Wesley Hall
Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 8th November 2026

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. If you would prefer to read from a book, please visit the bookcase at the back of church. There you will find hymn books, bibles and large print books.

Our minister is Rev Andrew Atkins, who also serves as minister to Hillsborough Trinity, Wisewood and Victoria Hall Methodist Churches. Our worship is led on a rota basis by Andrew, and local preachers from across other Methodist churches in Sheffield.

As a Methodist Church we are called to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking church. For more information, please see www.methodist.org.uk.

Today's service 10:45am United Service at Hillsborough Trinity - Rev. Andrew Atkins

Sunday 15th November 10:30am	*Rev. Ian Bell (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 22nd November 10:30am	*Brian Jones*
Sunday 29th November 10:30am	*Chris Sissons*

THIS WEEK

❖ 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 9th November. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ 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)

❖ Drop Inn

Jason has finished working here now but we are still looking to continue running Drop Inn and our Sunday evening our youth group. Matt is putting together rotas to make sure we have enough volunteers, but we are a bit short for some of the upcoming Drop Inn sessions. Drop Inn run from 2:30pm to 4:30pm and we serve hot chocolate and biscuits to about 80 young people. If you are able to come and help, especially on *Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th November*, and *15th December* please let Matt know.

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❖ **Circuit Weekly Devotions 2026**

Over the next few weeks up to the start of Advent, members of the circuit staff are producing a weekly 10 minute prayer resource to watch on you tube. This will go out on a Wednesday morning and you can use it at any time of the week. Each week you will be introduced to a member of the Circuit Staff Team, who will lead us in prayer.
The link for the you tube page is https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/circuit-weekly-devotions-2026.html
Please make use of the resource and pass it on to others.

❖ **An Evening of Praise – Jo Boyce & Friends…**

Saturday 14th November 2026, 7pm; St Vincents RC Church, Sheffield S10 1GY.

Tickets £8 (under 16s free): book online at ticketsource.com/st-vincents-church or call 0333 666 3366.

❖ **Tearfund Big Quiz Night at Wisewood Methodist Ben Lane, S6 4SB**

Our friends at Wisewood are inviting us to put our general knowledge to the test on Saturday *14th November* from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To raise funds for Tearfund, you are invited to make a donation and come along either with a team or join in with others on the night. Refreshments will be available.

❖ **Hallam Choral Society Concert: Saturday 14th November at 7:30pm**

All are welcome to enjoy Hallam Choral Society's autumn concert at Wesley Hall in the Sanctuary. The programme features Vivaldi's magnificent *Gloria* – one of the most joyful and beloved works in the choral repertoire – alongside *A Season to Sing*, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange's acclaimed modern reimagining of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.
From the exuberant choruses of the *Gloria* to the evocative colours of *A Season to Sing*, this concert promises an evening of warmth, beauty and musical celebration. Whether you are a long-time lover of choral music or discovering it for the first time, join them for a memorable journey through the seasons and one of the Baroque era's greatest masterpieces.
Tickets are £15 with under 21's free. You can either book online at https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/122141 or tickets will be available on the door.

COMING SOON

❖ **Coffee Morning**

Our coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:00am to 11:30am, so the next one is *Wednesday 18th November*.

The group is a lovely social time with people from Wesley Hall and the Crookes community. Some people bring their crafts to work on, and others come for a chat. Please share with anyone you know who may benefit from coming; everyone is welcome.

❖ **Bible Study**

Wesley Hall Bible study will be on *Wednesday 18th November* in the Antioch Room here at Wesley Hall. We are using studies from the book Come for Refuge: The Book of Ruth and Hope for Migrants, written by Pete Wilcox, the Bishop of Sheffield.

The group is informal and aims to finish by 9:00pm. Everyone is welcome.
For more information, please speak to Emma, Jacque, Lesley, Louise, Rosemary or Alan.

The editor for November is Steve Wright. Please e-mail items for the newsletter to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Steve on [redacted] by Wednesday evening.

❖ Christmas Fair – Can You Please Help?

