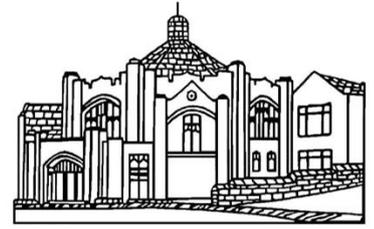




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th April 2022

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 Own Arrangements

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 1st May 10:30am Rev'd Gail Hunt
Sunday 8th May 10:30am Rev'd Phill Borkett
Sunday 15th May 10:30am Louise Etherington

THIS WEEK

❖ Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions

- Please consider taking a lateral flow test in the morning before coming to worship.
- Although the regulations have now changed, you might still feel it appropriate to wear a face covering, particularly when not in your seat.
- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.

❖ Offering Plate

We are not passing the offering plate around as part of our worship; it will be by the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ Circuit Prayer Initiative

The Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join in a weekly prayer gathering every Wednesday. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

COMING SOON

❖ Stay & Play

Our termly drop in family fun morning is on *Saturday 7th May*, with a theme of 'Tape Me Out!' Did you know that masking tape was invented in May 1930? We will use lots of different tape in our crafts this morning, along with the usual bouncy castle, activities and refreshments. Please take flyer and invite anyone you think might like to come, and if you can volunteer on the day, please let Neil know. Thanks!

❖ **God in Love Unites Us (Rescheduled)**

Following the decisions by the Methodist Church conference to permit same sex couples to marry in a Methodist Church, there will be a facilitated pastoral conversation on *Thursday 12th May* at 7:30pm to discuss whether Wesley Hall fellowship wishes to register the building for same sex marriage. This conversation will be led by Rev Gail Hunt and is open for all to attend. The discussions will inform Church Council, who have the ultimate responsibility as trustees to make this decision.

❖ **AGM**

We will be holding our AGM after our worship on *Sunday 15th May*. It will be an opportunity to hear from all our lay workers and to discuss the progress following our congregational meeting in October. The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please put the date in your diary.

❖ **Gift Day 2022**

We have committed our annual Gift Days to supporting the employment of both a Families Co-ordinator and a Pre-teen & Youth Worker. Those who fill these roles are doing a great job, working with children and young people of both our church and the local community.

About a third of the income for the Children, Families and Youth Fund comes from our Gift Day. Our target for this year was £7,500, with £1,500 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 everyday finances at the moment.

Our Gift Day this year is on *Sunday 15th May*, which is the same day as our AGM. We are very happy to accept gifts at any time by cash, cheque, bank transfer, standing order, or online (www.give.net/wesleyhallcfy), 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.

❖ **Ceilidh – Saturday 28th May**

There will be a Ceilidh at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 28th May* 6.30pm. This event is a fund raiser for Christian Aid and tickets will be £10 for adults and £8 for children. The price will include food (jacket potatoes with various fillings, including chilli). Please see Rosemary or Andrea for tickets. A flyer will be available soon, and once available it would be great if you could promote the event to family and friends.

❖ **Heritage Open Day**

We had planned to run a Heritage Open Day at Wesley Hall in September 2020 which did not go ahead due to COVID. But we are trying again on *Saturday 10th September!* Local historian Ann Marples ('the Bustle Lady') has prepared a history talk but we need someone to coordinate the rest of the morning. This is likely to entail a display using materials from the archives and refreshments after the talk. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Matt.

AND FINALLY

❖ New Pre-teen & Youth Worker

Hi. My name is Keith Chikaviro and I am the new Pre-teen and Youth Worker at Wesley Hall. I have just come on board the team as a youth worker to follow on from some of my previous experience being a Youth Cell Leader for Phoenix which was run by the Chapeltown Methodist Church. I have worked as a football coach with kids aged 5-14, which is another bit of experience I hope to take into this role.

Along with the great leaders at Wesley Hall, I believe I can be a great part of the team and hopefully bring some new energy into the role and with you all!

You'll find me working on Tuesdays at Drop Inn & WHY sessions, so come along and have a chat, whenever works for you. Within the coming weeks, I'm hoping to start up some new sessions made just for the youth, so if you have any ideas, please just let me know!

Please feel free to get in touch with me for a chat or anything else. My phone number is 07401 980 794, my email address is youth@wesleyhall.org.uk, or if you see me at any church function or event, please do come to chat to me; I really want to get to know all of you at Wesley Hall!

❖ Fairtrade Church

This is just a reminder that Wesley Hall is a Fairtrade church. If you are buying tea, coffee, sugar etc. for use at church events, please make sure they are Fairtrade and have the Fairtrade logo on them. If you don't already, you may wish to consider buying Fairtrade for your home too!

❖ Ukraine Emergency Appeal

We have all been moved by the unfolding events in Ukraine over the last few weeks. Should you wish to make a financial donation to ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it, All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are receiving donations via their Ukraine Emergency Appeal. You can donate via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked 'Ukraine Emergency Appeal', and we will send this on or online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/>.

❖ Photo Board

It is time to update our photo board! If you are not on there and would like to be or want to update your photo (especially the children who have done a lot of growing since their photos) then please see Jo who will take a new photo for you.

❖ Church Council Membership

We would like to welcome new members to our Church Council! The Church Council meets four times a year at Wesley Hall, with an option to join via Zoom. As our Trustee body it has the final say on all decisions to do with the life of the church, building and finances. No experience or prior knowledge is required so it would be great to see you there. If you are interested or want to know more, please see Matt.

❖ Flower Rota

Sue & Pat thank everyone for their contributions over the past year. The new rota is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute, please add your name to the list at the back of church and then give your donation to Sue Mills a week or two before your chosen date.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ *A new prayer for Ukraine, published by the Sheffield District:*

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail
and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all, hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.
Amen.

- ❖ Please pray for Judith Jessop and her family, following the recent passing of her father.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Totley Rise and Dore, as we all adjust to being a new church grouping; and for Rev. Mike Jones as he prepares to be our new minister from next September.

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).