



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



www.wesleyhall.org.uk

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Sunday 21st April 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 Local Arrangement

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 28th April 10:30am Rev. Michelle Deans (AGM – see below)

Sunday 5th May 10:30am Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)

Sunday 12th May 10:30am Glenn Evans

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)

❖ Circuit Bible Study:

A Circuit Bible Study has been written to explore John 21:1-6 (Jesus and the Catch of Fish) and Acts 2:42-47 (the coming of the Holy Spirit) with aim of picking up on themes from both Casting the Net and the Holy Habits series that we have previously followed as a Circuit. There are six studies (copies have been emailed round or ask Matt to print them for you), and there is also a Circuit wide Zoom which is exploring the studies.

We are all warmly encouraged to engage with these studies in whatever way suits us best, via the Zoom, in Fellowship groups or individually as part of our devotions.

The Zooms are taking place on Thursdays, with the third session this *Thursday 25th April* at 8:00pm. The Zoom details are below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84801930364?pwd=S0t6Y002T1RkamtZcC9pcWIKMGRiQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 0193 0364 Passcode: 047683

Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237

❖ Church Annual General Meeting: Sunday 28th April

Our AGM, led by Michelle, will take place during morning worship next *Sunday 28th April*. It will be a chance to hear about the church's work over the last year and explore future ideas and plans. One item that was discussed at the recent Leadership Team meeting was the idea of providing a welcome to people coming into the building by having a congregation member in the entrance area at certain points in the week. We will discuss this and other ideas at the meeting.

The AGM will be followed by a bring and share lunch downstairs in the Church Hall to which everybody is welcome!

ROLES TO FILL

At the AGM, we will vote to approve the appointments of those who serve on the various groups and committees that enable Wesley Hall to function as a church. We are always looking for new people to get involved in the running of the church so have a look at the list and see if there is anything that takes your fancy. Most groups are open to anyone, but only church members can serve on Church Council and Circuit Meeting.

❖ **Worship Steward**

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 earlier 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 any parts you're worried about. You could expect to be a worship steward approximately once every 4 weeks or so.

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Leadership Team meet monthly to plan events and discuss issues about the running and future of the church. The team is quite small, and its membership have been serving for a long time, so it would be great to see some new faces with new ideas!

❖ **Church Council Representatives**

Our Church Council usually meets three times a year and is the Trustee body where decisions about the church are made. If you are interested in finding out more about what happens at Wesley Hall, then you would be very welcome to join.

❖ **Circuit Meeting Representatives**

The Circuit Meeting meets four times a year at churches around Sheffield and is the Trustee body where decisions about the Circuit are made. We currently have a vacancy for a representative.

❖ **Centre Manager Management Group**

This body meets about four times a year to look at the finance and property issues that make up the bulk of Matt's work.

❖ **Families & Community Co-ordinator Management Group**

This body meets every six to eight weeks to oversee and review the groups and events that make up the bulk of Jacque's work.

❖ **Pre-teen & Youth Management Group**

The next task for this body will (hopefully) be to recruit and interview our new youth worker. It will likely then meet every six to eight weeks to oversee and review the youth related groups and events.

COMING SOON

❖ Church Gathering: Thursday 2nd May

Following on from the AGM, Michelle will host a meeting on Zoom on Thursday 2nd May from 7:30pm to 8:30pm to bring the church's life and mission before God to ask for His guidance, wisdom and strength.

<https://zoom.us/j/92311829129?pwd=c05JZUhyNi9EZWQrWDVPR25zcmFIZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 1182 9129 Passcode: 923336 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

❖ Gift Day 2024

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-Ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year is £8,000, with £1,400 already received from those who make a regular gift each month. However, we have not yet managed to secure all the grant funding we had hoped for, so if it is possible to increase your donation from last year, that would be fantastic, although we do completely understand that there are many other pressures on people's finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year is *Sunday 5th May*. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.stewardship.org.uk), but please make it clear that your donation is for Gift Day. Gifts are welcome as a one-off on or around the Gift Day, or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. Thank you very much for your generous support to date. If you have any questions about Gift Day, please contact Matt Irons.

