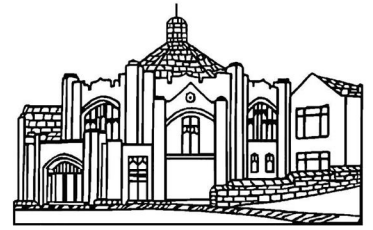


Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 17th November 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 (Communion)
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 24th November</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev Catrin Harland</i>	<i>6.00-7.00pm Stay and Pray</i>
<i>Sunday 1st December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)</i>	
<i>Sunday 8th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Aubrey Emerson</i>	<i>6.00pm Rev John Simms (Prayer Service)</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Congregational Meeting Today Sunday 17th November

Everyone is invited to a Congregational Meeting after this morning's service to help develop our vision for mission as we continue to look ahead and move forward. 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.

❖ Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to fill a shoe box to give a Christmas gift to a child who would not otherwise receive one, please take one of the ready wrapped shoe boxes from the back of church. Each shoebox has a leaflet inside with guidelines on the best things to include in the box and what to do once it is filled.

❖ 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 19th November**. 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

The Wednesday Group is meeting here at Wesley Hall this **Wednesday 20th November** at 7:30pm. This will be a Craft Evening organised by Lily Taylor.

❖ Church Flowers

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Margaret and Dennis Gray.

❖ Try Something New

Thank you to all who took part in Try Something New at Wesley Hall during October, either by trying something new yourself or inviting others to try something new. We began our month of trying new things by finding buried treasure and ended with Zacheus having his life turned upside down, having squeezed in Bakewell in the rain, a holiday fun day, Messy Church, lunch club, uniformed organisations, Crookes Forum relaunch, fitness classes, sports, music groups, our 105th anniversary, starting phase 1 of our roof refurbishment... Do keep checking this newsletter and Eb Tidings for details of new things to be tried.

❖ Christmas Fair at Walkley Ebenezer

This will be held on **Saturday 23 November**, the fair will open from 10 am to 1.30 pm during which coffee will be served. Stalls will include home baking & preserves, Christmas Crafts, cards and gifts, toiletries, books and Tombola. There will also be a Santa's Workshop area with Father Christmas' grotto, bun decorating, face painting and games for children.

❖ Brick Street Allotment

Next **Saturday 23rd November** from 9:30am to 4:00pm we will be clearing the land at the back of Wesley Hall (off Brick Street) ready to turn it into a community allotment. The project is part of the University's 24 hour volunteering scheme so there should be some students coming along to help. As part of the volunteering scheme, the University encourages placement charities to provide lunch for the students. One of the reasons for this is that it helps people to get to know each other if they can all sit down and share lunch together rather than splitting up to go and buy sandwiches. It would be great if someone was willing to help with this and prepare a simple lunch (e.g. soup, bacon sandwiches). Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand for all or part of day, or just to come and say hello and see what is going on! If you would like any more information or can help in any way, please see Matt.

❖ Sheffield Bach Society Concert-Britten a Centenary Commemoration

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra are performing a concert to commemorate the centenary of Benjamin Britten at 7:30pm on **Saturday 23rd November** at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Tickets are £15, concessions £12 and students £6; they can be obtained at www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk at the door, or please speak to Alison MacFarlane.

❖ Crookes Forum-Support for older and vulnerable people

The Crookes Forum and other local organisations and services are planning ahead this year to try and support the elderly and vulnerable over the coming winter period. There will be a Community Meeting on **Saturday 23rd November** 12noon at Crookes Social Club as the start of this process. Everyone is welcome. Contact Susan Smith crookesforum@gmail.com [REDACTED] for further information.

COMING SOON...

❖ Tapton School Prayer Group

Could you please note that this month's prayer meeting date has been moved from Tuesday the 26th of November to **Thursday the 28th of November** due to GCSE presentation evening. The meeting is held at 8pm at [REDACTED].

❖ Toy Service at Walkley

Our friends at Walkley Ebenezer are holding a Toy Service on **Sunday 1st December** where toys are donated and then given out to children in the local area who won't receive any gifts at Christmas. It would be good to support this by donating toys (not just new ones, they could be from a charity shop) to be given out. There is a box at the back of church to collect donations. Many thanks, Dorothy.

❖ **Advent Fayre 11am-2pm Saturday 7th December**

Our Advent Fayre at Wesley Hall is not many weeks away now, so please start to sort out any items that we can sell at the fayre. Please bring them along to Church and we can store them in the Resources Room. We are looking for the following items: Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery, Crafts, New Gifts, Tombola (small items), and Raffle Prizes. Please bring Cakes on the day. If needed Dorothy and Jim White would be happy to collect any items if you let them know. Thanks Dorothy.

❖ **Christmas Concert at Wesley Hall**

On **Wednesday 11th December**, 7:30pm, there will be a joint concert by the University of Sheffield Gospel Choir and Steel City Concert Band at Wesley Hall. If you would like to book a ticket, (£5, £3 concessions), please email: gospelchoir@sheffield.ac.uk or ring or see Liz. All profit will go to charity.

❖ **The Friends of the Children's Hospital Christmas Fayre**

The Friends of the Children's Hospital Christmas Fayre will be held at Wesley Hall on **Saturday 30th November** from 10am to 2pm.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **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

❖ **Thank you So Much**

Kath Olivant and her friends managed to raise £805 at their Coffee Morning on behalf of the MacMillan Nurses. They would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting them.

❖ **Sheffield Libraries Consultation**

The City Council is keen to hear your views about the future of Library Services in Sheffield, whether or not you use these services at the moment. You may have already seen the recent announcement detailing the proposals for the future of Library Services in Sheffield. The Council has now launched the next part of the consultation process to seek your views and opinions on these proposals. These proposals are part of the overall plan for how Sheffield City Council uses its resources, and are based on what you told us last year in the first part of this consultation. You can support this consultation further, by promoting it to your own network of family, friends and any groups you may belong to. All you have to do is forward the following short link to them www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraryreview.

You can also have your say in the following ways:

1. Email libraryreview@sheffield.gov.uk to request a paper copy of the survey which you can complete and return by Freepost
2. Call 0114 2735299 to complete a survey over the phone, request alternative formats or in other community languages, or request a paper copy to complete and return by Freepost
3. Collect and complete a paper survey in any library or First Point
4. Call 0114 2735299 to enquire about being involved in a focus group