



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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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 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

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

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

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

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Christ Church, Stocksbridge](#)

[St Andrew's, Gosforth Valley](#)

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

❖ Wesley Wigglers Returns!

We are very excited to be restarting our weekly baby group for parents and their babies who are at the pre-crawling stage. The first session will be this *Thursday 24th September* at 10:30am and due to high demand we will now also be running a second session at 1:00pm. We would really like to include simple refreshments for parents but would need one helper to manage the kitchen so Claire could be on hand to welcome and chat to the families. One of the COVID measures we have in place is a limit on numbers, so there will only be a maximum of eight drinks to make at each session. If you feel you are able to help at either of these groups (as a one off or on a rota), please contact Claire at families@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07412 124310.

COMING SOON

❖ Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after our Zoom service on *Sunday 11th October*. As we are not meeting in person at church, it is more difficult to stay in touch with each other so this meeting is an opportunity to share some of the things that have been happening recently and also to consider the way forward. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting which we'll aim to keep short!

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Sally, as she continues to recover at home and awaits further hospital treatment.
- ❖ For our building users, as we welcome some of them back. For the risk assessments, the signs and other measures that have needed to be installed, and for those coming into our building, that they would be safe.
- ❖ Please keep Drop Inn and WHY in your prayers as we restart them; that the young people who take part feel members of this community and feel the love and support of the Lord. We also pray that volunteers will be called to help at these groups.
- ❖ Please remember Wesley Wigglers and Claire as she prepares to welcome young families back to Wesley Hall to chat to and support them. Pray for safety for everyone and for volunteers to help with refreshments.

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...

❖ **'Hello' – from Revd. Lisa Quamby (Co-Superintendent)**

Well, I've been working in Sheffield Circuit now for two weeks, which has involved a lot of Zoom meetings and some face-to-face, socially-distanced meetings too. These are strange days that we are in... and moving into a new Circuit, without the usual ways of connecting with people in their church lives, is proving challenging...

...But not insurmountable! I'm a firm believer in good old-fashioned snail-mail – indeed, I have a lovely Chinese cabinet which I inherited from my Dad, and it's full of letter-writing paraphernalia. Now, those who are naturally inquisitive are now wondering what such paraphernalia might be: well, it's simply a collection of lovely writing-paper and notelets; various seals and coloured wax; and if I'm writing to younger folk, I like to put a sticker or two on the envelope before sending off their chocolate buttons in the post! Snail-mail, by its very definition, may take a little longer; but the enjoyment of receiving a nice letter or card, delivered by post, can't be beaten.

Another well-tested form of communication is the phone. You can often tell on the phone how a person is feeling – not so much by what they say, but how they sound. To hear a friendly voice, someone who's prepared to listen, and share, and pray at the end of a call – this can be a real source of blessing.

It's wonderful that there are so many new ways to engage with each other: Zoom, WhatsApp, Messenger, and so on – however, no-one has to feel left behind, because all those ways of communication have their foundations in letter-writing and phone-calls. Today, you can be a blessing by using one of those two mediums to reach out to someone; as I hope someone will reach out to you, or me. And never forget – we've got a God who is always willing to listen and to speak to us through the love of people around us, and through prayer: a medium that never loses its connection.

God bless – Rev Lisa.

❖ **Thank You from Louise...**

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all your prayers, telephone calls, cards and visits over the last 8 months. It is hard to imagine how I would have coped without so much support from so many friends. When I first became ill, your support for my parents, sister and brother-in-law was amazing to witness. Even though I could not communicate with you all, just knowing you were there, praying for me and offering practical help made me feel so loved. I believe my recovery is an answer to prayer; the hospital team repeatedly told me they couldn't understand how I was progressing so quickly and so well. When I left Critical Care the nursing team spoke of how the atmosphere in my room was different to the rest of the ward. How it felt a place of peace and how all my visitors were so caring of me and my parents. I always knew that my room was soaked in prayer but for others to feel it too was truly special.

Since I have come home, I have started the final phase of my recovery. I am having community physio and I am slowly starting to go for walks outside. I am beginning to pick up the pieces of "normal" life and filling my diary with meetings as well as numerous hospital appointments. Thank you again for all you have done during my hospital admission and recovery; I am sorry to have scared you all so much! I can't wait to see you all either in person or across Zoom.

❖ Wesley Hall Families

We were planning a get together on the Bolehills for the children in our Wesley Hall family, but following the changes to COVID-19 rules this week this will no longer be possible. However, if you have children or young people, Claire will still be in contact soon to invite you to join a WhatsApp group. This will help everyone to keep in touch and support each other more easily, and also help with arranging a meet up at a time when it is possible to do so.

❖ From Sean - Volunteers for Drop Inn & WHY

Drop Inn last week was again a great success! We gave out free ice cream to about 50 young people on their way home, and our new system for serving out in the car park worked well. WHY has also returned with weekly socially distanced meetings, on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm, but we could do with a few more volunteers to help at the group (just to turn up, no planning or preparation required!). If you are interested in helping out at WHY, please contact me at youth@wesleyhall.org.uk or on 07401 980794. Please don't feel like you need to volunteer all the time; even once every couple of months would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hopefully hearing back from some of you soon.

❖ Year of Prayer

Methodist Conference has declared 2020/2021 a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism, church growth, church at the margins, and pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love. Be part of this movement of prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church of gospel people. As part of this initiative, there will be weekly online prayer meetings on Tuesdays at 12.45pm. For info, please see the [Year of Prayer web page](#).

❖ Methodist Women in Britain

Methodist Women in Britain has created a simple act of worship to raise awareness of how Covid-19 has affected some of our partner churches and how the Global Relationships Team is responding to new and increased needs. You can find the service [here](#).