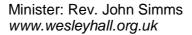


Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church





Sundays 18th and 25th December 2011

And 1st January 2012

We Welcome You to Worship Today

We hope you find a warm welcome, particularly if you are with us for the first time. If we don't manage to speak to you personally and you would like more information, please pick up a welcome card and leaflet.

All song words are projected onto the wall above the dais or can be found in the books provided. Separate song sheets are available at the back of church for any songs that are not in the hymn books.

Sunday 18th December

10:30am

Preacher

Helen Hind

Worship Leader

Louise Etherington

6:00pm

Carol Service

Rev John Simms

The stewards on duty are Linda and Steve Wright

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30am

Preacher

Rev John Simms

The steward on duty will be Pat Singleton

Sunday 1st January

10:30am

Preacher

Rev Catrin Harland (United Service)

Worship Leader

Emma Irons

The stewards on duty are Linda and Steve Wright

Sunday 8th January 10.30am

Preacher

Rev John Simms

The Steward on duty will be Andrew Gray

6.00pm Prayer Service Rev John Simms

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

❖ Advent Fayre

Approximately £819 was raised at last Saturdays Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to those who spent last Friday afternoon preparing for it and to those who helped on Saturday. Without us working as a team the fayre would not happen. Also a big thank you to Roy who gave his services free playing the accordion. Dorothy

At the Fayre £95.56 worth of Traidcraft was also sold together with £47 worth of CLEM goods. Thank you. Audrey

Christmas Services at Wesley Hall:

o December 18th 10:30am Mrs Helen Hind

6:00pm Rev John Simms - Carol Service

December 25th
9:30am
Rev John Simms-Christmas Day Celebration
January 1st
10:30am
Rev Catrin Harland – Joint service with Walkley

Ebenezer at Wesley Hall

Christmas Greetings from Andrea Killingsworth

As I have done for the last few years I have purchased a gift from Christmas in lieu of sending Christmas cards to work and church folk. This year I have purchased bees are a lifeline. for farmers in Bolivia with the money they make from selling honey, they can buy food and clothes. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and God's blessings in the New Year Andrea Killingsworth

❖ New Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes to cover the whole of 2012 have now arrived and are at the back of church. Please collect your envelopes and if you have any questions (or would like to start give using the envelope scheme), please see Matt.

Sunday Centre at Victoria Hall

The Sunday Centre was set up about 20 years ago by Inderjit Bhogal and provides a two course hot meal every week for about 70-80 vulnerable and homeless people in Sheffield. However, it only has enough funding to keep going until Easter at the latest. Open every Sunday from 1.30 -4.40 it provides tea, coffee & biscuits, a space to socialise, play snooker etc and a two course hot meal. Unlike the Cathedral Archer Project (which is not open on a Sunday) it has not been discovered by a Secret Millionaire, so is appealing for funds. Could your church help to save it from financial melt-down? If so, contact Pat Prescott at Victoria Hall 0114 272 1749 or email her via

Church Office

Matt is on holiday between Christmas and New Year so the church office will be closed from Thursday 29th December and reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

Fairtrade

Audrey is hoping to have a table out in Wesley Hall foyer after church on 18th December for anyone wanting any last minute Fairtrade items.

❖ WEADS Amateur Dramatic Society

WEADS will be presenting the pantomime "Snow White" from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th February 2012 at 7:15pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:15pm at Walkley Ebenezer. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Brian and Sue Mills.

❖ X:Site

X:site is for children in school years Y3-Y6, where they can learn about Jesus, have fun and games, bring their mates and listen to live music. It's held at Wesley Hall from 6pm-8pm on Saturdays: 21st January, 10th March, 28th April and 23rd June. Entry is £2.50 and you can get further information from: sheffield@xsiteuk.org phone: http://sheffield.xsiteuk.org

AND FINALLY...

❖ Methodist World Mission

Please bring in your collection box for counting to Gill Packett as soon as possible. Thanks.

❖ Service at Mary Tozer House

Our next service at Mary Tozer will be on **Thursday 5th January** from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be held on **Saturday 14th January** at 8.30am in the Church Hall. Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich and a chat.

Coffee and Crafts

Please note, there will be no more Coffee & Crafts sessions until 17th January.

❖ Basic Food Hygiene Course

Lunch Club has obtained funding for up to 15 people to undertake a Basic Food hygiene Course. The training will take place at Agewell on Upperthorpe Road from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Monday 9th January. The course is a Nationally Regulated qualification with a certificate awarded on successful completion. If you are interested in attending please have a word with Steve Wright.

Update on Roof Repairs

This week we learnt that our bid for funding to English Heritage for our roof repairs had yet again been unsuccessful. They had more bids than they had funding for and we were seen as less urgent than the successful ones. However, they say that we can re-apply again from 1st April. Subject to Church Council and/or Circuit approval we are also considering other ways to raise the money. Matt is looking at the possibility of grant aid from the National Churches Trust and other bodies. He is also speaking to the architect to see if the works can be phased to reduce the immediate expenditure. In order to stop the current leaks Matt is also asking a contractor to see if further temporary repairs can be made. We will keep you informed of developments as they occur.