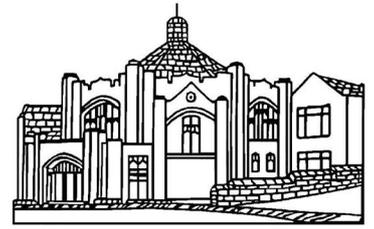


Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 15th December 2013

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	Rev John Simms
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington

The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

<i>Sunday 22nd December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>TRIBE leading Nativity Service</i>	<i>6:00pm Carol Service</i>
<i>Tuesday 24th December</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Communion at Walkley Ebenezer</i>	
<i>Wednesday 25th December</i>	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>Christmas Day Celebration</i>	
<i>Sunday 29th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs Joyce Wiles (united service with Walkley Ebenezer)</i>	
<i>Sunday 2nd January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Church Flowers

Money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Carole and Andrew Gray.

❖ Welcoming New Members

Today we are welcoming five new members into the life of the Church. Anne Burrige, Neil Thompson & Jo Owens will be received by Confirmation, and Avril Clark & Jack Riley by Transfer. Anne will also be baptised during the service. Please remember them all in your prayers as we welcome them formally into the life of Wesley Hall.

❖ Bible Basics

Bible Basics is an informal gathering where we study and discuss key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet at The Manse on (roughly) alternate Tuesdays, starting at 7:30pm and finishing by 9:30pm. The next one is this **Tuesday 17th December**. If you're interested, or want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms (266 0010), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ Wednesday Group

This week, the Wednesday group will be having their Christmas Evening.

❖ Worrall Male Voice Choir

Worrall Male Voice Choir presents 'A Christmas Celebration' with special guests, the Unite the Union Band, at 7:30pm on **Friday 20th December** at Wesley Hall. Tickets cost £7 (£6 concessions) and are available by calling 0845 601 4943 or emailing concerts@worrallmvc.org.uk.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Advent Fayre**

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped with the Advent Fayre and those who attended on Saturday. We raised over £900 which will go towards the blinds in the Sanctuary and the secondary glazing.

❖ **Same Sex Marriage – Methodist Conference Consultation**

The Methodist Conference set up a working group in July 2013: "to consider whether the Methodist Church's position on marriage needs revising in light of changes in society, undertaking this consideration with reference to scripture, tradition, reason and experience". The working group is consulting via a questionnaire which can be viewed on the connexional website. The deadline for responses is 9am on Monday 10th February 2014. Vernon Marsh, the District Chair, believes that some people would welcome a place to discuss and think through their views, in the light of those of other people, before they respond to the consultation. He therefore invites you to a group conversation at St Andrew's Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL either on Wednesday 29th January from 7.30pm to 9.30pm or on Saturday 1st February from 10am to 12noon. There is no need to book; just come along. Those attending will be expected to be committed to the confidentiality of the conversation. It is *not* the intention that a response to the questionnaire be formulated in the meeting. It would be helpful if those attending could read online both the Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/961284/ssmcp-faq-1013.pdf>) and the questionnaire itself (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/983629/ssmcp-consultation-questions-271113.pdf>). Hard copies of these can be obtained from the District Office (0114 281 2733) or speak to one of the Newsletter editors.

❖ **JMA – Junior Mission for All**

We recently presented Emily, Joseph, Lewis and Benjamin with their awards for collecting for JMA for another year. They collected £441.50 between them. Many thanks to all who contribute weekly. If you are interested in giving to this worthy cause or have a child who would like to collect, please see Carole Gray.

❖ **Pianists Wanted**

As I'm sure you've noticed, Rebekah will be gaining a brother or sister in January. As such, I am going to be out of action from playing the piano for a while. If you or anyone you know would be able and willing to play, then any help would be much appreciated, even if it's just a one off or once a month. Thanks, Emma.

❖ **CLC Bookshop**

Advent and Christmas resources – CLC has plenty of choice and loads of offers. Come and see! Late night opening until 7.30pm every Wednesday. NOTE: Make a group of at least ten people and have access to the shop on the evening of your choice. Yes, we will open after hours just for you! Date and time to suit; refreshments included. Contact us soon! We now sell used books and Bibles; prices start at just 25p and stock changes quickly. CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, Sheffield S1 4EQ; (0114) 2812136; sheffield@clcbookshops.com. Shop online at www.clcbookshops.com; search for CLC Bookshops, Sheffield on facebook and twitter.

❖ **Christmas in Crookes Poster**

Representatives from all of the churches in Crookes have met and put together a poster giving details of services that are happening across all of the churches this Christmas. We have a large version up on our community notice board and there are small flyer versions at the back of church. If someone you know might be interested in coming along to a service this Christmas, please take some flyers to give to them. Also, if you would be willing to take a poster (either A3 or A4 size) and display it in your window for passers-by to see, please see Matt.