



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.methodist.org.uk).

**Today's service**      **10:30am**      **Wendy Cartwright**

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

<i>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Neil Craig</i>
<i>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev'd Peter Edwards</i>
<i>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev'd Ian Bell</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)

### ❖ Christmas Greetings

- 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 has moved 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.
- 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](mailto:families@wesleyhall.org.uk).

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ 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.

### ❖ 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). Wiggles has always been small but hasn't stabilised this year, so we've now moved Wiggles to Mondays. Please hold Wiggles in your prayers.