



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



www.wesleyhall.org.uk

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Sunday 4th October 2026

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 Andrew Atkins, who also serves as minister to Hillsborough Trinity, Wisewood and Victoria Hall Methodist Churches. Our worship is led on a rota basis by Andrew, 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 Alison Trezise

The steward on duty is Jo Owens

Sunday 11th October 10:30am Rev. Andrew Atkins (All Age Harvest Service)

Sunday 18th October 10:30am Michael Gagan

Sunday 25th October 10:30am Rev. Peter Edwards (Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK

❖ Bible Study

Wesley Hall bible study group continues at 7:30pm this *Wednesday 7th October* in the Antioch Room here at Wesley Hall. We are using studies from the book *Come for Refuge: The Book of Ruth and Hope for Migrants*, written by Pete Wilcox, the Bishop of Sheffield.

The group is informal and aims to finish by 9:00pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please speak to Emma, Jacque, Lesley, Louise, Rosemary or Alan.

❖ Coffee Morning

Our coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:00am to 11:30am, so the next one is this *Wednesday 7th October*.

The group is a lovely social time with people from Wesley Hall and the Crookes community. Some people bring their crafts to work on, and others come for a chat. Please share with anyone you know who may benefit from coming. Everyone is welcome.

❖ 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)

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❖ **Messy Church**

Messy Church is 10am-12pm on *Saturday 10th October*. If you'd like to come along, please do, and please pass this on to anyone who might be interested. If you are able to volunteer, please let Jacque or Louise know. An extra pair of hands in the kitchen would be particularly amazing, but also people to welcome and talk to families, or help with crafts.

❖ **Musical Extravaganza - Saturday 10th October 3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Tickets are now on sale from Emma or Matt (or online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/musical-extravaganza>) for the concert with performances from Sheffield City Voices, Hallmark of Harmony, and Silver Spectrum Wind Band. Tickets cost £8 for adults and children are free. We have also got flyers available so please take some and invite your friends!

COMING SOON

❖ **All Age Harvest Festival and Bring & Share Lunch: Sunday 11th October**

All are invited to share in a bring-and-share lunch in the hall downstairs after Sunday morning worship. It would be lovely to see you there.

We will be supporting The Sunday Centre with donations of food and money.

The Sunday Centre is a not-for profit organisation, based out of Victoria Hall Methodist Church, which 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. Their main aim is to provide a warm sit-down or takeaway meal.

So far in 2026, they have served just over 3900 guests (aka service users). This number is generally split 65:35 between those that like to come inside for a sit-down meal and those who prefer the meal as a takeaway; both groups get the same warm, nutritious meal, takeaway bag and hot drinks.

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

- Pot Noodles
- Chocolate biscuits e.g. penguin bars
- Cake bars e.g. jam tarts, mini rolls
- Packets of biscuits

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is on *Monday 12th October*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

HELLO FROM ANDREW

Hello folks,

I thought I would do a very brief “*Hello, this is me*” for our newsletter just to give you all a flavour of “*the new minister*”.

I have been in Methodist ministry since 2000, with a break from Circuit life of four years between September 2018 and 2022, when I became a funeral director for a small family-run firm in Guiseley, West Yorkshire. In my ministry I have also been chaplain to two hospices, a Methodist primary school, Leeds Bradford Airport and I still walk alongside a group of people in recovery from alcohol addiction. Prior to ministry I did all sorts of jobs, far too many to list here.

I am married to Vicky, whom some of you will know is the Sheffield District Chair. We have four adult children and two grandchildren, and we are both originally from the North East.

Just a few of the things that bring me joy, in addition to my family, are music (especially live gigs with favourite bands), walking/being in nature, photography and writing. I also love story-telling and listening to other people’s stories, so I’m really looking forward to getting to know you all here at Wesley Hall, and in the community of Crookes, hearing some of your stories and seeing where our shared journey will lead us in the years ahead.

Andrew.

AND FINALLY...

❖ PDG Members (& Chair) Wanted!

The Circuit is seeking new members to join the PDG (Property Development Group), as well as a new chair. If you have an interest in property or have ideas of how we could innovatively use property for mission, then please consider joining this group. Church members make up our Circuit, so the invitation is open to all. If you have any questions, just ask Matt who can let you have a job description for either role.

❖ 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.

❖ Kairos II

In previous years, a memorial about Palestine has been brought to Conference. At the 2026 Conference, the item was called Kairos II (A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide). Two copies of an accompanying book have been purchased for each church. If you would like to read one of the Wesley Hall copies, please see Matt.

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PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Please pray for Dolores Valentine (James Simms' wife), who's recently been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting chemo in the next few weeks
- ❖ Please pray for our application to the Heritage Fund. Pray that those administering the fund would look favourably on our project and that things would progress quickly.
- ❖ Please pray for an increase in bookings to bring our room hire income up to match our expenditure.
- ❖ Please pray for protection on the building and all the equipment in it, so that we won't have any unexpected repairs bills next year.
- ❖ Pray for those we know who are suffering, for those who are sick, those who are anxious and those who are grieving.
- ❖ Please pray for the Spaces youth group. We pray for this new group and for Jason and the team of volunteers who will help run the sessions