



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church (charity no. 1150284)

Sunday 18th December 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 services

10:30am Mr. Ray Battye

6:00pm Scratch Nativity Carol Service (see below)

The stewards on duty are Steve and Linda Wright

Sunday 25th December 9:30am Rev. Sally Coleman (Christmas Day Celebration)

Sunday 1st January 10:45am Rev. Sally Coleman (Joint Holy Communion)

Sunday 8th January 10:30am Mr. Timon Jansen

6:00pm Prayer Service

THIS WEEK...

❖ Scratch Nativity Carol Service

Our Scratch Nativity Carol Service is today at 6:00pm and will be led by Rev. Sally Coleman. Have you always wanted to be in a Nativity play, or maybe you didn't get to play the character you wanted to play? Now is your chance! Something for the whole family to enjoy. Come dressed as your chosen character and we will make one huge nativity scene as we tell the story! Or just come to along and enjoy singing the carols.

❖ Time Out from Tinsel

A service of quiet and reflection led by Rev. Sally Coleman this *Thursday 22nd December* at 7:30pm. A chance to reflect on the true meaning of the season, to pray, to meditate and relax in the presence of God's comfort and love.

❖ Christmas Services

Offerings taken at all of our Christmas services (except those in weekly offering envelopes) will be going to Action for Children. Gift Aid envelopes will be available so if you are a UK taxpayer you can increase your gift at no extra cost.

COMING SOON...

❖ Songs of Praise is Coming to Sheffield

BBC Songs of Praise invite you to join them for recordings of contemporary worship hymns and songs as part of a massed choir at All Saints Ecclesall Church.

- Recording One: Saturday 21st January, 2:30pm – 5:30pm
- Recording Two: Sunday 22nd January, 2:30pm – 5:30pm

The conductor is Ken Burton and on the Saturday we are delighted to be joined by Graham Kendrick to record some of his songs, both old and new. If you would like to go along, please see Matt who will then get tickets for everyone who is interested.

❖ **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting after the service on *Sunday 5th February*. The meeting will start soon after the service has finished so please feel free to take your tea or coffee in with you. We will be sharing some of the things that have been happening recently and also looking forward to the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting.

❖ **WEADS Panto February 2017**

WEADS will be performing the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th February 2017*. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children for all performances. They will be available in early January from Sue Mackley on [REDACTED].

❖ **Weekend Away 2017**

We have again booked the Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool for our Weekend Away in 2017. This will run from the evening of *Friday 5th May to Sunday 7th May 2017*, the week after the Bank Holiday. All are welcome to come along and to find out more or book a place, please see Dorothy.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Sunday 18 th December	6:00pm	Scratch Nativity Carol Service
Thursday 22 nd December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 1 st January	10:45am	Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer here at Wesley Hall (please note later 10:45am start time)

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Thank You**

I would like to say a very big thank you to everybody for their thoughts, prayers and practical support during my recent illness. I have been overwhelmed with cards, texts, visits, phone calls and meals and am enormously grateful. I hope to be back in action in the New Year. Meanwhile, can I wish you all a Merry Christmas! Alison.

❖ **Christmas Cards from Louise**

Louise has bought a goat (from Oxfam) in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year.

❖ **Christmas Cards from Andrea**

As usual I have given a donation to Christian Aid in place of sending Christmas cards to friends at Wesley Hall and this year the donation has gone to help female-headed families start their own business which will give 20 chicks to a woman struggling to feed her family so she can start a chicken-rearing business. Can I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas! God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who wrapped, filled or helped with our shoebox collections for Operation Christmas Child. We were able to send 112 filled shoeboxes to help children have gifts to open on Christmas Day.

❖ **New Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2017 are now available to pick up at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.