



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



www.wesleyhall.org.uk

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Sunday 14th December 2025

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. If you would prefer to read from a book, please visit the bookcase at the back of church. There you will find hymn books, bibles and large print books.

Our minister is Rev Michelle Deans, who also serves as minister to Hillsborough Trinity and Wisewood Methodist Churches. Our worship is led on a rota basis by Michelle, and local preachers from across other Methodist churches in Sheffield.

As a Methodist Church we are called to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking church. For more information, please see www.methodist.org.uk.

Today's service 10:30am David Harris (Carol Service)

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 21st December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Activity Nativity</i>
<i>Sunday 28th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Wendy Cartwright</i>
<i>Sunday 4th January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Neil Craig</i>

THIS WEEK

❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place as usual *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)

❖ Coffee Morning

Our coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, so the next one is on *Wednesday 17th December*. They are an informal drop-in, open to all, and are held in the Sanctuary. Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am, and why not bring a friend?

❖ Celebration of Liz Jenkinson

A service to celebrate the life of Liz Jenkinson will be held here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 20th December* at 12:00pm. All are welcome to the service, and everyone is encouraged to join the family at Tupton Hall afterwards. Liz requested that there be no black clothing worn, only bright colours.

COMING SOON

❖ Aladdin at the Sheffield Library Theatre

One of the young people that Jason has come into contact with through the Drop Inn, has asked him to promote a pantomime that he is taking part in. It is a production of Aladdin at the Sheffield Library Theatre on 17th January 2026. Adult tickets are £10; concessions are £8.50. To book tickets go to: <https://theatrestarz.com/show-tickets/> and where it asks for 'Theatrestarz Member' put 'Isaac' in the text field.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Wiggles is moving to a Monday! If you'd like to spend an hour or two with new parents and lovely babies, please talk to Jacque; 10am-11:30am on Mondays in term time.
- TRIBE nativity is on Sunday 21st December. Please come along (ideally with a willingness to get involved). Bring any children in your life (either your own or give a parent a break and take their kids!). There are flyers in the foyer downstairs - please take a few and give them to any families you know.
- The TRIBE leaders' rota for December to February has now been completed. If you are able to sign up to be the second person, please let Jacque know at families@wesleyhall.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Saturday 13 th December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 14 th December	10:30am	Carol Service
Sunday 21 st December	10:30am	TRIBE Nativity
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration

AND FINALLY

❖ Circuit Meeting News

One change identified during 'Casting the Net' was to improve communications across the Circuit, and as part of this, a summary of the recent Circuit meeting has been produced. This has been e-mailed out with this newsletter, and printed copies are available at the back of church.

❖ Daily devotions through advent

The Sheffield Circuit has put together daily advent devotions of 10 minutes or so which can be accessed via the circuit website: <https://www.sheffieldcircuit.org.uk/newsroom/devotions-for-advent.html> or via the You Tube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@sheffieldmethodistcircuit267>. So far, contributors have included our superintendent ministers, Rev Romeo Pedro and Rev Debra Marschner.

❖ Thank you! - MHA Christmas Friendship Appeal

Just to say a huge thanks to everyone who wrote an extra card for MHA. We have sent off an amazing 80 cards from the church. Thank you!

❖ Christmas Greetings

If you would like to put a Christmas greeting in the newsletter instead of buying individual cards for those in our church family, then please send it to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or put it in the newsletter pigeon hole. If you would like to make a donation to a charity (or to Wesley Hall), then that would be great, but is not required.

- Andrea Killingsworth wishes everyone a peaceful and joyful Christmas, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all – our Lord Jesus Christ. (Andrea has made a contribution to Christian Aid.)
- Happy Christmas to everyone at Wesley Hall, from Cath Marriot.

❖ Wesley Hall Church Offering

This year (2025/26) the Circuit Assessment for Wesley Hall has increased from £32,550 to £33,546. This is an increase of 3% and is in line with the increase in stipends paid to Ministers. The amount that we expect to raise from the offertory and Gift Aid £32,000, which is £1,500 short of our assessment figure and would need an increase of around £30 per week. Although this is a large amount overall, if a number of people give a little bit more, we are hopeful that it will be possible to raise this over the year.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation, especially with our ongoing commitment to funding Jacque and Jason to support the children, families and youth work. As the number of lives we touch continues to grow, we fully understand that this may not be possible for everyone.

If you do not currently give regularly and would like to start, popular methods are standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself by using Gift Aid. If you have any questions about giving to church, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ Fundraising Efforts

As part of our fundraising efforts we are asking if you are able to take a jam jar home and fill it with any loose change or coins that you have. Or you could use it as a jar of grace, with a small donation made before each meal? Either way your small change can make a big difference! Please return full jars to the church office for counting and thanks very much for your support.

❖ Can You Please Help

Please see the following request we've received from Jason and contact him if you are able to assist Eve.

"I was talking to Eve, who has started volunteering for the Tuesday Drop Inn at Wesley Hall. Eve is a Chinese National studying a master's degree in music and is an incredible piano player. She was mentioning that she doesn't have any friends left as they had left the country, and I wondered if any locals from the church would be willing to have her round for dinner.

It would tie in well with the 'All are welcome' message that the Methodist Church is promoting at the moment.

Thanks, Jason"

❖ Inclusive Church Network

You may have noticed the "All Are Welcome" banner that is now on the wall at the junction of Crookes and Carson Road. All Methodist churches in the Sheffield circuit have been provided with one to display. In a similar vein, Leadership team brought a proposal to the October church council for Wesley Hall to join the Inclusive Church network. A decision will be taken at the next Church Council meeting. Churches which are part of the inclusive church network agree to affirm the following vision statement:

- We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.
- We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.
- We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

If you have any comments or questions, then please see Michelle.

❖ Sad news - Rev Claude Kimpinde

Reverends Romeo and Debra (Circuit Superintendent Ministers) have written to all churches to share some devastating news:

"We learnt last week of the sudden death of Praise, the daughter of our colleague, minister and friend Rev Dr Claude Kimpinde. Praise (aged 22 years) took her own life.

Please join us in prayer for Claude and his family: that God's comfort and hope envelop them in their grief, and that they know themselves held in the power of love we believe to be shown to us all in Jesus Christ.

Praise lived and worked in Paris. We want to show our support and love by paying for Praise's funeral as well as travel expenses for Claude and the two younger children, Joy and Gift, living here in Sheffield. Elim, the oldest son, and Mireille, Claude's wife, both live and work in Paris."

If you wish to make a financial contribution, please see Matt who has further details.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Pray for the Circuit as their three new recruits all start work this month. These roles will be key to shaping the future direction and mission of Methodism in Sheffield
- ❖ For new users or other income to help meet our running costs this year
- ❖ For our upcoming fundraising efforts to help support the running of the building for the community
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes
- ❖ Over time, other baby groups locally have moved to a Thursday (including Laura's Story Corner at St Vincent's and Baby Sensory at Crookes Social Club). Wiggles has always been small but hasn't stabilised this year, so we're moving Wiggles to a Monday, launching on Monday 8th December (with a special handprint ornament-making session). Please hold Wiggles in your prayers, this week especially.