



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 16th 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	Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)
		The steward on duty today is	Judith Simms

Sunday 23rd November 10:30am Karen James

Sunday 30th November 10.30am Rev Catrin Harland

Sunday 7th December 10.30am Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)

6.00pm Rev Mark Goodhand (Circuit Service at Wesley Hall)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Service of Thanksgiving for Dennis Gray

Margaret Gray and all the family would like to thank everyone who has offered support in prayer, cards, texts and e-mails following the passing of Dennis. The Service of Thanksgiving for Dennis' life will be held here at Wesley Hall tomorrow (**Monday 17th November**) at 1:00pm, followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome.

❖ Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group will meet this **Wednesday 19th November** at 7.30pm in the Emmaus Room. The speakers will be the Leader Brothers and their mystery box.

❖ This Week's Flowers

The money for this week's Church flowers was kindly donated by Mary and Bernard Newbound.

❖ Community Ceilidh

Join us at Wesley Hall next **Saturday 22nd November** from 5pm to 7pm for a dance whether you can strip the willow or not. Featuring the Morgan Rattler Ceilidh band and including a pizza dinner. The tickets are priced: £7 for adults £3 for children. Please see Liz or Matt for tickets.

We will be meeting here at 3pm on the day of the Ceilidh to set up chairs and tables and prepare some of the food for the meal later. It should be possible to get everything ready before the Ceilidh begins so anyone coming early to help will still be able to go upstairs and join in the Ceilidh-ing! If you are able to come and help set up, please let Matt know.

❖ 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

COMING SOON...

❖ Christmas Fair at Walkley

This will be held on **Saturday 29th 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.

❖ Circuit Service at Wesley Hall

There will be a Circuit Service here at Wesley Hall at 6:00pm on **Sunday 7th December**. This is an opportunity for people from across the Circuit (now the whole of Sheffield) to meet together. During this service, Karen James from the Beacon will be accepted onto full plan as a local preacher.

The last Circuit Service to be held at Wesley Hall saw over 200 people attending and many people commented that they had appreciated the refreshments we served after the service. It would be great to offer refreshments again as well as people on the door to welcome. If you are able to help with either of these things, please see Matt.

❖ 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. We need toys, cakes, jewellery, tombola items, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, new gifts and jigsaws. Please bring them to Wesley Hall so that they can be stored in a cupboard. Anything that needs transport Jim and I will be happy to pick up. Many thanks Dorothy White.

❖ Toy Service at Walkley Sunday 7th 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!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

❖ Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited to a Congregational Meeting after the morning service on **Sunday 18th 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.

❖ Weekend Away 2015

We have not been able to find a venue that is available and suits our usual budget for our Weekend Away in 2015. So, instead of a weekend away, we will be returning to the Peveril Centre (Castleton Methodist Church) for an Away Day on **Saturday 2nd May 2015**. All are welcome to come along so please put this date in your diary.

❖ Weekend Away 2016

Due to the difficulty of securing a venue for our Weekend Away in 2015, we have booked the Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool for our Weekend Away in 2016. The weekend will run from the evening of **Friday 6th May** to **Sunday 8th May 2016**. All are welcome to come along so please put these dates in your diary.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Stationing**

As most of us will be aware, we are currently going through the stationing process for a Minister to replace John next September. Please pray for this whole process, particularly for discernment of God's will in this matter. Also please continue to pray for John and his family as he seeks a new appointment for next September,

❖ **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.

❖ **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].