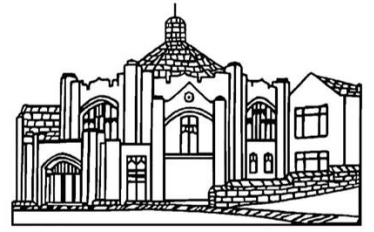




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 29th September 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 printed sheets for songs that are not in the books.

Today's service **10:30am** **Michael Gagan**

The steward on duty is Steve Wright

<i>Sunday 6th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev Michelle Deans (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 13th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Local Arrangements</i>
<i>Sunday 20th October</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev Michelle Deans (Harvest Festival)</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

This will be taking place as usual *this Wednesday* 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)

❖ Coffee Morning – Wednesday 2nd October

Please bob into Wesley Hall for a coffee/tea if you're around between 10am and 11.30am on Wednesday 2nd October in the Sanctuary. The coffee mornings will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month going forward, and will be an informal drop in.

COMING SOON

❖ Harvest Festival: Sunday 20th October, and Bring and Share Lunch

Our Harvest Festival will take place during morning worship on Sunday 20th October, which will be led by Michelle. After worship, everyone is invited to a bring-and-share lunch in the Church Hall downstairs. All are invited, and if you are not able to bring anything you are still welcome to come and share in the meal. We will need help setting up, washing up, and clearing away, so it would be great if some people would be able to lend a hand on the day.

We will be supporting two charities this Harvest (see next page):

The Sunday Centre

 Loving all People

 Building Community

 Sharing our Christian Faith

Minister Michelle Deans 0114 229 4707
Centre Manager Matt Irons 0114 267 9040

Families Jacque Ryan 07412 124 310
Youth Jason Colley 07865 778 319

Firstly, there is the opportunity to bring donations of goods which will be passed on to the Sunday Centre, which operates out of Victoria Hall Methodist Church. The Sunday Centre serves Sheffield's homeless and vulnerable. On Sundays, there is a particular need for a safe, warm refuge available to all because many of the other relief organisations working in Sheffield close on this day.

Michael Burston from the Sunday Centre project has sent us the following message:

"Thank you for thinking of us and thank you for inviting your congregation to bring donations for us to your harvest festival.

We are as busy, if not busier than ever. We now see up to 150 people, and very occasionally more, each Sunday. The number of guests we see is split about 60%:40% between those that like to come inside for a sit-down meal, and those that prefer a takeaway. They are made up of Sheffield's homeless, rootless, marginalised, and anyone in need. Our user-group is diverse and includes not only local homeless and other people in need, but also refugees, asylum seekers, and new arrivals in the city.

Because of the increase in the number of people we serve on a Sunday, the number of takeaway bags we provide has now grown to 120, and the number of meals that the cooks prepare each week has gone up to anything between 120 and 130, depending on what the meal is. And, as you can imagine, the hot drink service is equally as busy.

It's crazy to think that maybe just 6 years ago we would think that seeing 80 guests was a large number, and that a couple of years after that we were shocked when that number went up to 100. It is a sad indictment of the times we live in that the number has now crept up to 150 and, in honesty, I don't see that number slowing down."

Michael has asked particularly for donations of long shelf-life foodstuffs (e.g. biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate bars, pot noodles etc.) or toiletries (e.g. shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/paste), as they can either be held as emergency food support for the guests or added to supplement the items in the takeaway bags they hand out each Sunday.

All We Can

Any monetary donations will be passed on to All We Can, which is the Methodist Church's international relief and development organisation, working to see every person's potential fulfilled. All We Can has served some of the most marginalised communities on earth for the last eight decades, since a group of Methodists answered the call of refugees in Europe in the 1930s. Their story is about the inherent value and potential in all people. Whether children fleeing tyranny, communities facing extreme poverty, or families hit by disaster, they answer through partnering with local innovators, projects and churches to unleash inherent potential.

❖ Circuit Welcome Service

There will be a Circuit Welcome Service for Rev. Sean Adair, Rev. Phill Borkett, and Maurice Stafford (all of whom are taking pastoral charge of churches for this year) at 3:00pm on Sunday 20th October at Trinity Killamarsh Methodist Church. All are welcome, and the service will also be streamed on Teams (details to follow).

❖ Christian Aid Ceilidh - Saturday 26th October, 6.30pm to 9 pm

Come along and enjoy a Ceilidh in support of Christian Aid, dancing to the Well Dressed Band! Adults £10, children £8, including a baked potato with chilli and soft drinks (all proceeds to Christian Aid). Book tickets [here](#) or pay on the door.

❖ Remembrance Sunday

This year for Remembrance Sunday we are going to start to make a poppy display for the front of church. We are hoping each person could make a poppy to add to the display in either material, knitted or crocheted. If you don't feel you have the skills to do this, don't worry - in the run up to the event, Betty and Louise are going to have a craft table with all the things you need to make one. The plan is to make them the approximate size of a standard poppy you would wear. If you would like to know more, please speak to Betty or Louise.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- A massive thank you to everyone who came to or volunteered at Stay & Play! Extra hands-on deck made such a difference; Jacque really appreciates it.
- Date for the diary - Messy Church is on Saturday 26th October, 10am-12pm.
- The TRIBE rota will be at the back of church. If you are able to sign up for a week or two to go downstairs as the second adult, please do.
- TRIBE rota - leaders needed! If you are interested in running a TRIBE (Sunday School) session, we really need one or two more leaders. For more information, please see/phone/email Jacque or Matt; phone numbers are on the newsletter; Jacque's email address is families@wesleyhall.org.uk

GOOD NEWS!

❖ Joint Youth Worker – Introducing Jason Colley

Our new youth worker Jason has started! Jason can be reached on 07865 778319 or at youth@wesleyhall.org.uk. He will be at Wesley Hall on Tuesdays, so do pop in and say hello. Here is a little introduction he has written about himself...

Hi! My name is Jason, and I am the new youth worker serving your church.

I have lived in Sheffield my entire life, and started attending St Leonard's Church, Norwood at age 8. I very much enjoyed Sunday School, but once I graduated to my teenage years, the choir really was not the best fit for my (sadly lacking) musical talents, causing me to leave the Church.

Once I had my own children, I brought them back to the church, but the missional strategy of being a good Christian in the world led me to engage in multiple projects outside the church and ultimately left me with no time for church. These projects included a local litter picking group, Parson Cross Cubs and Scouts at Mount Tabor Methodist Church. I also helped with Falcon Camps run by Jonathan Buckley. More recently I have been running Scouts in Chapeltown.

Lockdown stopped my good works, and I was driven by numerous events to pick up a document that I had previously paid little heed to; it's called the Bible.

The reading led me to read the chronicles of Moses, King David, Jesus and St Paul, some of which I had never heard in the Sunday Eucharist, and this inspired me to look for a church that explores the Bible in a little more detail. This led me to St John's in Chapeltown, where I have been worshipping for just over a year.

Living in Shirecliffe, and from experiences with my own family, I can see with my own eyes what a rejection of Jesus does to people, and I am eager to help build the Kingdom of Heaven in any area where God places me.

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❖ **Cost of Living Grant**

We have been awarded a £5,000 grant from South Yorkshire's Community Foundation! This is to help with our higher running costs associated with the recent cost of living increases. This is really good news and will make a big difference to our financial position at year-end, with the accounts now likely to be close to breaking even.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Welcome Desk: Tuesday mornings 9:15am to 11:15am**

For a number of weeks before the Summer Holidays, Emma was sat on a welcome desk in the church foyer on Tuesday mornings as a church presence, offering a welcome to people who came into the building for their Slimming World session or Zumba class. This provided an opportunity to develop relationships, and Emma found people to be very friendly and open.

Ideally, Emma would like to find someone who is willing to share this role, so that it could become a fortnightly commitment for both parties. It's not as intense as it sounds! Emma takes a book/craft or other task to be getting on with during down-times.

If you're interested, please have a word with Emma or Michelle.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, for approval from the Methodist Church and grant support from both the Low Carbon Community & Culture Fund, and nPower Business Solutions. Please pray that the decisions would be made quickly so the project can go ahead this year.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For our applications to trusts for grants towards the resurfacing of our car park, that they would be successful and progress quickly
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes. With thanks for the New Beginnings Grant from the Sheffield Methodist District towards the cost of hosting a Christmas lunch for some of our elderly neighbours living on Brick Street that we may build and maintain strong relationships with them.