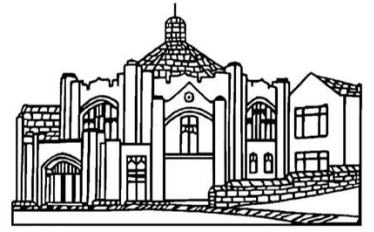




# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**      **Local Arrangements**  
The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Neil Craig</i>
<i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Mike Jones</i>

## THIS WEEK

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

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

### ❖ **WHY (Wesley Hall Youth)**

We don't have a paid youth worker at present, but are still running the afterschool Drop Inn and WHY, our youth group. The Drop Inn runs on term time Tuesdays from 3pm to about 4pm (or 2:30pm to 4:30pm with set up and pack away) and if you are able help, even for the odd week here and there, that would be great. WHY runs every Sunday from 7pm to 8:30pm and we have put together a rota until the end of April, but need a second person to just be there (no planning or preparation) on *Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>* and *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March*. If you are able to help with either of these, please see Matt.

### ❖ **Julian's Baptism**

A reminder that Ben and Jacque Ryan will be celebrating Julian's baptism, at 3pm this afternoon at St Mark's Church, Broomhill.

## COMING SOON

### ❖ **Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is on *Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room, but also with a Zoom option. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Council members can vote on any decisions. Please pray for the meeting and let Mike or Matt know if there is anything you would like to go on the agenda. It is always good to welcome new members to

Church Council so if you would like to have a greater involvement in decisions about the church, and can spare three or four evenings a year, please see Mike or Matt.

### ❖ Wesley Hall Annual Photo

We used to take a photo each year on the steps outside the front of church and are looking to revive the tradition. Our first photo was to be taken after the TRIBE nativity in December, but many people were not able to make it that day due to the snow, so we will try again on *Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February*. Everyone is welcome to be in the photo but if you would rather not, simply stay upstairs or hide around the corner out of shot!

### ❖ Amazelab Children's Workshop

Amazelab are running a free Reflecting on the Pandemic Children's Workshop on *Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March* at Walkley Ebenezer! Amazelab are a very popular company that provide science, technology, engineering, arts and maths workshops for children throughout South Yorkshire. Children of all ages and their families can drop in to Ebenezer any time from 2pm to make a suncatcher to take home, and to fill in a reflection journal. The last session will start at 3.30pm and refreshments will also be available.

### ❖ Lent Groups

All are invited to join with the Lent Group for the Methodist Churches at Dore, Topley Rise and Wesley Hall led by Rev Mike Jones. We will be using material from York Courses, called '*God has no favourites*'. We don't need to be expert theologians to join in, just willing to chat about some of our thoughts and experiences! During the course we will look at Bible passages, listen to ideas from Dr Carmody Grey that she has written and recorded in the course material, and share our own thoughts in discussion together. Each week the same session will run twice, once on Monday evening at Wesley Hall and once on Wednesday afternoon at Dore Methodist Church, so you can choose which is the best for you to attend. Each session will be no longer than 90 minutes. If you think you will be coming along, can you send a message to Mike. ([michael.jones@methodist.org.uk](mailto:michael.jones@methodist.org.uk), 07485 779262) letting him know which session you hope to attend, to help with preparation?

The dates and times for each session are below:

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
<b>Monday, 7.30pm at Wesley Hall</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Wednesday, 2pm at Dore Methodist</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>

### ❖ Sheffield Methodist District Justice Quilt Project

This project led is by the Sheffield Circuit Justice and Peace Group, soon to become the District Justice Seekers community of practice. The quilt will be based on the words of Micah 6:8 What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Our quilt will be assembled from square blocks produced by individuals and groups across our district, and is to be unveiled on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the District Gathering, on a theme of, 'How to be a JUST church in an UNJUST world?', addressing both how we relate well to each other, and how we are called to respond to the world around us. please go to <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/lib/F721979.pdf> for further information on how to get involved (or ask Matt for a printout).

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Our next Messy Church will be held on *Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March*.

### AND FINALLY

#### ❖ The Connexion Magazine

The new edition of The Connexion is out! It is free and there are copies for you to take home on the heater at the back of church. It is full of inspiring stories from around the Methodist Church and a good way to keep up with what our fellow Methodists around the country are up to.

