



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 3rd December 2017

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 or can be found in the books provided. Large print hymn books are available at the back of church along with separate printed sheets for songs that are not in the books.

Today's service **10:30am** **Holy Communion** **Rev. Sally Coleman**

The steward on duty is Emma Irons

<i>Sunday 10th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Catrin Harland</i>	<i>6:00pm Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 17th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Christmas TV - An Alternative Nativity (by TRIBE)</i>	
<i>Sunday 24th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman</i>	<i>6:00pm Stay & Pray</i>

THIS WEEK ...

❖ Handel's Messiah

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra are performing Handel's Messiah at Sheffield Cathedral at 7.00pm this *Monday 4th December*. Tickets are £16, concessions £13, students £6 on the door only. Children under 16 and accompanied by an adult are free. Tickets are available at: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk, or www.wegotickets.com, or at the door or please see Alison MacFarlane.

❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Wednesday 6th December* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year will be a little different since it will be taking place upstairs in the Sanctuary (the Retrogaming Café will be downstairs) this *Saturday 9th December* from 11am to 3pm. We are selling stalls to local crafters/ small businesses (but still keeping a few of our own) and most of them have already been taken. There will also be activities for kids and displays from the Sheffield Model Collectors Club. On top of this, we will be running a café serving cake, drinks and light lunches in the Upper Room. Please take some flyers away and let people know about it!

There is still plenty to do and your help with any of the following would be very much appreciated:

- A few more helpers in the kitchen would be fantastic. If you can help, please see Matt
- As well as serving cakes in the café, we are running a cake stall so need LOTS of cake! Please get baking and bring your cakes along from 9am on the day
- Prizes are needed for the tombola stall, please donate any items to Jim or Dorothy

❖ Retrogaming Café

The Retrogaming Café is back for a Christmas Edition this *Saturday 9th December* from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Come and enjoy the best consoles from the 1980s onwards, with a wide selection of classic games, Christmas 'Geekcraft' activities, artisan coffee and themed photo booth. Admission is free and all are welcome; you are never too old or too young to game!

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Saturday 9 th December	11am -3pm	Christmas Gift & Craft Fair (see above)
	2pm-5pm	Christmas Retro Gaming Café (see above)
Saturday 16 th December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
	6:00pm	Carols Around Crookes (see below)
Sunday 17 th December	10:30am	Christmas TV - An Alternative Nativity (by TRIBE)
Thursday 21 st December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel (see below)
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 31 st December	10:45am	Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer at Walkley (please note later 10:45am start time)

COMING SOON...

❖ Carols Around Crookes

This year, instead of a carol service, we will be taking our carol singing out into the community! On *Saturday 16th December* we will be singing at three different locations around Crookes and finishing with mince pies and hot drinks back here at Wesley Hall. Flyers are available so please invite anyone who you think might be interested in some festive singing! Everyone is welcome to come and sing or listen at any or all of the locations as below:

- 6:00pm Outside St Tim's, on Slinn Street
- 6:30pm Mulehouse Road, near the garage
- 7:00pm Outside Wesley Hall
- 7:30pm Inside for mince pies and drinks!

❖ Time Out from Tinsel

A service of quiet and reflection led by Rev. Sally Coleman on *Thursday 21st December* at 7:30pm. A chance to reflect on the true meaning of the season, to pray, to meditate and relax in the presence of God's comfort and love.

❖ Blackpool 2018

The Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool has been booked for the weekend of *11th – 13th May 2018*. If you are interested in joining a group to go the hotel please let Dorothy know as soon as possible. Further details will be available later.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Thank You from The Sunday Centre

Our Harvest donations of both food and money went to the Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless at Victoria Hall. They are very grateful and we received a note back from Steve Clark, who runs the project saying, "Your gift is timely and welcome. We are very busy at the moment and have fed 80 to 90 each week recently. Could you pass on our thanks to the congregation please? In addition to the practical help, it is good to know that people are thinking about and praying for our Guests and our volunteers."

❖ Church Council

Membership of the Church Council has been reducing recently and we could now do with four more people to join. Church Council is the trustee body that makes decisions for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church, which is made up of both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. We meet in the evening four

The editor for December is Matt. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Matt on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.

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times a year, alternating venues between Wesley Hall and Walkley. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please see Matt.

❖ **Kilombero Rice Challenge**

Wesley Hall has taken receipt of 90 bags of delicious Kilombero rice. If we can sell them all at £3 per bag, the growers in Malawi will have earned enough to send one of their children to high school for a year. Neil Harland will be selling bags after the service, and hopes also to distribute them via our building user groups. Any assistance with these would be welcome.

❖ **Warm Clothes & Bedding Urgently Needed**

Warm clothes and bedding are urgently needed for the drop-in centre, as more people are living on the streets than ever before. Anything you can offer will be welcome and Jim and Dorothy are very happy to collect any items you can donate.

❖ **The Most Important Christmas Card You'll Send This Year**

Methodist Homes (MHA) is asking church members and children to write just one extra Christmas card and share the joy of Christmas with an MHA resident or Live at Home scheme member. If you can send them your greetings MHA will pass them on. The address is: MHA, Epworth House, Stuart Street, Derby DE1 2EQ.