



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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.

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**Today's Service**                      **10:30am**    **Preacher**                      **Rev. John Simms (All Age Worship)**  
The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

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*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am Rev. Michael Brown 6:00pm Rev. John Simms (Prayer Service)*

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)*

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am Mr Neil Craig*

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## THIS WEEK...

### ❖ X:Site

The next X:Site event is next Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a city-wide event for any children in Y3-Y6. Come along and bring your friends for an evening of games, songs, Bible stories, craft activities and prizes; "like the best holiday club, squeezed into two fun-packed hours". Entry is £2.50. For more information, please e-mail [xsitesheffield@gmail.com](mailto:xsitesheffield@gmail.com) or our Children & Families Worker, Liz Harding [families@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:families@wesleyhall.org.uk) (or contact Liz on 07412 124 310).

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited to a Congregational Meeting after the morning service on *Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January*. We will be exploring exciting developments in both children's and youth work and thinking about how we can continue to resource and expand these areas. The meeting will be held in the Emmaus Room, soon after the service has finished (please feel free to bring your tea and coffee in with you), and will last no more than one hour so there will still be time to get home for lunch afterwards! It would be great to see as many people as possible at this important meeting.

### ❖ Church Council Meeting

For those of you on Church Council the date of the next meeting has been changed to Thursday 22nd January from the original date of 29th January. Please let Andrea Killingsworth know if this date is not convenient. The meeting will be at Walkley Ebenezer.

### ❖ **Prayer Group Against Trafficking**

Last year, Andrea Killingsworth and a friend started a monthly prayer meeting, praying about the issue of trafficking of children and adults for sexual and domestic slavery. It is estimated that there are 35.8 million slaves worldwide (estimate for the UK is 10-13,000) and that \$31.6 billion is made from forced labour. We have joined with a Christian organisation called Hope for Justice, who are involved in rescuing people enslaved in the UK. The youngest person they have rescued was a one-year old in 2013. These figures make the problem seem overwhelming but lots of breakthroughs are happening on a number of fronts: the issue is getting a higher profile politically; awareness of the issue is growing; more people are being rescued; and there are more prosecutions of those involved in trafficking. The prayer meeting is normally the second Wednesday in the month and they will next meet on *Wednesday 14th January* at 8pm. Please talk to Andrea if you are interested in joining them.

## **AND FINALLY...**

### ❖ **New Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2015 are at the back of church. Please collect your envelopes and if you have any questions, or would like to start to give using the envelope scheme, please see Matt.

### ❖ **Roof Works Update**

We have heard back from the National Churches Trust who have awarded us a grant of £20,000 for the roof works, which is really great news. The project has now gone out to tender so that we can get an accurate picture of how much each element will cost and how much we can complete with the money raised, which is still well over £100,000 once the Entrance Area works have been deducted.

However, a new grant scheme was announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement specifically for roof repairs on listed places of worship, to which we will also be applying. Please pray for this application, our application to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, the tender process and the work itself, which should start sometime in the Spring.

### ❖ **Youth Fellowship**

You may remember that a few weeks ago we started a Youth Fellowship. The first couple of sessions went well, but we've had to take a break for the next few weeks due to my preaching commitments. I'm hoping that we will start to meet again in the New Year, so if you know of any young people in Years 7-11, let them know about it, and I'll let you know when we're starting again as soon as I can!  
Thanks, Rev. John Simms.

### ❖ **Stationing**

John is delighted to announce that he has been invited to become Superintendent of the Kendal Circuit from September 2015. This is subject to confirmation by the Conference next June.

We continue to hold the stationing matching process in our prayers, as a new minister for Wesley Ebenezer is sought.