#### ❖ Thank You

In appreciation of the support and best wishes, expressed in many ways, following my operation, and as I make progress. Val S.

#### ❖ Thank You & Goodbye to Jane

Just to let you all know that I am leaving my role as Youth Worker at Wesley Hall and will finish by the February half term. I feel really bad about leaving so soon but I realised soon after starting it wasn't possible for me. On paper the bus journey from Dinnington to Crookes looked fine (a total of 3 hours return which I thought was OK) but in reality with many buses being cancelled and bad traffic, plus having to wait in the dark at the Interchange where I just missed a bus or it was cancelled sometimes meaning an hour wait and then walking through a dark town centre were too much for me. It was taking me 2 hours to get to work and around 3 to get home which is a total of 5 hours travelling.

As it was a part time job of 14 hours I thought it would be easy to combine with my other work, the anti-trafficking task force I've set up and my international speaking, but this has taken off faster than I could have imagined, meaning lots of travel abroad, being part of a work team with the UN, the OSCE and the WHO. The youth need consistency and not me being away a week every month, so I decided to step down from my role at Wesley Hall.

Working with your young people has been a lovely experience as they are amazing and it's been an honour to get to know them. The Drop Inn youth are a great bunch and many good things have happened and it's awesome that Wesley Hall does this and has such good contact with schools in the area. The school Assistant Head has told me they are so happy to have this contact.

The volunteers at both WHY and Drop Inn are inspiring as they work so hard and are committed to the youth. Matt has been amazing too and was a massive support and help and I see his heart for Wesley Hall. It has been lovely getting to know Mike too and watch him connect with WHY and Drop in and see his heart for the youth.

I won't forget Wesley Hall and the lovely welcome I had and I'm sorry to leave. Lots of love to you all x Jane.

#### ❖ Breath Deep

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January WHY went to an event together called Breath Deep which was held in the glorious Sheffield Cathedral. Breathe Deep is a youth event organised by a group of youth workers in the Sheffield Diocese aimed at 11-18 year olds. Many of the youth come from smaller churches or youth groups so meeting together in such large numbers is an amazing opportunity to make new friends and worship, eat, chat and do activities together. We had a brilliant time!

The day started with a welcome and a time of worship with a band followed by a small God talk by guest speaker Colly Kamili. After this we all split into different groups and there were workshops to go to on different subjects, such as social justice, prayer, quiet times and many more. It was then time for question time and fun and then lunch which was subway rolls,

cookies and crisps. After lunch we had a brilliant afternoon with many activities to choose from, a photo booth, TV studio where groups could make small films together, circus skills, crafts and a football & basketball shootout. In one room was even a nerf shootout. Outside was a cavepod where you had to crawl through like a cave diver, it looked scary but WHY youth were very brave and all had a go. The afternoon ended with another time of worship and prayer. Louise, Jonathan and I loved spending the day with WHY and other youth and youth workers and we all had an amazing day. Jane.

#### ❖ **Turkey–Syria Earthquake Emergency Donations**

I am sure we have all been moved by the unfolding events of the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey causing thousands of structures to crumble in both southern Turkey and north western Syria. The seismic shock was followed by numerous strong aftershocks, and another quake hit the area nine hours later. According to reports, the disaster has claimed over thousands of lives, with officials anticipating the death toll to increase in the coming days.

All We Can (the Methodist Church's international development and relief organisation) will be responding to the earthquake and rescue efforts. Their initial response is centred in Syria given access to existing networks for the most vulnerable, through their partners in the region. All We Can have supported refugees prior to the earthquake and will continue to support them during this time of extended vulnerability.

Should you wish to make a financial donation you can donate online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/syrian-earthquake-emergency-donations/> or via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked Turkey-Syria Earthquake Donation, and we will send this on.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for those know to us who are ill or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Please pray for all those who have suffered in the Turkey-Syria Earthquake and for all those people and organisations that are assisting in the rescue missions.
- ❖ Please pray for Andrea and Mercy Ships as they return to Dakar on the new ship.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ Please continue to remember Mike and his family in prayers, as he returns to work; that he is able to strike the right balance as he continues to recover.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers, which runs on a Thursday; we have had a number of new mums attend; please pray that they continue to come, and that Wigglers will continue to grow.

**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).**