❖ Cliff Festival 2024

Cliff Festival 2024 runs from *Friday 24th – Monday 27th May* at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Expect morning and evening worship and Bible teaching, seminars, games and activities for people of all ages, opportunities to be reenergised and resourced for mission – and all in the stunning surrounds of the Peak District. The theme this year is Rerouted and the morning bible studies will be led by Matt Miofsky from the Gathering Church in Missouri. Other contributors will be announced shortly and closer to the event the programme will be available on the Cliff College website. They run excellent youth and children's work provision for children aged 2 and upwards.

There is the option to visit for the day as well as buying a ticket for the whole weekend (entry is free to all under 18s). Day passes are £25 for adults or £18 for concessions (65 or over/ students/ living with a disability or on benefits). We won't be having a service here at Wesley Hall on Sunday 26th May, so that would be a great opportunity to come and see what it is like!

Come for the day or bring your tent (like the Irons family) and stay for the weekend. Visit www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/cliff-festival to find out more and book.

❖ Joint Churches Event

Following on from the success of the repair café, our next joint churches event will be a workshop run by Hope for the Future, likely on *Friday 7th June*. Time and venue TBC.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Toddler Group

The Toddler group Teddy Bear Picnic is on *Wednesday 15th May*, this is a fundraiser for Christian Aid. Part of this will include a bake sale, if you are able to bake anything for it please let Jacque know.

❖ Stay & Play

Thank you to all who came to Stay & Play (especially those who helped) yesterday. It is very much appreciated!

❖ Messy Church

Messy Church is on *Saturday 18th May*, if you're able to help in the kitchen, with a craft, with setup or just being a friendly church face please let Jacque know.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Card for Mike Jones

We recently received the following message from Mike:

“Unfortunately, my dad was taken into hospital on Good Friday and died yesterday the following Thursday. It was not a surprise as his dementia has got much worse, removing his ability to do most things. We are just glad that it was not an extended time for him once the outcome was inevitable.”

There is a card at the back of church which we will send to Mike to show that we are thinking of him at the sad time. If you would like to, please do take the opportunity to sign the card and leave him a message.

❖ Update on Casting the Net

The March Circuit Meeting received a 'Casting the net on the other side' conversation paper and encourages all churches to discuss this and share their responses so that the June Circuit Meeting might be able to make informed decisions. Copies of the paper are available at the back of church, and it has been sent out with this newsletter.

Churches are asked to respond to this paper however they wish, but included are some question members of the Circuit Meeting were asked to discuss that may help to focus your conversations. Please send your responses to admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk by *Wednesday 15th May*.

❖ Snowdrop Fundraising

Jane and Neil Offord would like to thank everyone who bought cakes last Sunday, with £65 having been raised. Jonathan Buckley has now reached £2,000, which is half of the target he set himself. Jonathan Buckley is also running 4 half-marathons in 4 weeks to celebrate his 40th birthday. If you would like to sponsor Jonathan, please do so via his Just Giving page: [Jonathan Buckley is fundraising for The Snowdrop Project \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Jonathan-Buckley-is-fundraising-for-The-Snowdrop-Project)

The Snowdrop Project is a Sheffield-based charity which supports and empowers survivors of modern slavery and exploitation to recover from their pasts and rebuild their futures. For more information, please see: [The Snowdrop Project | A Future Free From Modern Slavery](#)

❖ **Message from Phill Borkett**

I'm so sorry that I didn't make it to Wesley Hall on Sunday 7th April. I left home early, but clearly not early enough as every route I tried was blocked because of the half marathon. Eventually I found myself on a diversion via Longshaw but even that route was closed. I do hope you enjoyed the rousing hymns and my grateful thanks to whoever stood in for me.

Hope to be with you again, but not a half marathon day!

Sincerely, Phill.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Our current Wiggles cohort are mostly returning to work or moving up to toddlers, so there's a transition time at Wiggles (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 application to the Benefact Trust for a car park resurfacing grant, that it would be successful and 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 progress on the 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.