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# Sunday 21st September 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 <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk">www.methodist.org.uk</a>.

Today's service 10:30am Louise Etherington  The Steward on duty is Rosemary Anderson		
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Rev'd Vicky Atkins
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Rev'd Ian Bell (Holy Communion)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Rev'd Michelle Deans (All Age Harvest Festival)

# **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)

### Thursday Communion

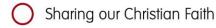
Michelle will be leading a short service of Holy Communion this *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September* at 12noon. This quarterly service is primarily to offer Holy Communion to those from Lunch Club who would like it, but it is open to all, so you would be very welcome to attend.

#### Threads through the Cross

Following the hugely popular 'Threads through Creation' exhibition, Sheffield Cathedral welcomes back acclaimed textile artist Jacqui Parkinson with 'Threads through the Cross', telling the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection through 18 enormous textile panels (3x3m & 3x2m). It is open now and running until *Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September*. For more information, see their website: https://www.sheffieldcathedral.org/whats-on/2025/8/7threads-through-the-cross.







### ❖ Prayer Gathering: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am

Our next prayer gathering will be on *Saturday 27th September* in the Sanctuary. We'll start at 11am and aim to be finished by 12:15/12:30ish and then share lunch together. We'll pray about the different areas of church life and mission and hear from different contributors. All are invited to come along. You are welcome to come and listen, with no pressure to speak or contribute. It's not aimed at kids, but there'll be some craft activities available. If you have any questions, or anything you would like the church to be praying about, then please let Emma know.

## **COMING SOON**

### Services for your diary:

We have a few special services coming up that you might want to put in your diary:

- Sunday 28th September: Service led by Rev Vicky Atkins (New Chair of District)
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October: All Age Harvest Festival with uniformed organisations
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: United Service (with our friends from Wisewood and Hillsborough Trinity) led by Rev Michelle Deans

### Coffee Morning

Our coffee mornings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, so the next one is on 1<sup>st</sup> October. 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.

### ❖ Bible Study

Bible study will continue this *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September* at Lesley's house and then next *Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October* at 7:30pm at Val's house. If you need a lift, or would like more information, please contact Jacque, Lesley, Louise or Val.

### Safeguarding Course

A number of us did our 'Creating Safer Space Foundation' training together just under four years ago. To ensure our knowledge of changing laws, policies, and best practice remains current, we need to renew our training every four years, so this is now due. There will be a training session here at Wesley Hall on *Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October* at 7:00pm, so please put the date in your diary. All are welcome, and the Leadership Team will shortly be checking who needs to attend the course because of any roles they have in the church. If you are planning to attend, please let Matt know.

#### Christian Aid Ceilidh

Come along and enjoy a Ceilidh in support of Christian Aid, dancing to the Well Dressed Band! The Ceilidh will be here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October* from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Adults £10, children £8, including a pie and pea supper (all proceeds to Christian Aid). Book tickets <u>here</u> or pay on the door.

Minister Michelle Deans 0114 229 4707 Families Jacque Ryan 07412 124 310
Centre Manager Matt Irons 0114 267 9040 Youth Jason Colley 07865 778 319

### Save the date: Joint Churches Pre-Advent Bible Study

Michelle is preparing a 6-week bible study course to be delivered over Zoom for her churches. The sessions will be on Monday evenings running from 20<sup>th</sup> October and finishing on 24<sup>th</sup> November. For now, please save the dates in your diary and watch out for more details.

# ❖ All Age Harvest Festival and Bring & Share Lunch: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

We are excited to be joined by rainbows, brownies and guides for worship on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The brownies will also be helping serve tea and coffee after the service. All are invited to share in a bring-and-share lunch in the hall downstairs after the service.

We will be supporting The Sunday Centre with donations of food and money. The Sunday Centre operates out of Victoria Hall in the city centre and provides a hot meal for between 100-130 guests each Sunday. As well as the hot meal, each guest receives a takeaway bag. That way they can choose to either eat the contents with their meal or take them home to consume later.

In November last year, The Sunday Centre was awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. Equivalent to an MBE, KAVS is the highest award given to local voluntary groups in the UK and is awarded for life.

This year, Michael (Deputy Chair) has asked us to contribute food that can be placed into the takeaway bags:

- Biscuits (pre-wrapped or packets that can be broken up), cereal bars and chocolate bars
- Chocolate treats and cake (either individually wrapped or sliced)
- Pot Noodles
- Toiletries like deodorants, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

# **❖** Wave of Light: A Service of Remembrance

Join us on *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October* at 6:45pm here at Wesley Hall for a quiet, reflective service honouring babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, or infertility. All those affected by such loss, including friends and family are welcome, whether your loss was recent or long ago, this space is for you. Gathering from 6:45pm, at 7pm we will light candles as part of the global Wave of Light, joining families around the world in remembrance and hope.

- Gentle music;
- Space to write or reflect;
- A moment to honour and remember.

All are welcome: those who grieve; those who support; and those who simply wish to stand in solidarity. For more information, contact Jacque Ryan on families@wesleyhall.org.uk

#### Autumn Serenade Concert

St Vincent's are hosting a fundraising concert in aid of the St Justin's Society, on *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October* at 7:30pm. This will comprise a selection of songs from musical theatre and popular classics, sung by 'Singers Unlimited' and accompanied by Hugh Finnigan. Tickets are £10 each (including refreshments). For more information or tickets, please contact Steve Foley on

### Streets Of Light Trail 2025

The 'Streets of Light' trail is returning this year, from *Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October* to *Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*. The idea is to decorate one, or more, windows of your house, flat or workplace, and then leave the lights on from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, so our friends, neighbours and communities can see the beautiful light-filled displays. Your design can be anything you like, but should include

one or more of the words LIGHT, LOVE or HOPE somewhere within it. At a time when most people are celebrating and focusing on Halloween, the Streets of Light initiative aims to shine God's light, turning streets of darkness and fear into streets of light, love and hope. For more information or to sign up, go to <a href="https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk">https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk</a>.

# **CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

• Messy Church is on *Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October* - if you'd like to help, please let Jacque know. If you'd like to come, please do. If you know anyone else who might be interested, please let them know. It's aimed at pre-school and primary-aged families, and we're currently skewed a bit towards the younger end of that.

# AND FINALLY

### Thank You Card from Amy Huntley

We have received a card from Amy which is on the pin boards at the back of church, but the note inside is also below:

To all at Wesley Hall, thank you for the kindness and warmth you showed me during my time worshipping with you. Greetings from Manchester! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful summer and are looking forward to returning to school/normal routines. It's my first day at work tomorrow, I'm excited, but nervous. I'm also missing Sheffield (and you all) a lot! You were such a gift to me this year and I have been continually blessed by the way you have served each other and me, a complete stranger! I will be praying for Bible Study, for a deepening of our faith and for the Crookes community to know the hope they have through your outreach and ministry. Please keep in touch and be sure to come visit me in Manchester; you are always welcome! Love, Amy.

# PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Circuit as they recruit for three new roles that will be key to shaping the future direction and mission of Methodism in Sheffield
- For more volunteers to help at Drop Inn and football on the Bole Hills
- For new users or other income to help meet our running costs this year
- For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes