



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with many churches across the country, 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. They are currently looking at a series on the beatitudes and Rev Martyn Atkins (a previous principal of Cliff College) is preaching this week.

❖ 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](#)

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

❖ Ken Ruffle

It is Ken's funeral in Cwmbran on Monday 18th May at 4pm. Please pray for his family, especially those who are unable to attend in person. There will be a webcast for the service, so if anyone would like to watch, please ask Lesley Ingamells for the details. As Ken was such an integral part of Wesley Hall, and the whole family have connections here, they would like to join us for a celebration of his life, when it is safe and appropriate to do so, hopefully in the autumn.

❖ Mission Development

In his role as Sheffield District Mission Development Support Worker, Neil Harland has asked us to publicise a series of conversations he is hosting about various aspects of church life. From Neil: "What really matters? We've probably all been asking such questions recently. How does my church or circuit respond to the good news of God's love in Christ today, next month, next year? What does it mean to live and breathe a life of worship and mission? In an uncertain and changing world, your District is here to equip and support you learning, changing and joining-in. Back in the olden days before lockdown (January and February) a group of people with varied experiences from across our circuits met to discuss where our new priorities should lie in this. Six themes emerged, which feel more relevant than ever now. We need now to test and refine this emerging vision, and to do this need to hear as wide a range of perspectives and experiences as possible. If one of these subjects is what gets you out of bed in the morning, or someone has told you that your gifts lie in this area, we would be really grateful if you could join the conversation. The days and times given are suggestions. If you want to be part of a conversation but the logistics don't work for you, please let me know and I will find a way to include you. Meetings will be held via Zoom and are open to anyone who feels they have something to contribute."

Neil is keen to draw our attention to the session about '**Growing Disciples**' on Wednesday 20th May at 10am, which will include the following:

- Fostering small group and personal discipleship (vocation and mission flows from personal relationship with Christ)
- Nurturing leaders (realising visions not filling roles)
- Local learning (equipping disciples to meet contextual needs)

The sessions for the other emerging themes are:

- **Sharing Stories** - Mon 18th May, 2pm
- **Passionate Contextual Worship** - Thurs 21st May, 2pm
- **Transforming Mission** - Tues 26th May, 4pm
- **Properties Fit for Mission** - Wed 27th May, 10am
- **Simplifying Procedures** - Thurs 28th May, 10am

If you would like to join any of these discussions, or would like to know more, please contact Neil at mission@sheffieldmethodist.org or on 07483 308008.

❖ Christian Aid

Not surprisingly, Christian Aid has had to cancel the house-to-house street collections that usually take place in May as part of Christian Aid week. Christian Aid is a charity that seeks to help individuals and families around the world overcome poverty and injustice. Christian Aid Week forms a big part of their fund-raising each year and so will be a big loss, which will impact the financial assistance they can give to overseas projects helping the poor. The focus for this year's fundraising is to help with the impact of coronavirus. For more information on the work of Christian Aid, please visit www.christianaid.org.uk.

As part of our support for Christian Aid week, we normally have a collection as part of Sunday morning worship. However, because that won't be possible for some time, we have created a fundraiser on Wesley Hall's Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, and feel able to donate, please do so via this page: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2483618898616971/> (100% of all donations will go directly to Christian Aid). Alternatively, put a cheque in an envelope marked 'for Christian Aid' but made payable to Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church (we'll forward the donation on) and pop it in the church letter box or drop it in to Andrea Killingsworth at 38 Aldred Road. Or if you'd rather give cash, please drop at Andrea's. If you're unable to take any of those options, please call Christian Aid on 020 7523 2269 to make a card payment.

Alternatively (or additionally!), you could sponsor Liz...

❖ Sponsored Marathon Bike Ride

Liz Harding and Andy have made the somewhat last minute decision to cycle a marathon on Saturday to raise money for Christian Aid. Liz doesn't really have any idea how hard it will be but she hopes to be able to help the world's poorest communities to combat coronavirus. If you would like to learn more and can contribute some pennies, Liz and Andy, and Christian Aid, would very much appreciate it. By the time you read this, they might have completed the challenge, or be part way through, so perhaps you could pray recovery for achy muscles! If you would like to sponsor Liz and Andy, please see their [Just Giving page](#).

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus outbreak.

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...

❖ YourNeighbour.org

A new initiative, YourNeighbour.org, aims to support the work that churches are doing to be good neighbours in communities across the UK during the coronavirus crisis. They will support vulnerable people, working as a coordinated national response, partnering with the UK government and other agencies. For more information, see their website: YourNeighbour.org. Or if you need help, please call **0300 323 9952**.

❖ Spring Harvest

Spring Harvest, which normally takes place at Butlins (Skegness and Minehead) at Easter, was, unsurprisingly, cancelled. However, a lot of the intended content was broadcast on YouTube. A number of us have been really blessed with what we've watched so far and would encourage others to have a look. The theme is 'Unleashed', based on the book of Acts. Try the link to their YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest> or have a look at the Spring Harvest website: <https://springharvest.org/spring-harvest-home/>. Most content will now be available until the end of May and is completely free!

❖ Weekly Offertory *(updated)*

Thank you to everyone who usually gives using envelopes that has managed to find an alternative way of giving! What we are still missing, though, is the loose cash that was put in the offering plate as it went round during our Sunday worship. The total given in this way was up to £50 per week, but since the church building is closed and we are not meeting for worship, this has now reduced to zero.

If you are able to make a one off gift, in lieu of any missed offering plate donations, here are two options below:

- Post a cheque with your offering to Wesley Hall, either using the postal system or by dropping it into the post box next to the main entrance if you are out for a walk and passing.
- Make a bank transfer to Wesley Hall (just ask Matt for the bank details).

Thank you very much to everyone who gives to Wesley Hall; we wouldn't be here without you!

❖ Fellowship Group

One of our Fellowship Groups is currently meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. At the moment, Andrea is leading a study about justice. The sessions consist of reading the set bible passage, trying to understand that passage further and exploring what it means for us today through a series of question-led discussions, and then ending in a time of prayer. If you would like to join us, please message Andrew Gray on [REDACTED].

❖ From Emma: Music to Cheer Everyone Up!

I wanted to share with you some worship songs that are doing the rounds, which you might enjoy or find encouraging to listen to.

The first one is 'The Blessing' which can be found at <https://youtu.be/PUtil3mNj5U>. Over 65 churches and movements, representing hundreds of others, have come together online to sing a song of blessing over our land.

Secondly, I've become a member of the National Methodist Virtual Choir. They've put out some great arrangements of 'In Christ Alone' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKJfs8C14yc>) and their latest song was '10,000 Reasons' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2M58JuV-FU>). (If you watch carefully you might be able to spot me and the girls!) For anyone who's interested in being part of the choir, you can find out more information on their website: <https://nmcgb.org/>. It's really easy to sign up and then you'll be e-mailed when the parts of a new song are released. The next song is going to be 'Everlasting Arms' by Lou Fellingham. The rehearsal parts are all online and if you want to be brave and record yourself, there's details about how you do that and get your video uploaded.