions, which can be brought to either service and will help form a church-wide response to the issues.

You can read more about the project on the Methodist Website:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/social-justice/walking-with-micah/walking-with-micah-justice-conversations/tools-to-support-justice-conversations/>

### ❖ AGM

We will be holding our AGM after our worship on *Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May*. It will be an opportunity to hear from all our lay workers and to discuss the progress following our congregational meeting in October. The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please put the date in your diary.

### ❖ Gift Day 2022

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker. Those who fill these roles are doing a great job, working with children and young people of both our church and the local community.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year was £7,500, with £1,500 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, we have not yet managed to secure all the grant funding we had hoped for, so if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, although we do completely understand that there are many other pressures on people's everyday finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year is on *Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May*, which is the same day as our AGM. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online ([www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy](http://www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy)), but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off on or around the Gift Day, or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt Irons.

### ❖ Ceilidh – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

There will be a Ceilidh at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May* 6.30pm, led by 'The Well Dressed Band'. Tickets will be £10 for adults and £8 for children, which includes food (jacket potatoes with fillings); please see Rosemary or Andrea for tickets. The funds raised will go to Christian Aid as part of Christian Aid week and will go to support people in Zimbabwe - a country where the impact of the climate crisis is being keenly felt and where drought is leading to widespread hunger.

In past years, we have raised money in Christian Aid week by door-to-door collecting, but for some time, this has been becoming much less popular, so we are keen to try alternative ways to fundraise. Many thanks to those who have collected over the years - it is much appreciated. On the evening of the ceilidh, we would also like to have a cake sale to raise additional funds and would appreciate offers to bake cakes and run a stall. Again, please see Andrea or Rosemary.

### ❖ Joint Church Council Meeting

We are holding a joint meeting of Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore Church Councils at Totley Rise Methodist Church on *Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June* at 7-9pm (with refreshments from 6:30pm). We will look at lift sharing to Totley closer to the time.

At the beginning of the year, we were asked by Rev Gill Newton to consider how churches might begin to work in closer partnership and what this may mean for the future mission of each of our congregations. Her letter ended, "I encourage you to pray about these matters so that together we can be discerning about the ways in which God is calling us to be church and to be his people. It will undoubtedly involve change and it will certainly take courage, but I trust that we can have a shared sense of anticipation about all that God might do amongst us as we allow ourselves to be reshaped and become more effective in our shared mission."

This meeting of the joint councils will be an opportunity for members to get to know one another ahead of Rev Mike Jones arriving in September, and to share thoughts together.

The main part of the evening will be a conversation facilitated by Neil Harland (our District Mission Enabler). However, our District Safeguarding Officer, Alison Hill, has asked to have a word at all church councils about the responsibilities of safeguarding, so it seems an ideal opportunity for her to do that, with all three church councils being together at one meeting. I look forward to seeing you there, Gail.

### ❖ Heritage Open Day

We had planned to run a Heritage Open Day at Wesley Hall in September 2020 which did not go ahead due to COVID. But we are trying again on *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September!* Local historian Ann Marples ('the Bustle Lady') has prepared a history talk but we need someone to coordinate the rest of the morning. This is likely to entail a display using materials from the archives and refreshments after the talk. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered on the current Tribe rota. Neil has sent out an email to check availability this week, but there is a hard copy at the back to fill in if you would prefer.
- If you have any plastic drinks bottles (ideally 2 litre or 500 millilitre drinks bottles but other sizes are welcome) could you save them for use at a Messy Church on the *11<sup>th</sup> June*. Either pass them to Neil or leave outside at the office.  
Many thanks and God bless, Neil Thompson

## AND FINALLY

### ❖ Thank You from Jim and Dorothy

A very big thank you to everyone for all the kindness you have shown to Jim while he has been so ill recently, it has been very much appreciated. Thank you from Dorothy and Jim.

**Also, I am sure we would all like to wish Jim a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday which he celebrates today, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We wish him well and pray that he has a wonderful day.**

### ❖ Welcome Rota

We are still in need of volunteers either on a regular or occasional basis. If anyone could cover *15th May, 29th May or 3rd July* please speak to Alison. Your help would be much appreciated.

### ❖ New Pre-teen & Youth Worker

Hi. My name is Keith Chikaviro and I am the new Pre-teen and Youth Worker at Wesley Hall.

I have just come on board the team as a youth worker to follow on from some of my previous experience being a Youth Cell Leader for Phoenix which was run by the Chapeltown Methodist Church. I have worked as a football coach with kids aged 5-14, which is another bit of experience I hope to take into this role.

Along with the great leaders at Wesley Hall, I believe I can be a great part of the team and hopefully bring some new energy into the role and with you all!

You'll find me working on Tuesdays at Drop Inn & WHY sessions, so come along and have a chat, whenever works for you. Within the coming weeks, I'm hoping to start up some new sessions made just for the youth, so if you have any ideas, please just let me know!

Please feel free to get in touch with me for a chat or anything else. My phone number is 07401 980 794, my email address is [youth@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:youth@wesleyhall.org.uk), or if you see me at any church function or event, please do come to chat to me; I really want to get to know all of you at Wesley Hall!

### ❖ Fairtrade Church

This is just a reminder that Wesley Hall is a Fairtrade church. If you are buying tea, coffee, sugar etc. for use at church events, please make sure they are Fairtrade and have the Fairtrade logo on them. If you don't already, you may wish to consider buying Fairtrade for your home too!

### ❖ Ukraine Emergency Appeal

We have all been moved by the unfolding events in Ukraine over the last few weeks. Should you wish to make a financial donation to ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it, All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are receiving donations via their Ukraine Emergency Appeal. You can donate via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked 'Ukraine Emergency Appeal', and we will send this on or online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/>.

### ❖ Photo Board

It is time to update our photo board! If you are not on there and would like to be or want to update your photo (especially the children who have done a lot of growing since their photos) then please see Jo who will take a new photo for you.

### ❖ Church Council Membership

We would like to welcome new members to our Church Council! The Church Council meets four times a year at Wesley Hall, with an option to join via Zoom. As our Trustee body it has the final say on all decisions to do with the life of the church, building and finances. No experience or prior knowledge is required so it would be great to see you there. If you are interested or want to know more, please see Matt.

## PRAYER POINTS

### ❖ *A new prayer for Ukraine, published by the Sheffield District:*

God of all peoples and nations,  
Who created all things alive and breathing,  
United and whole,  
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.  
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,  
Every child and every adult.  
We long for the time  
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares  
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.  
We cry out to you for peace;  
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety  
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones  
Be with those who are bereaved.  
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression  
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.  
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,  
And a passion for justice to prevail  
and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.  
Creator of all, hear our prayer  
And bring us peace. Make us whole.  
Amen.

- ❖ Please pray for Judith Jessop and her family, following the recent passing of her father.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore, as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be our new minister from next September.
- ❖ Please pray for Keith, our new Pre-teen & Youth Worker, as he gets to know our young people and those he'll meet throughout the week.

**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).**