Our Christmas Fair is on *Saturday 28th November* and will feature the usual mix of stalls, with a café serving cakes, drinks and lunches plus performances from the Lydgate Infants, Wisewood Community Choir, and Steel City Voices. Pop the date in your diary and come along on the day to make a start on your Christmas shopping!

- We need plenty of cakes baking to sell on the day as well as volunteers to help to serve, wash up and help clear the tables in the café. Also, having some people around to greet those who are arriving, answer any questions, or sit with those who may be alone in the café would be fantastic. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or let Matt know.
- Louise is gathering items to make a hamper to raffle off at the fair. There is a list at the back of church to sign up for an item.
- Lesley is running a church stall at the fair so tombola prizes and small items of bric a brac would be gratefully received.

❖ Wesley Hall Quiz Night

Bernie and Chris (Quiz Masters at the Peacock, Stannington) will be leading the quiz from 7.30pm to 9:30pm (arrive from 7.00pm) on *Saturday 28th November 2026*. The cost will be £5 per person including a chip butty supper. Come as an individual and you can join a team or bring your own team. Everyone welcome. The money raised will go to the ongoing running costs at Wesley Hall.Please speak to Lesley for more information.

❖ Local Area Committee Christmas Celebration

The South West Local Area Committee (LAC) Christmas Celebration will be taking place at Tapton Hall on *Monday 7th December*, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm (doors open at 11am). Guests will enjoy a delicious two-course meal, followed by entertainment from the fantastic singer Oliver Harris. We will also be joined by a local primary school choir, who will be performing a selection of Christmas carols. We are also hopeful that the current Lord and Lady Mayoress will be able to attend, although this is yet to be confirmed. As valued partners and supporters, I wanted to offer you the first opportunity to reserve places. The cost this year is £10 per person and if you would like to attend, please get in touch with Michelle Dwaine on:

Michelle.Dwaine@Sheffield.gov.uk or 0797 977 0039 by 15th November.

❖ Methodist Women in Britain

We have some confirmed dates from MWiB for their upcoming events. The first is *Friday 11th December* for their Christmas Carols and Lunch at Bents Green church, starting at 11am. For the lunch, tickets are £12.

Their 'Swanwick Retreat' will be *9th-11th April 2027*, with the theme 'Arise and Shine-Wellness'. Tickets cost £210, with a deposit of £100 securing a place; booking opens on 6th November.

For details of other future events in the new year, please see Louise Etherington.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- A massive thank you to everyone who prays for, volunteers at, comes to Messy Church! Our Christmas Messy Church is on *Saturday 12th December*.

- Getting in the Christmas spirit - our scratch nativity is always a highlight (in my opinion). This year it's on *Sunday 20th December*. Put it in your diary, bring your kids, dibs the grandkids, invite the neighbours, share it with the school friends, keep it in your prayer, etc.

AND FINALLY…

❖ **Kairos II**

In previous years, a memorial about Palestine has been brought to Conference. At the 2026 Conference, the item was called Kairos II (A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide). Two copies of an accompanying book have been purchased for each church. If you would like to read one of the Wesley Hall copies, please see Matt.

❖ **PDG Members (& Chair) Wanted!**

The Circuit is seeking new members to join the PDG (Property Development Group), as well as a new chair. If you have an interest in property or have ideas of how we could innovatively use property for mission, then please consider joining this group. Church members make up our Circuit, so the invitation is open to all. If you have any questions, just ask Matt who can let you have a job description for either role.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Pray for our application to the Strength and Growth fund, and that our request for support to boost our reserves would be successful.
- ❖ Pray for Jason as he moves to his new job, and for the leadership team as we consider how best to continue youth work at Wesley Hall.
- ❖ Pray for our application to the Heritage Fund. Pray that things would progress quickly and those administering the fund would look favourably on our project.
- ❖ Pray for an increase in bookings to bring our room hire income up to match our expenditure.
- ❖ Pray for protection on the building and all the equipment in it, so that we won't have any unexpected repairs bills.
- ❖ We had a youth bonfire on Saturday night, WHY (Wesley Hall Youth) & Friends. Prayers for the youth & families who came as well as prayers for WHY moving forward would be appreciated.

- ❖ Pray for those we know who are suffering, for those who are sick, those who are anxious and those who are grieving.