

❖ **Toy Service at Walkley**

This year our friends at Walkley will be supporting a new charity called Families Together. They are 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...

❖ **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 deduced.

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 some time in the Spring.

❖ **Merry Christmas!**

As usual I have given a donation to charity in lieu of sending Christmas cards to friends at Church and work. This year so far I have given a donation to the Stand by Me Christmas appeal to supply children in Ethiopia with a pair of shoes. Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year, Andrea

❖ **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, following his visit last weekend. This is, of course, subject to confirmation by the Conference next June.

We continue, of course, to hold the Stationing Matching Process in our prayers as a new minister for Wesley Ebenezer is sought.

❖ **Church Offering for November**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are publishing the amount given to Wesley Hall on Sunday morning, at events, by standing order or via any other method. The amount given in November was £2,222.08; thank you for your generosity.