



# Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### THIS WEEK

#### ❖ Zoom Service

Our next Zoom service will be at 10:30am this *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November*, the first Sunday in Advent, and then we plan to hold a service every Sunday throughout Advent. Our services are available to watch on YouTube. They are unlisted videos so they are not available to people searching YouTube and can only be accessed using a direct link. If you would like the link, or would prefer a DVD or audio recording of the services, just ask Matt (matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk, 0114 267 9040).

<https://zoom.us/j/96423971221?pwd=WmxNMII2THVhSUswY3dVL0JmRC9pQT09>

Meeting ID: 964 2397 1221

Passcode: 526491

There is also an option to connect by telephone for audio only. If you would like to do this, please follow these instructions:

- Dial one of these numbers –

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

- An automated voice will ask you to enter the Meeting ID followed by hash; enter 964 2397 1221, #
- It will ask you to enter your Participant ID (you don't have one) or just press hash, so press #
- It will then ask you to enter the Meeting Password followed by hash; enter 526491, #

You will be in the meeting!

#### ❖ Daily Advent Stories

The Methodist Church Christmas campaign for 2020 #GodsWithUs seeks to share the Christmas message of Emmanuel, the good news that God is with us, through twenty-four stories of individuals and their experiences of this extraordinary year. Each day of Advent they will share a testimony from somebody connected to the Methodist Church reflecting on what hope has looked like for them this year and how they have experienced God with them. The individuals whose stories the campaign tells include those who have felt the painful effects of isolation this year, who have experienced extreme poverty, who have struggled with poor mental health, who have lost loved ones – like so many millions of others. But ultimately,

incredibly, God's loving presence radiates from each of them in beams of powerful hope. Hope that is so necessary for such a time as this. We will be sharing these stories each day via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WesleyHallCrookes/> so please like our page if you would like to follow the stories.

### ❖ Fellowship Group

Our Thursday Fellowship Group continues to meet for Bible study and prayer (and fellowship!) at 8pm on Thursdays, via Zoom. All are welcome, please ask Andrea for more information or for the Zoom details.

### ❖ Sunday Home Worship Options

As well as our Zoom services you may still wish to utilise any of the various other worship resources which are still included in the newsletter, but have moved to the last page.

### ❖ Zoom Worship

The Leadership Team are looking to put together a team of people who are willing to take responsibility for putting together a Zoom worship service on a rota basis. The Vine material is always available and we are hoping to get hold of some recorded sermons from the Circuit, so this is likely to entail finding readers and choosing the songs for the service. It would also be really helpful to know who is willing to take part by reading or leading prayers. If you are interested in taking part in any way, or would like to find out more, please ask Matt

## COMING SOON

### ❖ Keeping in Touch (with TRIBE)

One of the ideas that came from Claire's last management group meeting was trying to put people who live alone in touch with children from TRIBE. Ideally, those who would like to be involved would be paired up and could then arrange to phone/ video call/ Zoom to keep in touch and help combat isolation during lockdown. If you are interested, (as either a person living alone or a TRIBE member), please let Claire know ([families@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:families@wesleyhall.org.uk), 07412 124 310).

### ❖ Messy Church

We ran our second Messy Church At Home session last Saturday and it was a great success! We had sixteen families join us for the Zoom session at 11am, and about twenty activity bags were handed out. We've had some excellent feedback from families for the bags and Zoom.

Our next session is *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December*, again following the same format. Prayers for the families who join us and for future success of these sessions would be much appreciated. Contact Claire if you are interested in a bag and or Zoom details of the next session for your family or anyone else you think may be interested in them ([families@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:families@wesleyhall.org.uk), 07412124310)

### ❖ Wesley Hall Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group hasn't met for a while due to lockdown and high tier restrictions. However, Claire has started up the Facebook group we have for Toddlers and will be regularly posting links of useful information, activities, songs and stories for the families to access (this can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/959150864141956>). We will advertise Messy Church on there

as well. Claire is putting together some Christmassy packs for Toddler families to do over the Christmas period. These will be available over a two-week period at the beginning of December. Get in touch with Claire if you or someone you know would be interested in an activity pack. They are suitable for toddler and preschool age children (12 months to 4 years).

## **AND FINALLY**

### ❖ **Farewell Gift for Sally**

As I am sure we all want to mark Sally's leaving Louise is going to make a book filled with all our messages to say goodbye to her. And if you would like to put something towards a leaving gift for Sally, let Matt have this by cash cheque or bank transfer. We have had a good number of contributions to Sally's leaving gift (thanks very much!), but not as many messages for Louise to add to the book she is preparing.

If you would like to add a message to Sally, please email Louise at:

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### ❖ **Christmas Cards**

Christmas will soon be upon us! Many people usually write their cards and bring them to church to give out either in person or via the pigeon holes, but since we are not meeting for worship in person we will not be able to do that this year. Instead, we are going to dedicate a special page of the newsletter to Christmas greetings and encourage people to make a donation to Action for Children with the money saved by not buying cards. If you would like to take part in this, just send your message to the newsletter email account or pop it to in the letterbox at church and then either donate to Action for Children directly or give it to Matt to pass on.

### ❖ **Extraordinary Gifts from All We Can**

Christmas is a special time of year to gather together with families and loved ones and, as Christians, to celebrate Jesus, the most extraordinary gift of all. Although this year will be different, you can still spread joy and hope at this special time of year through giving your loved ones All We Can's Extraordinary Gifts, which will in turn bring hope and joy, as well as helping to change lives in some of the world's poorest communities.

With every Extraordinary Gift from All We Can, you'll receive a card to pass onto your loved one, showing them the difference that their gift could make. This year, make sure your Christmas is extraordinary by helping a family in need. Order your Extraordinary Gifts today at: [allwecan.org.uk/shop](http://allwecan.org.uk/shop)

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ For our building, that we would be able to raise the required £15,000 in new bookings and grants in order to break even this year.
- ❖ We have a grant application in to help with our projected deficit due to reduced bookings because of COVID. Please could you pray for this application and for those who are meeting this week to consider how to allocate the grant money?
- ❖ For Drop Inn, WHY and Sean, as they cannot meet in person in lockdown; that the young people who take part feel members of this community and feel the love and support of the Lord.
- ❖ For Wesley Wigglers and Claire as they are able to meet in person again.

- ❖ For Messy Church, for the new format and that we would be able to involve and reach more families and for the Messy Church on 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- ❖ For our church, community, country and the world as we deal with and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ For Dorothy ill in hospital and Jim recovering at home.
- ❖ For Val recovering from her operation.
- ❖ For Christopher for heart, health, strength and salvation.
- ❖ For Lunch Club as we look to the future and try to keep in touch with our members.

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).

## CAROLS

### ❖ Compassion UK Carol Service

We will not be having a Carol service at Wesley Hall this year but would encourage you to consider joining with Compassion UK for theirs. Carols with Compassion will be a blend of contemporary Christian music and traditional Carols with performances by a variety of artists including Philippa Hannah and Graham Kendrick, readings from around the world and messages of hope. The service will premiere at 7:30pm on *Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December* on TBN UK (Freeview channel 65) so should be available to watch or record on most televisions and recording devices. It will then be available online via Compassion's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and YouTube) from 8:00pm on *Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December*. For more information visit: <https://www.compassionuk.org/news/carol-service/>

### ❖ Sheffield Carols

We will not be having a Carol service at Wesley Hall this year but would encourage you to consider a new way of carolling in Sheffield. Each Thursday in December at 8:00pm, people can stand on their own doorstep and join with neighbours (also standing on their doorstep, at a safe distance) and join in with the Carol for that week. Musicians can join in too! The Carols will be:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: The First Noel
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Hark the Herald
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December: While Shepherds Watched/ Sweet Bells
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Away in a Manager/ We Wish you a Merry Christmas

The words to The First Noel have been sent out with the newsletter this week and if you would like any printing (for yourself or to give to neighbours) just ask Matt: [matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:matt.irons@wesleyhall.org.uk), 0114 267 9040).

### ❖ Carols on the Doorstep

On *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December*, at 5:30pm, the whole country has the chance to join in Carols on the Doorstep with four carols for everyone to sing along with, the music played through your radio. The project comes with invitations and posters to engage your neighbours and communities. Find out more from: <http://www.carolsonthedoortstep.co.uk>

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Today we, along with most churches, will not be worshipping in our church buildings, but in our own homes. Below are a number of options (in no particular order) to help us to do this:

### ❖ Vine at Home Service

Along with this newsletter, there should also be a separate attachment called 'Service 1 (Vine)'. This is a short service that can be used at home and includes prayers, a reflection and songs (that can be played via the embedded YouTube links).

### ❖ Methodist Church in Britain Worship at Home

Along with this newsletter, there should also be a separate attachment called 'Service 2 (Methodist)'. This is a short service that can be used at home and includes prayers, a reflection and songs (that can be played via the embedded YouTube link).

### ❖ Wesley's Chapel - Livestream

Wesley's Chapel in London is live-streaming worship, adapted for a non-physical congregation, at 9:45am and 11am today. The YouTube link for the stream is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

### ❖ Methodist Central Hall, Westminster - Livestream

The team at Methodist Central Hall are providing live worship via their YouTube channel at 11.00am every Sunday. Alternatively, you can watch again online at a time convenient to you. Just click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn9TkFzl-qk--V3JapCS0sQ> or type "methodist central hall Westminster youtube channel" into your search engine and it should pop up. The service is between 45 mins and an hour.

### ❖ Sheffield Methodist Circuit Streamed Services

[Victoria Hall](#)

[Greenhill Methodist Church](#)

[Coal Aston Methodist Church](#)

[St Paul's Methodist Church, Dronfield](#)

[St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church](#)

[Carterknowle Methodist Church](#)

[Totley Rise Methodist Church](#)

[Stocksbridge Christian Centre](#) (as part of the Cornerstone Mission Partnership)

[Christ Church Stocksbridge](#)

[Stephen Hill Methodist Church](#)

[St Andrew's Gosforth Valley](#)

We will endeavour to continue to offer a variety of home worship options each week. If you come across a good one, please send it to the newsletter account.