



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 22nd November 2020

THIS WEEK

❖ Zoom Service

Our next Zoom service will be at 10:30am this *Sunday 22nd November*, and then we plan to hold a service every Sunday throughout Advent. Our services are available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so they 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 (matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk, 0114 267 9040).

<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 –

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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!

❖ Fellowship Group

Our Thursday Fellowship Group continues to meet for Bible study and prayer (and fellowship!) at 8pm on Thursdays, via Zoom. All are welcome, please ask Andrea for more information or for the Zoom details.

❖ Sunday Home Worship Options

As well as our fortnightly Zoom services you may still wish to utilise any of the various other worship resources which are still included in the newsletter, but have moved to the last page.

❖ Zoom Worship

The Leadership Team are looking to put together a team of people who are willing to take responsibility for putting together a Zoom worship service on a rota basis. The Vine material is always available and we are hoping to get hold of some recorded sermons from the Circuit, so this is likely to entail finding readers and choosing the songs for the service. It would also be really helpful to know who is willing to take part by reading or leading prayers. If you are interested in taking part in any way, or would like to find out more, please ask Matt

COMING SOON

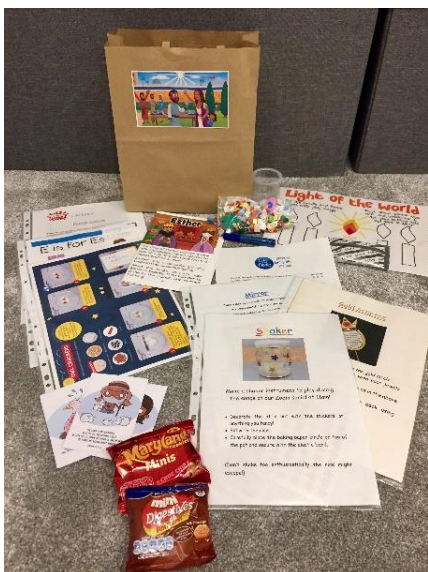
❖ Keeping in Touch (with TRIBE)

One of the ideas that came from Claire's last management group meeting was trying to put people who live alone in touch with children from TRIBE. Ideally, those who would like to be involved would be paired up and could then arrange to phone/ video call/ Zoom to keep in touch and help combat isolation during lockdown. If you are interested, (as either a person living alone or a TRIBE member), please let Claire know (families@wesleyhall.org.uk, 07412 124 310).

Messy Church

We ran our second Messy Church At Home session last Saturday and it was a great success! We had sixteen families join us for the Zoom session at 11am, and about twenty activity bags were handed out. We've had some excellent feedback from families for the bags and Zoom.

Our next session is *Saturday 12th December*, again following the same format. Prayers for the families who join us and for future success of these sessions would be much appreciated. Contact Claire if you are interested in a bag and or Zoom details of the next session for your family or anyone else you think may be interested in them (families@wesleyhall.org.uk, 07412124310)



❖ **TRIBE Zoom Social, Advent and Nativity**

We are planning a Zoom social on *Saturday 28th November* at 10am for our TRIBE families to have a catch up and share any news and show what they have been up to over the last few weeks. We also plan to introduce our ideas for the TRIBE Nativity this year (yes, we are still going to do one!). Liz Harding is going to be involved which is brilliant. All involvement from the families will be done in their own homes and then put together in a video to show during one of our Advent Zoom services. Sadly, we are unable to all get together to rehearse and record. We would really like to have all the children involved so do get in touch with Claire for more information.

Claire is also preparing some Advent activity boxes tailored to each age group of the children in TRIBE. Photos to follow once completed!

❖ **Wesley Hall Toddler Group**

Our Toddler Group hasn't met for a while due to lockdown and high tier restrictions. However, Claire has started up the Facebook group we have for Toddlers and will be regularly posting links of useful information, activities, songs and stories for the families to access (this can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/959150864141956>). We will advertise Messy Church on there as well. Claire is putting together some Christmassy packs for Toddler families to do over the Christmas period. These will be available over a two-week period at the beginning of December. Get in touch with Claire if you or someone you know would be interested in an activity pack. They are suitable for toddler and preschool age children (12 months to 4 years).

AND FINALLY

❖ **Farewell Gift for Sally**

As I am sure we all want to mark Sally's leaving Louise is going to make a book filled with all our messages to say goodbye to her. And if you would like to put something towards a leaving gift for Sally, let Matt have this by cash cheque or bank transfer. We have had a good number of contributions to Sally's leaving gift (thanks very much!), but not as many messages for Louise to add to the book she is preparing.

