



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 18th February 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. Peter Edwards**
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 25th February</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans</i>
<i>Sunday 3rd March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Rodney Hill</i>
<i>Sunday 10th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)</i>

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)

❖ Life on the Breadline

We are delighted to be bringing the Life on the Breadline Photographic Exhibition to Sheffield this Lent. From cutting edge research and grassroots voices, our aim is to start conversations: to hear and amplify voices of people with lived experience of poverty, to create space for people to tell their own stories, and to reflect on how we should personally and collectively respond to what we are hearing. The exhibition will be in Highfield Trinity from *10th to 22nd February*, and more details can be found on the District website at <https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/.../life-on-breadline-exhibition.html>.

There is also a linked six week Life on the Breadline course which Michelle will be using as the basis for our upcoming Lent Course.

❖ Joint Lent Course

Michelle is running a joint Lent Course for all of her three churches based on, 'Life on the Breadline' which will run for six weeks beginning this *Monday 19th February* from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The course is aimed at all three churches and for those who are unable to join via Zoom, there is also a telephone connection. Or if you can access Zoom and you know someone who cannot, why not invite them round to join in with you? It will be a great opportunity to learn, worship and grow together!

The Zoom meeting details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/92297523343?pwd=c2pUdUxUakFEVm9ua0ZieDhrNmh3UT09>

Meeting ID: 922 9752 3343 Passcode: 165392 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

❖ **National Methodist Youth Brass Band Concert**

At 7:00pm on *Saturday 24th February*, Chapelton Methodist are hosting a concert by the National Methodist Youth Brass Band as part of their building 30th anniversary. It is free to attend but with seats limited please book via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-methodist-youth-brass-band-concert-tickets-760292173357>.

Come along, it will be a great evening.

❖ **Unbounded love: Daily Reflection emails during Lent**

Throughout Lent, the Methodist Church are sharing daily email reflections that explore the theme of Unbounded Love. Charles Wesley's famous hymn *Love Divine, all loves excelling* talks about Jesus as "unbounded love" – a kind of love that cannot be contained, that works in our lives and in our world to free and heal us. Daily emails contain a mixture of bible studies, creative activities and challenges to take action. To sign up to receive these, please follow the link and enter your name and email address. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/#:~:text=God's%20love%20doesn't%20stay,free%20us%20and%20heal%20us>.

❖ **The Superintendent's Thoughts for Lent**

Romeo has prepared his "Superintendent's thoughts" for Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. A copy is attached to the email with the newsletter, and copies will be available on Sunday.

COMING SOON

❖ **Local Churches Working Together**

Our next joint churches in Crookes event is on *Saturday 9th March* from 10am – 12pm here at Wesley Hall, and will be a kind of repair café. The likely focus will be mending clothes, but if you have any skills you'd be willing to share on fixing anything please let Jacque know. Get the date in your diary!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ **Messy Church**

Messy Church is *Saturday 24th February*, and we'll be exploring the story of Jesus calms the storm. If anyone is able to help in the kitchen, help with the AV, sit with a craft, help setup or pack down or generally chat to people on the day please let Jacque know.

❖ **Do You Have Any Spare Lego?**

We have a small collection of Lego at Church, but we're using it often enough that we could do with some more, so if anyone has any in an attic they don't need anymore we would appreciate any Lego donations. Thank you!

AND FINALLY

❖ **Flower Rota**

The Flower Rota for 2024 is on the notice board at the back of Church. Please add your name if you are able to contribute towards the flowers for a particular week. Someone will then be in touch just before the date to ask if you have particular colours or flowers you would like.

❖ **Saltmine Theatre Company**

Saltmine Theatre Company are putting on their show 'The Rhyming Bible' at St. Bart's (Primrose Hill, S6 2UW) from 6:00 – 7:00pm on *Monday 26th February*.

It is a great show, sums up a lot of the Bible and focuses on the New Life Jesus brings at Easter. It is a lot of **fun** and interactive and enjoyable and thought provoking. Its set in an angel training academy so be prepared for fun and flying!

Prices are £5 for adults, £2.50 unwaged/ concession/ children, and £10 family and are available from Esther (07500967737) or Andy (07455834961) or via <https://sttimsandthevine.churchsuite.com/events/ohw1cyit>.

❖ **Sheffield Street Pastors**

Are you interested in making a difference in Sheffield City Centre? Are you concerned for the young people out at night? Will you pray for the Sheffield Street Pastors?

Sheffield Street Pastors are starting a new training course on *Saturday 2nd March* at Rock Community Centre, 177, Spital Hill, S4 7LF, 9.30am until 3pm.

❖ **Sunday morning worship steward**

A vacancy has arisen to join the worship steward team. The worship steward role is a very practical one, to ensure the smooth running of Sunday morning worship. It is quite separate from the leadership team of the church.

Currently, the role involves making email contact with the preacher before the Sunday service, finding volunteers to read the bible readings, passing information on to the musicians and AV operatives and then arriving early on a Sunday morning to arrange the Sanctuary ready for worship, greet the preacher and, after the service, count the offering. However, the role can be flexible and tailored to your own skill set, so please don't be put off if there's one part you're worried about.

At the moment, you could expect to be a worship steward approximately once every 4 weeks or so. If you are interested, please see Emma or another member of the current team – Steve, Jenny and Andrew. Full training will be provided!!

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Our current Wigglers cohort are mostly returning to work or moving up to toddlers, so there's a transition time at Wigglers (this happens every 6-12 months) so if you could keep this group in your prayers especially that would be helpful
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year
- ❖ Please pray for those known to us who are ill, in hospital or recovering from surgery
- ❖ For Casting the Net on the Other Side, as churches meet across Sheffield to pray, discuss and consider what our future looks like
- ❖ For our car park resurfacing project, that it would progress quickly
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine and the conflict between Palestine and Israel, that peace may prevail
- ❖ For continued quick progress on employment of a joint youth worker.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.

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).