



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th March 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 2nd April</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Ian Bell</i>
<i>Sunday 9th April</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Deacon Annabel Terry (Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 16th April</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Local Arrangements</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.

❖ **Lent Groups**

All are invited to join the Lent Study for the Methodist Churches of 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 (which she has written and recorded in the course material), and share our own thoughts in discussion together. This week's final session will be run twice: once on Monday evening at Wesley Hall (Emmaus Room) at 7.30pm; and once on Wednesday afternoon at Dore at 2.00pm, so you can choose which is the best for you to attend. It will be no longer than 90 minutes.

❖ **Circuit Prayer Gathering: 'Marching Forward Through March'**

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place 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

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❖ **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

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday 7 th April	10:30am	Good Friday Service (at Walkley)
	2:30pm	Good Friday Garden Service (at Totley Rise)
Easter Sunday 9 th April	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Easter Morning Holy Communion

❖ **Holy Week**

We won't be having our own services during Holy Week, but all are invited to join our friends from Dore and Totley Rise. There will be a series of quite reflective services at Dore Methodist Church, Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th April, from 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

❖ **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 *Thursday 6th April at 6pm*.

Please ring Anne on [REDACTED] before *26th March* if you would like to join.

❖ **Easter Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast is back! We have invited our friends from Walkley Ebenezer to join us for breakfast on Easter morning at 9:30am. All are welcome. No need to book; just come along, as we share breakfast together before our service of Holy Communion.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Sunday 16th April**

We have a Local Arrangement service on *Sunday 16th April*, so we need to plan what we are going to do that week. It doesn't have to be a 'normal' service with a sermon slot, but could be focused on prayer, exploring a theme or something else entirely! If anyone, or any church group, has any ideas or would like to arrange and lead that service, please see Matt.

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❖ Church AGM

We will be holding our AGM after our worship on *Sunday 23rd April*. It will be an opportunity to hear from our lay workers, feedback on where we are now, and look at future plans. The meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so please put the date in your diary.

❖ Sheffield Methodist District Justice Quilt Project

This project is led 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. This will have 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. For further information, please go to <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/lib/F721979.pdf> (or ask Matt for a printout).

CHILDREN & FAMILIES / YOUTH

- Dates for your diary: Messy Church on 1st April; Stay & Play on the 6th May; Easter Holiday club, run jointly with St Tim's, on the 3rd and 4th April.
- We currently have no volunteer to help in the kitchen at Messy Church this Saturday (1st April). If you are available from 11am-12noon to serve tea and coffee, please let Neil know.
- At the end of our holiday club (Tuesday 4th April) parents come along to see what their children have been doing and we offer them a piece of cake. If you would like to bake a cake/cupcakes for this, please speak to Neil to let him know.
- Also during the holiday club, we will be doing some junk modelling; so if you have any cardboard boxes, toilet/kitchen roll tubes, plastic food containers that might otherwise have gone in the rubbish/recycling, then please bring them in. Neil is in the office Tuesday to Thursday, or drop them off on Sunday.
- 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 to help, even for the odd week here and there, that would be great.

AND FINALLY...

❖ 'Thank You' from Sue Mills

A big thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, visits and cards following my stroke in November. Thank you also to Dorothy for keeping everyone updated with my progress. I'm so grateful for everyone's love and support.

God bless, Sue Mills

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❖ **Good News!**

Congratulations to Sean and Amy Briscoe who are expecting their first baby in August!

❖ **Flower Rota**

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

❖ **Turkey–Syria Earthquake Emergency Donations**

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

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, as they already have 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.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for those known 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 surgery gets underway on the new ship.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, that peace may prevail.
- ❖ 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).