If you would like to add a message to Sally, please email Louise at:

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❖ **Christmas Cards**

It seems a long way off but Christmas will soon be upon us! Many people usually write their cards and bring them to church to give out either in person or via the pigeon holes, but since we are not meeting for worship in person we will not be able to do that this year. Instead, we are going to dedicate a special page of the newsletter to Christmas greetings and encourage people to make a donation to Action for Children with the money saved by not buying cards. If you would like to take part in this, just send your message to the newsletter email account or pop it to in the letterbox at church and then either donate to Action for Children directly or give it to Matt to pass on.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ For our building, that we would be able to raise the required £15,000 in new bookings and grants in order to break even this year.
- ❖ For Drop Inn, WHY and Sean, as they cannot meet in person in lockdown; that the young people who take part feel members of this community and feel the love and support of the Lord.
- ❖ For Wesley Wigglers and Claire as they are unable to meet in person during lockdown.
- ❖ For Messy Church, for the new format and that we would be able to involve and reach more families and also give thanks for all the families that took part in November.
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Dorothy ill in hospital and Jim recovering at home.
- ❖ For James and Dolores on their engagement and for their future happiness together.
- ❖ For Val recovering from her operation.
- ❖ For Christopher for heart, health, strength and salvation.
- ❖ For Lunch Club as we look to the future and try to keep in touch with our members.

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).

❖ PXI Hampers Update

Since April time we've been partnering with St Paul's Anglican Church on Wordsworth Avenue and S6 foodbank to run the foodbank out of St Paul's on a Friday, which we're continuing to do so until December 31st; from January 1st, St Paul's and S6 are running the foodbank between themselves. We will obviously refer people to them as needed and support where we can, but won't be involved practically week in week out ourselves.

However, we have started a new partnership with Foodworks. They take end of life food from supermarkets etc., which would have been thrown into landfill, and do all sorts of things from it; from making it available in their markets, to making frozen meals out of it to give out to people etc. Mount Tabor is becoming a distribution centre for their frozen meals, and will be open on a Tuesday and Thursday for people to pre-order and pick up frozen meals. They're usually about £1 for 4 meals, so affordable for people. In time, our vision is to develop a social cafe which is open multiple days / week with a market for people to 'buy' fresh food (for a £1 charge plus a donation if they want); timing wise, that's all down to restrictions being lifted etc.

At the moment we're not doing the hampers as we've done in previous years, mainly due to a couple of our key volunteers shielding and not having the capacity to coordinate it. But hopefully we will be able to next year. If people wanted to support PXI financially to support the partnership with Foodworks instead of putting a hamper together, they can do so via: <https://www.qive.net/20230369>.

CAROLS

❖ Compassion UK Carol Service

We will not be having a Carol service at Wesley Hall this year but would encourage you to consider joining with Compassion UK for theirs. Carols with Compassion will be a blend of contemporary Christian music and traditional Carols with performances by a variety of artists including Philippa Hannah and Graham Kendrick, readings from around the world and

messages of hope. The service will premiere at 7:30pm on *Wednesday 2nd December* on TBN UK (Freeview channel 65) so should be available to watch or record on most televisions and recording devices. It will then be available online via Compassion's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and YouTube) from 8:00pm on *Sunday 6th December*. For more information visit: <https://www.compassionuk.org/news/carol-service/>

❖ **Sheffield Carols**

We will not be having a Carol service at Wesley Hall this year but would encourage you to consider a new way of carolling in Sheffield. Each Thursday in December at 8:00pm, people can stand on their own doorstep and join with neighbours (also standing on their doorstep, at a safe distance) and join in with the Carol for that week. Musicians can join in too! The Carols will be:

- Thursday 3rd December: The First Noel
- Thursday 10th December: Hark the Herald
- Thursday 17th December: While Shepherds Watched/ Sweet Bells
- Thursday 24th December: Away in a Manager/ We Wish you a Merry Christmas

The words to The First Noel have been sent out with the newsletter this week and if you would like any printing (for yourself or to give to neighbours) just ask Matt: matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk, 0114 267 9040).

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](#)

[Totle 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](#)

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.

The First Noel

Thursday 3rd December, 8:00pm

(Key: D major. Starting note: F#)

The first Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the Earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country afar
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and Earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!