



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 23rd June 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 Mr. printed sheets for songs that are not in the books.

Today's service 10:30am Joan Bugg

The Steward on duty is Stephen Wright

Sunday 30th June 10.30am Rev. Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)

Sunday 7th July 10.30am John Wilkins

Sunday 14th July 10.30am Louise Etherington

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)

❖ Joint Churches Event

Our next joint churches event is a hustings, hosted next door at STC, on Thursday 27th June at 7:30pm. This will focus on eco issues and their impacts (which will cover some social justice areas too). Get the date in your diary - more details to come.

If you're at all interested in joining the planning group for the joint churches events, please see Jacque. So far, it's been very enjoyable and productive. There are more meetings in the run up to events, and fewer when it's less busy, meeting about every 6 weeks on average. So far, we've done a Harvest event at the Bolehill Pavilion, a Repair Café hosted by us at Wesley Hall, a 'Hope for the Future' training workshop at St Tim's, and after the upcoming hustings at STC we're aiming for a summer gardening event at St Vincent's and a Christmas social thing (possibly wreath making) to round off the year. (Plans are very subject to change.)

COMING SOON

❖ Walkley Ebenezer - Final Service

The congregation at Walkley Ebenezer have taken the difficult decision to cease to meet. They are holding a final service at 3pm on Sunday 30th June, led by Rev. Naomi Cooke, and they would like to invite everyone along to join them.

❖ Wesley Hall Picnic

 Loving all People

 Building Community

 Sharing our Christian Faith

We are having a Wesley Hall 'bring your own' picnic on the Bolehills on Sunday 7th July after church, weather permitting. It would be lovely to see you there, so please put the date in your diary.

❖ **Circuit Leaving Service**

There will be a Circuit service on Sunday 21st July at 3pm at Wisewood Methodist Church to say farewell to Rev. Lisa Quarmby and Rev. Mike Jones. Save the date, more information will follow.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

❖ Thank you to anyone who has helped with Messy Church at all this year. Yesterday was our last 'normal' Messy Church of the year. We are having a social in July (Saturday 13th) which will likely be on the Bolehills, weather permitting (or Wesley Hall if not); 11am-1pm; bring a picnic.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Methodist Homes Association (MHA)**

MHA Sunday - a reminder that further to last Sunday's notices regarding work being done by MHA, donation envelopes will be available for the next few weeks at the back of church for anyone interested in giving. Brian Morris has been advised by the MHA team that donations made by Wesley Hall congregation will be ring-fenced for use in activities with members within our Thursday lunch club.

❖ **Big Thank You!**

A very big thank you to everyone who invited people, came along, and helped to run the Big Lunch. It was a great success, with around 130 people from across the community coming to share lunch with us. Please pray that any seeds sown at the lunch would bear fruit, with those who took a flyer or asked about coming back for another group, event or service following this through.

❖ **Shoreline Methodist Community: Daily Prayers for the Summer**

Shoreline is an online Methodist Community based in the Southwest of the UK. Their story has been one of growing a prayer-centred, non-geographical, inclusive online Methodist community, through sharing in worship and prayer. They are inviting us to join each weekday morning and evening for prayer. If you wish to watch live, then they gather on Facebook and YouTube each weekday at 8am and 9pm. The prayers last about 10-15 minutes. This is not a zoom meeting so you are not on camera, and unless you comment, no one will know you're there!

<https://www.youtube.com/@shoreline-methodistcommunity/streams>

Alternatively, the videos of the prayer times are recorded, so you can watch them at any time that is best for you. Perhaps this is a daily practice that you could take up for a week or so and see if it makes a positive difference to your outlook for the week!

❖ **District Good News Magazine**

A magazine from the Sheffield District with stories from around the District, and copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary. It is called, 'With God's Help I will... care for myself whilst supporting others', and has contributions from Romeo Pedro, Nel Shallow, Tim Janson and Nick Waterfield, many of whom are known to us at Wesley Hall.

❖ Gift Day 2024

Our Gift Day (towards our work with children, families and young people) this year was 5th May, and we are now only £200 off our target of £8,000! If you've not yet given and would like to, please put your donation in one of the Gift Day envelopes at the back of church and place in the offering plate or see Matt for the church bank details. Thank you so much for your generosity, in both money and time, supporting this fruitful work.

❖ Welcome Desk

One of the ideas that has emerged from our work exploring how to reach out to building users, is to have a welcome desk. The idea is to have someone from the church present in the space to offer a welcoming smile and opportunity for conversation to further develop relationships with those coming into our church during the week. The Leadership Team have identified 2 slots in the week when there are a high concentration of people in or coming through the church foyer. These are:

- Mondays between 4pm and 5pm (when parents are waiting in the entrance area while their children have their Taekwondo lessons)
- Tuesdays between 9:15am and 10:45am (when people are coming and going for Slimming World and the Zumba class)

We thought it might be a good idea to trial the welcome desk idea at these times.

If this sounds like something God might be calling you to do, please let either Michelle or Emma know. We appreciate this might seem a bit daunting, so the idea is that those interested will meet together and have some training, before we begin this work.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, for approval from the Methodist Church and grant support from both the Low Carbon Community and Culture Fund, and the nPower Business Solution Community Foundation. Please pray that the decisions would be made quickly so the project can go ahead this year.
- ❖ Please pray for the joint youth worker, for approval of grant applications to the Methodist Youth Activities, Bramall Foundation and Hillards Charitable Trust, and that God is preparing the right person for the job ready to be recruited.
- ❖ Our current Wigglers cohort are mostly returning to work or moving up to toddlers, so there's a transition time at Wigglers (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 the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes.