



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



www.wesleyhall.org.uk

Wesley Hall Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1150284

Sunday 21st 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 Activity Nativity

The steward on duty is Jo Owens

Sunday	28 th December	10:30am	Wendy Cartwright
Sunday	4 th January	10:30am	Neil Craig
Sunday	11 th January	10:30am	Rev'd Peter Edwards

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=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948 Passcode: 999757 (Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

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 Saturday 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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday 21st December 10:30am TRIBE Nativity

Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Morning Family Celebration

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

❖ Christmas Day Offering: City of Sanctuary

Together with all the Methodist Churches in the Sheffield circuit, on Christmas Day we will be taking an offering for the work of City of Sanctuary in Sheffield. They are a charity working to build a safe and welcoming city for all people seeking sanctuary. They offer a range of services, including a drop in called The Sanctuary. This is a property on Chapel Walk in the centre of Sheffield, where visitors are welcomed by volunteers, and offered a hot drink and a calm place to sit. They can participate in conversation groups and other social activities and find out more about activities and opportunities around the city.

Please either bring your offering along on Christmas Day or place it in the offering plate another Sunday in an envelope marked 'City of Sanctuary'.

❖ 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.
- Wishing you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May God's love, peace and grace be with our church family now and throughout the coming year. Love, Mehrab, Moj and Rose.

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.

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.

❖ 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!

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❖ 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.

❖ 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.

❖ 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.

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❖ **Message from Rev Claude Kimpinde**

We hope this message finds you well. As we navigate this incredibly difficult time following the passing of our beloved daughter, Praise Kimpinde, we felt it was essential to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support we have received from all of you.

To the Chair of the Sheffield District, the co-superintendents of the Sheffield Circuit, all Ministers and Deacons, the Admin Team in the Sheffield Circuit, all Circuit Stewards, and all church members in the Sheffield Circuit — your kindness and compassion have been a source of great comfort to us. Your prayers and support have truly touched our hearts and have helped us find strength during this challenging time.

We are especially grateful to all the individuals who have taken our situation to heart, lifting us up in prayer and offering their support, both anonymously and openly. The lovely and supportive messages we received in multiple cards have brought us solace and reminded us of the love that surrounds us.

Thank you for being there for us, for your generosity, and for your unwavering support. We are deeply appreciative of each and every one of you, and we feel blessed to be part of such a caring community.

With all our love and gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Mwansa Claude Kimpinde |

Mireille Kimpinde | Elim Kimpinde | Joy Kimpinde | Gift Kimpinde.

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 Thursdays (including Laura's Story Corner at St Vincent's and Baby Sensory at Crookes Social Club). Wigglers has always been small but hasn't stabilised this year, so we've now moved Wigglers to Mondays. Please hold Wigglers in your prayers.