



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 9th November 2014

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	Preacher	Mr. Neil Craig
		Worship Leader	Dorothy White
	6.00pm	Remembrance Service	Rev. John Simms

The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

Sunday 16th November 10:30am Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)

Sunday 23rd November 10:30am Karen James

Sunday 30th November 10.30am Rev Catrin Harland

THIS WEEK...

❖ Make a child's Christmas...

Join the Wesley Hall Shoebox challenge! Operation Christmas Child is a charity which encourages people like us to send a box of simple gifts to needy children around the world who may have never received a Christmas present.

We are encouraging all the groups which meet at Wesley Hall to get involved, to either bring gifts, money to send the boxes or make boxes themselves. Drop your donations into the church office by **Sunday 7th December**, our next All Age Worship, when we will bless the boxes and send them off to make a child's Christmas...Liz

❖ Lest We Forget - First World War Commemoration Concert.

Sheffield Bach Choir presents an evening of choral & instrumental music, including works by Vaughan Williams & Elgar on Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm at Sheffield Cathedral. Tickets £16, Concessions £13, available on the door or speak to Alison (tel. [REDACTED]) for more details.

COMING SOON...

❖ Christmas Fair at Walkley

This will be held on **Saturday 29 November**. The fair will open from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm, price: Adults £5.50 Children £3 50. To assist with catering please obtain a ticket in advance for lunch from Margaret Worfolk

❖ **Advent Fayre**

This year's Advent Fayre will take place on **Saturday 13th December**, 11:00am-2:00pm. Please start to sort out any unwanted gifts, new items, crafts, etc for the stalls. Thanks.

❖ **Toy Service at Walkley Sunday 7 December**

This year our friends at Walkley will be supporting a new charity "Families Together" A registered charity that provides a crisis service for needy families referred by social workers, where the children are in danger of being taken into care and may have no toys at Christmas. They are looking for toys but these or cash donations would be appreciated from anyone in the Church. In the past they have bought good quality toys from Charity Shops with this money so more people can benefit!

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Church Offering for October**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are publishing the amount given on Sunday mornings, at events, by standing order or via any other method. The amount given in October was £1,802.91; thank you for your generosity.

❖ **Stationing**

As most of us will be aware, we are currently going through the stationing process for a Minister to replace John next September. A shortlist has been drawn-up by the Circuit Invitations Committee and the final decision is now in the hands of the Chair of District. Please pray for this whole process, particularly for discernment of God's will in this matter. Similarly, John is looking for a suitable appointment, so please pray for him also.

❖ **Volunteers for Toddler Group**

Wesley Hall runs a large toddler group in the hall on Wednesday mornings, which some 50 families from the local area enjoy. We believe this group provides a wonderful opportunity to forge great relationships with local families and make them feel welcome in our church but at the moment this is difficult, as we have few volunteers. We are looking for some people to either help with the practicalities of running the group or for people willing to pop in, not necessarily every week, to get to know people and represent a church who is friendly, relevant and welcoming. Please talk to Liz if you are interested or would like to know more.

❖ **Drop-In Centre**

Warm clothing is urgently needed for the drop-in centre at Broomhall. If you have any coats, jumpers, skirts, trousers or socks (for men, women or children), please bring them to church, or speak to Jim or Dorothy for them to collect.

❖ **Crookes Courier: Deliverers Required!**

The Crookes Forum have produced the Crookes Courier, a magazine with information about the various activities, clubs etc. that meet in Crookes along with other useful local information. The idea is that every house in Crookes receive a magazine so that people are aware of what is happening on their doorstep and don't miss out on things they may be interested in. Susan Smith, chair of the Crookes Forum, is looking for people who would be willing to deliver the magazines either to their own road, or a road close by. If successful, it is hoped that the magazine will be quarterly but for now we are just asking for people to deliver the current edition! If you are able to help or would like to know more, please call Susan on [REDACTED].

❖ **A Poem by Roy Bellamy**

Early August 2014

Bleeding into the dry moat
Of state consciousness
By the violent tower
Remembrance expires
Blood soaked vanity.

Volunteers plant fake flowers
In feverish haste.
Count memory's shameless guilt
(Goal of exactness)
Mid London's pomp.

Thus ceramic poppies show
Close by brutal stone
British and Commonwealth men's
Gallant sacrifice
In giving their all.

Number eight, eight, eight thousand
Tow, four, six not five
Seal floral's march of those who died.
Pay day's final call,
A soldier's last three.

So mourning's end, someone's son,
Tragic War's victim.
Is included, is a part
Thames' sweep of glory
Telling his story.

Roy Bellamy

This poem has been accepted for publication in the Star newspaper on Saturday 8th November.