



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th February 2023

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** **Rev. Mike Jones (Holy Communion)**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

<i>Sunday 5th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. Neil Craig</i>
<i>Sunday 12th March</i>	<i>10:30am.</i>	<i>Rev. Mike Jones</i>
<i>Sunday 19th March</i>	<i>10:30am.</i>	<i>Mrs. Nini Brady</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ **Worship in the Building – COVID Precautions**

- Please be considerate of those who wish to maintain social distancing and ask before sitting close to somebody.
- We are not passing the offering plate around, but there is one on the hatch where we serve tea/coffee. Please make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **WHY (Wesley Hall Youth)**

We don't have a paid youth worker at present, but are still running the afterschool Drop Inn and WHY, our youth group. The Drop Inn runs on term time Tuesdays from 3pm to about 4pm (or 2:30pm to 4:30pm with set up and pack away) and if you are able help, even for the odd week here and there, that would be great. WHY runs every Sunday from 7pm to 8:30pm and we have put together a rota until the end of April, but need a second person to just be there (no planning or preparation) on *Sunday 12th* and *Sunday 19th March*. If you are able to help with either of these, please see Matt.

❖ **Church Council**

Our next Church Council meeting is on *Wednesday 1st March* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room, but also with a Zoom option. All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Council members can vote on any decisions. Please pray for the meeting and let Mike or Matt know if there is anything you would like to go on the agenda. It is always good to welcome new members to Church Council so if you would like to have a greater involvement in decisions about the church, and can spare three or four evenings a year, please see Mike or Matt.

❖ **Lent Groups**

All are invited to join with the Lent Group for the Methodist Churches at Dore, Topley Rise and Wesley Hall led by Rev Mike Jones. We will be using material from York Courses, called '*God has no favourites*'. We don't need to be expert theologians to join in, just willing to chat about

some of our thoughts and experiences! During the course we will look at Bible passages, listen to ideas from Dr Carmody Grey that she has written and recorded in the course material, and share our own thoughts in discussion together. Each week the same session will run twice, once on Monday evening at Wesley Hall and once on Wednesday afternoon at Dore Methodist Church, so you can choose which is the best for you to attend. Each session will be no longer than 90 minutes. If you think you will be coming along, can you send a message to Mike. (michael.jones@methodist.org.uk, 07485 779262) letting him know which session you hope to attend, to help with preparation?

The dates and times for each session are below:

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Monday, 7.30pm in the Sanctuary at Wesley Hall	27th February	6th March	13th March	20th March	27th March
Wednesday, 2pm at Dore Methodist	1st March	8th March	15th March	22nd March	29th March

NB. The Sessions at Wesley Hall will be held in the Sanctuary.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place this Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome. Our superintendent minister Rev Romeo Pedro will be sharing with us as we start a new theme of "Marching through March":

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ **Arise Prayer Walk: Wednesday 1st March to Friday 31st March**

Christians across Sheffield are being invited to cover the city in prayer this March to help connect with the needs of people living there.

Arise: March's theme in 2023 is to cover, discover and recover; to cover our streets in prayer, discover local prayer needs, and recover the true meaning of Easter for Sheffield. This is the third year that Arise has invited people across Sheffield to prayer-walk and bring hope to the city. An app has been developed to coordinate the efforts of everyone taking part, which creates a map of the routes that have been prayer-walked. The more a street is prayed for, the brighter it will glow on the app. This year people will also be able to upload the prayer needs they have discovered to the Arise:March prayer app so others can join in prayer for those needs. However you don't need the app to take part. The whole essence of Arise is to cover Sheffield in prayer. You can do that without leaving your own home!!

For more information including details of organised group prayer walks in particular postcodes of the city, visit the website www.arisesheffield.org

COMING SOON

❖ **Wesley Hall Annual Photo**

We used to take a photo each year on the steps outside the front of church and are looking to revive the tradition. Our first photo was to be taken after the TRIBE nativity in December, but many people were not able to make it that day due to the snow, so we will try again on *Sunday*

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26th February. Everyone is welcome to be in the photo but if you would rather not, simply stay upstairs or hide around the corner out of shot!

❖ **Amazelab Children's Workshop**

Amazelab are running a free Reflecting on the Pandemic Children's Workshop on *Saturday 4th March* at Walkley Ebenezer! Amazelab are a very popular company that provide science, technology, engineering, arts and maths workshops for children throughout South Yorkshire. Children of all ages and their families can drop in to Ebenezer any time from 2pm to make a suncatcher to take home, and to fill in a reflection journal. The last session will start at 3.30pm and refreshments will also be available.

❖ **Maundy Thursday Agape'**

You are warmly invited to a Maundy Thursday Agape' with a simple meal of matzos, cheese and grapes at Totley Rise Methodist church on *6th April at 6pm.*
Please ring Anne on [REDACTED] before 26th March if you would like to join us.

❖ **Sheffield Methodist District Justice Quilt Project**

This project led is by the Sheffield Circuit Justice and Peace Group, soon to become the District Justice Seekers community of practice. The quilt will be based on the words of Micah 6:8 What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Our quilt will be assembled from square blocks produced by individuals and groups across our district, and is to be unveiled on 22nd April at the District Gathering, on a theme of, 'How to be a JUST church in an UNJUST world?', addressing both how we relate well to each other, and how we are called to respond to the world around us. please go to <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/lib/F721979.pdf> for further information on how to get involved (or ask Matt for a printout).

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Our next Messy Church is on *Saturday 4th March*, families with young children please come along. The next dates for your diaries are: Messy Church on *1st April*, Stay & Play on the *6th May* and our Easter Holiday club run jointly with St Tim's on the *3rd and 4th April*.

AND FINALLY

❖ **The Connexion Magazine**

The new edition of The Connexion is out! It is free and there are copies for you to take home on the heater at the back of church. It is full of inspiring stories from around the Methodist Church and a good way to keep up with what our fellow Methodists around the country are up to.

❖ **Thank You**

In appreciation of the support and best wishes, expressed in many ways, following my operation, and as I make progress. Val S.

❖ **Turkey–Syria Earthquake Emergency Donations**

I am sure we have all been moved by the unfolding events of the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey causing thousands of structures to crumble in both southern Turkey and north western Syria. The seismic shock was followed by numerous strong aftershocks, and another quake hit the area nine hours later. According to reports, the disaster has claimed over thousands of lives, with officials anticipating the death toll to increase in the coming days.

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All We Can (the Methodist Church's international development and relief organisation) will be responding to the earthquake and rescue efforts. Their initial response is centred in Syria given access to existing networks for the most vulnerable, through their partners in the region. All We Can have supported refugees prior to the earthquake and will continue to support them during this time of extended vulnerability.

Should you wish to make a financial donation you can donate online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/syrian-earthquake-emergency-donations/> or via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked Turkey-Syria Earthquake Donation, and we will send this on.

❖ **Flower Rota**

The Flower Rota for 2023 is on the notice board at the back of Church. Please add your name to the last if you are able to contribute towards the flowers for a particular week.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for those know to us who are ill or recovering from surgery.
- ❖ Please pray for all those who have suffered in the Turkey-Syria Earthquake and for all those people and organisations that are assisting in the rescue missions.
- ❖ Please pray for Andrea and Mercy Ships as they return to Dakar on the new ship.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ Please continue to remember Mike and his family in prayers, as he returns to work; that he is able to strike the right balance as he continues to recover.
- ❖ Please pray for Wesley Wigglers, which runs on a Thursday; we have had a number of new mums attend; please pray that they continue to come, and that Wigglers will continue to grow.

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).