



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 17th January 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** **Preacher** **Mrs. Jenny Carpenter**

The steward on duty today is Emma Irons

Sunday 24th January 10:30am Mr. Michael Cooper

Sunday 31st January 10:30am Rev. Will Fletcher

Sunday 7th February 10:30am Mrs. Helen Hind (All Age Worship)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Youth 'Drop-Inn'

On Tuesday 19th January, we will have the first of our weekly after-school 'Drop-Inn' sessions. This will give the young people of Crookes a place to hang-out, play games and meet others, and at the same time gives us an opportunity to meet them. If you would like to help with the 'Drop-Inn', please see Tim Jansen for more information.

❖ Taize

The third week of January is a week of prayer for Christian unity. As part of that, a group of young people from different churches in Sheffield has decided to organise an ecumenical Taize prayer event. This will take place at the Anglican Cathedral on 19th January at 7.30pm. For those who would like to learn the songs, there will be a short song practice there on the day at 6.45pm. For more information, please see Tim or Beth Jansen.

COMING SOON...

❖ Swishing Party

A Swishing Party will be held at Wesley Hall on Saturday 30th January from 2.30pm-4.30pm. This is a fundraising event for Hope for Justice's work against trafficking. The idea is to bring 3-10 items of clothing, jewellery or accessories and swap! Admission is £5 and afternoon tea is being served, for an additional £5. If you are unable to come but would like to provide cakes, they would be most welcome. To find out more, please contact Joan Daines, Andrea Killingsworth or Sue Chapman.

❖ WEADS Pantomime

Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics Society (WEADS) present Cinderella. This year's pantomime will take place between Wednesday 10th and Saturday 13th February. Performances will be at 7.15pm every evening, with a Saturday matinee at 2.15pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children. Please see Sue or Brian Mills if you are interested.

❖ **Away Day**

Our Away Day this year will be held on Saturday 27th February at Bakewell Methodist Church. The rough format for the day will be to meet for coffee at 9:30am before opening worship at 10:00am. This will be followed by two sessions of study/reflection led by Rev. Gareth Jones, with separate activities for the children led by Claire. After lunch, there will be an act of closing worship, so the structured part of the day will finish by around 2:15pm. This leaves the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy Bakewell (or come home if it's raining!) Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

❖ **Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year**

This year, the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year competition is being filmed at Sheffield City Hall on Saturday 27th February (Junior Competition) and Sunday 28th February (Senior Competition), 2.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets are free but need to be ordered, so if you would like to go, please speak to Andrew Gray by 31st January.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2016 (28th March to 1st April)**

For those of us who have already booked to go to Spring Harvest, we will soon be paying the balance but there is still accommodation available. We would love more people to join us for this opportunity to take part in great teaching and worship and share fellowship with our church family. So if you're interested, please speak to Carole or Andrew Gray by Friday 29th January. If we can then make up another group of 4, or even 6, we could book another apartment. (The cost for a self-catering Gold Apartment is £214 per adult.)

❖ **Celebration Weekend on 23rd/24th April 2016**

We felt that it was right to hold a formal celebration of the completion of the roof project at some point in the New Year. It has also been suggested that as 2016 is the 180th anniversary of Wesley Hall (this is when the School Road building opened), this should also be marked in some way. The foundation stone for the School Road building was laid on 23rd April 1836 and in 2016, 23rd April falls on a Saturday, so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend will be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 180 years, then a meal in the evening and a special service on the Sunday. If you would like to be involved in planning the celebrations, please see Louise Etherington.

❖ **Church Away Weekend**

Our church away weekend in Blackpool is from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May. The cost this year is £95 per adult; £15 for children; under 5s free. This includes two nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal. (Please note, the hotel are no longer able to provide Sunday lunch.) If you are interested, please give your name to Dorothy or Jim White with a deposit of £25 per adult by 6th March.

AND FINALLY...

❖ The Connexion magazine

We have a few copies of The Connexion magazine at the back of church, highlighting exciting new work being done by Methodist churches across the UK. This edition focuses on “giving a green light to mission” including Sandylands in Kendal (prior to their current amazing response to local flooding) and closer to home in Rotherham. Please pass on when you have finished reading to cut down on printing costs. If you are online you can read a copy at <http://methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/the-connexion-magazine>.

❖ Flower Rota 2016

A new flower rota for 2016 is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the weekly flowers, please put your name against a date and let Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington have your donation a week or two before. Quite a few dates were left empty last year, so please consider if you would be able to support this, perhaps to commemorate or celebrate a special date.

❖ New Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes for 2016 are now available to pick up at the back of church. Due to a reduction in the total number of envelopes ordered, some of the numbers have changed. If your number was between 51 and 59, your new number will be between 31 and 39 (subtract 20). (Apologies for this inconvenience.) If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

❖ Unwanted Clothes Needed

The drop-in centre that we collect for is in desperate need of unwanted clothing. Any clothing (adult or child sizes) will be gratefully received but men's clothing is needed the most. Please pass any clothes you wish to donate to Dorothy White.

From the money raised at the Advent Fair, a donation of £50 was given to the drop-in centre. Ann and Gerry Armstrong, leaders at the centre, have sent a thank-you message:

“To dear friends at Wesley Hall. We are so very grateful for your kind donation towards the work of the drop-in centre. Your kindness will make such a difference to the lives of those we support. Each person receives a hot meal and pudding, along with sandwiches and biscuits to take away to help through the night. We also give clothing and sleeping bags. We serve between 40-50 people, mostly lonely and vulnerable people from Sheffield and sometimes from further afield. So once again, a very big thank you. May God richly bless you in all you do.”