



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 4th December 2016

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
		Worship Leader	Dorothy White

Sunday 11th December 10:30am TRIBE Nativity

Sunday 18th December 10:30am Mr. Ray Battye

Sunday 25th December 9:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (Christmas Day Celebration)

THIS WEEK ...

❖ Joint Leadership Team

The Joint Leadership Team (Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer) meet quarterly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is this *Thursday 8th December*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ Woodseats Centenary Celebrations and Circuit Service

On *Sunday 11th December*, Rev Dr Roger Walton President, President of the Methodist Conference will lead the Celebratory Circuit service at 2:30 pm at Woodseats Methodist Church, Holmhirst Road, Sheffield, S8 0GU.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Sunday 11 th December	10:30am	TRBIE Nativity Service
Saturday 17 th December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 18 th December	6:00pm	Scratch Nativity Carol Service
Thursday 22 nd December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 1 st January	10:45am	Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer here at Wesley Hall (please note later 10:45am start time)

COMING SOON...

❖ Scratch Nativity Carol Service

Our Scratch Nativity Carol Service will be on *Sunday 18th December* at 6:00pm and will be led by Rev. Sally Coleman. Have you always wanted to be in a Nativity play, or maybe you didn't get to play the character you wanted to play? Now is your chance! Something for the whole family to enjoy. Come dressed as your chosen character and we will make one huge nativity scene as we tell the story! Or just come to along and enjoy singing the carols.

❖ **Time Out from Tinsel**

A service of quiet and reflection led by Rev. Sally Coleman on *Thursday 22nd 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.

❖ **WEADS Panto February 2017**

WEADS will be performing the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th February 2017*. Look out for further details.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Taizé Retreat in Sheffield**

This article, written by Mark Ansell, was published in the newsletter of Taizé last month. It was translated into over 30 languages and also used on various social media in the UK as well at churches in Sheffield. It's about the Taizé weekend held here at Wesley Hall in October.

"Thirty young adults from across the country came to Sheffield to take part in a Taizé retreat weekend. Many of the people who'd travelled to Wesley Hall in Crookes - which is where we based ourselves - were Europeans living and working in Britain. We had a Pole, a Hungarian, a German and two Dutchmen. This brought a really special dynamic to the weekend of people from different backgrounds coming together to socialise, pray, sing and share silence and meals together.

Most of the participants slept at the Methodist church in Crookes and we all ate our meals there together – taking it in turns in the kitchen. Just like at the Taizé community in France, we held three prayer services a day. After the Saturday morning prayer we spent time in silence with many heading to Bole Hills to take time-out and reflect.

We were fortunate enough to have the use of Sheffield Cathedral and the highlight for many was the Saturday evening workshops and prayer service there. One of the workshops was led by Adnan Khalid who is a Muslim from Leeds and an expert on Islam. He told us of the many links between Christianity and Islam and that the word Islam means peace. This was followed by another enjoyable communal meal and then a beautiful Taizé prayer in the Cathedral which was attended by a hundred people.

Although the retreat had officially finished after a lunch together on Sunday afternoon, the monthly Taizé prayer at St Mark's as part of Night Service happened to be on that day. This meant that many of us got together one last time to sing the chants of Taizé, pray and spend time together in God's presence.

A Taizé prayer takes place on the third Sunday of every month at 8pm in St Mark's Church, Broomhill, as part of the Night Service. You'd be very welcome to join us. To keep up to date search 'Taizé in Sheffield' on Facebook and request to join the group. Mark Ansell."