



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church (charity no. 1150284)

Sunday 18th April 2021

We are now holding our Zoom services every other week, with the dates of our next two service below. We invite you to explore the other worship options (these are available on the last page) on the weeks when we are not meeting via Zoom. Our Zoom services are also available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so are not available to people searching YouTube and can only be accessed using a direct link. If you would like the link, or would prefer a DVD or audio recording of the services, just ask Matt.

Zoom Services	18th April	10:30am	Mrs. Sue Stanworth
	2nd May	10:30am.	Rev. Stephen Clark

THIS WEEK

❖ Zoom Worship

We hope you'll be able to join us on *Sunday 18th April* for our Zoom service, which will be led by Sue Stanworth. The Zoom details are below:

<https://zoom.us/j/96423971221?pwd=WmxNMII2THVhSUswY3dVL0JmRC9pQT09>

Meeting ID: **964 2397 1221**

Passcode: **526491**

There is also an option to connect by telephone for audio only. If you would like to do this, please follow these instructions:

- Dial one of these numbers –
0131 460 1196
0203 051 2874
0203 481 5237
0203 481 5240
- An automated voice will ask you to enter the Meeting ID followed by hash;
enter **964 2397 1221, #**
- It will ask you to enter your Participant ID (you don't have one) or just press hash,
so press #
- It will then ask you to enter the Meeting Password followed by hash;
enter **526491, #**
- You will be in the meeting!

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❖ Leadership Team

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is this *Monday 19th April*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Vision Exploration Meeting

Two weeks ago a number of us met with Neil Harland to discuss how we might go forward as a Church. We looked at how we can progress proposals for the spiritual leadership of the Church and also how we can organise ourselves to take some of the workload off Matt, our Building Manager. In advance of the review being undertaken at a Circuit level we discussed the possibility of how we could trial the suggestion of a Community Chaplain by seeking volunteers from the congregation to attend activities when they open up after lockdown to get alongside people coming into the building. This way we would have better information to enable us to put our case to the Circuit. We could also look at ways in which we could reduce the workload of Matt. The Leadership Team when it meets on 19th April will look at these suggestions further. If you have any thoughts about these proposals please let a member of the team know.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Daffodils!

Following the distribution of the daffodils around Crookes at Easter, Liz has written the following which was included in this week's Circuit Newsletter.



"Our mission statement at Wesley Hall, part of Wesley Ebenezer Church, is "Loving all People, Building Community and Sharing our Christian Faith". With the restrictions placed upon us during the pandemic, we had to look for new ways of trying to fulfil our mission as we are unable to invite the community in for Lunch Club, Messy Church, Film Shows, Stay and Play, Wesley Wrigglers, Big Lunch and the many other ways on our usual calendar.

We decided to try and take our witness into the community and so we knitted, crocheted, stitched, paper folded and crafted daffodils in any way we knew, to be given to anyone who might like to take one.

Each daffodil had an Easter greeting saying it was from Wesley Hall and also had a Biblical text of love and hope attached to it. In total we had approaching 300 flowers.

We distributed some through the bags given to Lunch Club members and Messy Church families and others went specifically to people who needed to know they are remembered. The rest were fastened to railings outside church, railings by the community garden near the shops on Crookes, on bus stops, school railings, the local park and Crookes cemetery. We topped them up each day through Holy Week and found them all taken by the next day.

We had positive feedback through messages on the community Facebook page, from a lady wearing her daffodil and from someone suffering with depression who felt she must go out for a walk at 10pm one night. She found a daffodil on the nearby railings, which brought her comfort and made her feel that was why she had to go out that night.

We hope we found one way to bring a socially distanced Easter witness to the community of Crookes."

❖ Christian Aid

Christian Aid aims to end poverty and injustice worldwide. Christian Aid week, which takes place each year in May, is a big part of their fundraising effort and in 2019 £8million was raised. Andrea Killingsworth has been coordinating Christian Aid week for Wesley Hall since 2009 and is looking to step down from doing this, although she will continue to support it. The main focus of the week has been the door-to-door collections during the week in May, but other fundraising activities have also taken place. However, how things are approached is not set in stone. If you want to know more about what is involved in coordinating Christian Aid week, please speak to Andrea. Our thanks go out to Andrea for all her hard work while doing this.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church and Leadership Team as we explore the possibility of having a Community Chaplain to support and engage with all the people who use our building (when it is not closed due to COVID).
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ Please give thanks that our grant application for £15,000 to the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage has been successful.

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).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with most churches, 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.

❖ Sheffield Methodist Circuit Streamed Services

[Victoria Hall](#)

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[Coal Aston Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Stocksbridge Christian Centre](#) (as Part of the Cornerstone Mission Partnership)

[Christ Church Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill Methodist Church](#)

[St Andrew's Gosforth Valley](#)

[Church of Christ, Darnall](#)

[Victoria Stafford Road](#)

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.