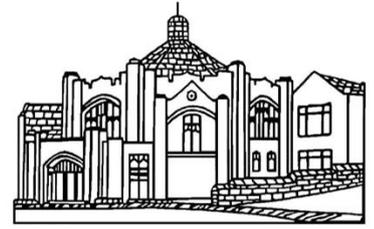




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 27th March 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** **David Harris**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 3rd April 10:30am Deacon Jackie Wright
Sunday 10th April 10:30am Rev. Gail Hunt
Easter Sunday 10:30am Rev. Ian Bell

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 but are leaving the plate on the hatch where we serve tea and coffee. Please do make use of it if you have brought an offering with you today.

❖ **Lent Prayer Invitation**

Lent is often a time when people think about “giving up” but how about “taking something on” this year - take on the discipline of prayer. To help with this practice you are invited to use a specially designed lent prayer leaflet (by Gail) which will guide you through the 6 weeks of Lent. It has a different prayer focus each week which enables you to encounter God in the everyday. There is something really special about the body of the church coming together in this way, centring ourselves in the unity of prayer. If you haven't already got one, please pick one up from the leaflet holders at the back of church.

❖ **Sad News**

We were sad to hear the news this week of the passing of Rev. Dick Jones, who some of you may remember was a former Minister of Wesley Hall. His funeral will be held in Nottingham on *Tuesday 29th March*, but the crematorium and thanksgiving services will be livestreamed. Please contact Matt or Louise for the further details.

❖ Circuit Lent Prayer Initiative

During Lent, the Sheffield Methodist Circuit are inviting us to join together every Wednesday on Zoom to explore the symbols traditionally placed on the Lenten Cross & their significance to us as a Circuit. The meetings will be held 8pm to 9pm via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

❖ Ukraine Emergency Appeal

I am sure 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 online at <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/> or via the collection plate, putting your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine Emergency Appeal, and we will send this on.

EASTER SERVICES...

Good Friday 15 th April	10:00am	Walk of Witness (from Wesley Hall to Walkley)
	11:00am	Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday 17 th April	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Easter Morning Holy Communion

❖ Walk of Witness

We will be walking from Wesley Hall to Walkley Ebenezer at 10am on Good Friday, stopping a few times along the way to pray and reflect and then sharing in worship at 11am. If you would like to lead one of these short prayers on the walk down, please let Matt know.

❖ 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

❖ Early Farewell Service

The Revs. Tim Crome and Mark Goodhand are seeking permission to 'sit down' at this year's Conference which mean their appointments in the Sheffield Circuit will come to an end in the summer of this year. Tim will be staying in Sheffield Circuit as a Supernumerary Presbyter and Mark will be retiring to the Northampton District.

Tim was appointed Superintendent of the former Ecclesall Circuit in 2012 and served as Co-Superintendent in the Sheffield Circuit from its inception until 2020.

Mark was appointed Superintendent of the former Pilgrim Circuit in 2008 and also served as Co-Superintendent in the Sheffield Circuit until stepping down from that role in 2019.

In recognition of their service to the Methodist Church in Sheffield we will present Tim and Mark with gifts at a Circuit Farewell service to be held somewhat earlier in the year than usual, as both Tim and Mark will be taking their sabbaticals in the final months of this connexional year. The service will be on *Sunday 10th April* at Firth Park at 6:30pm, and the Circuit Stewards would like to invite churches and individuals to contribute towards these gifts.

❖ **Press Start Retro-gaming Café**

Our Retro-gaming Café is back on *Saturday 23rd April* from 2pm to 5pm. Come along and enjoy all the best consoles from the 1980s onwards, with a wide selection of classic games, as well as artisan coffee and themed activities for all the family. Admission is free and all are welcome; you are never too old or too young to game!

❖ **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.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ We are running our Easter Holiday Club with St Tim's on *Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th April*. If you have children who would like to attend let Neil know and he will send out the booking information when it goes live. Also, if there is anyone who is available to help out as a volunteer at this event even if it is for a day or just a morning or afternoon please let Neil know.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who has volunteered on the new TRIBE rota. There is a hard copy at the back, and I think we've got the next month covered so thank you. As it gets closer to the gaps please have a think if you can help at any of them.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

Thank you to everyone who supported Leprosy Mission Sunday. £70 was sent to help the rebuilding of the research centre at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. God bless, Sue Mills.

❖ **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 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 prayer for Ukraine, published by the Methodist Church:*

Holy and Gracious God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

- ❖ Please pray for Bernard Newbound who is hospital waiting for a stent; pray for those looking after him and for his family at this time
- ❖ Please pray for the recruitment of a new Pre-teen & Youth Worker, for those who will be interviewing, and for all those who have applied. Please pray that the process will be smooth and that will appoint the right person for the job.
- ❖ Please keep Rev. Gill Newton and the Circuit Leadership Team in your prayers as they continue to explore the future shape of the Sheffield Circuit.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. Gail Hunt, the minister of Wesley Hall, Topley 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).