



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 19th January 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** **Rev John Simms**

The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

Sunday 26th January 10:30am Rev Tim Crome
Sunday 2nd February 10:30am Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)
Sunday 9th February 10:30am Rev Catrin Harland
6:00pm Local Preachers' Recognition (Circuit Service)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Church Flowers

Money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Sue Cartwright and Freda Rooker in memory of Denis Rooker, as it would have been his birthday.

❖ Wednesday Group

This week at 7.30pm, Wednesday Group will be having a quiz.

COMING SOON...

❖ It's Panto Time Again!

WEADS (Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatic Society) will be presenting their pantomime "Trouble in Pantoland" from Wednesday 26th February to Saturday 1st March 2014 at 7.15 pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.15pm. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children for all performances and are available from Sue Mackley on [REDACTED] or Brian/Sue Mills.

❖ Crookes Forum Open Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the Crookes Forum open meeting on Wednesday 29th January 7:30pm-9:00pm (7:00 pm for refreshments) at Crookes Social Club, Mulehouse Road.

❖ Church Council

The next Wesley Ebenezer Church Council meeting will be on Thursday 30th January at Walkley, starting at 7:30pm. Please send any agenda items to Rev John Simms or Andrea Killingsworth.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **New Offering Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2014 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 to give using the envelope scheme, please see Matt.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2014**

A group of us are going to Spring Harvest again this year and we will shortly be finalising the booking. As there is still accommodation available, we would welcome anyone else who would like to join us. The dates are Monday 14th April to Friday 18th April. For more details, please see Carole or Andrew Gray as soon as possible.

❖ **Same Sex Marriage – Methodist Conference Consultation**

The Methodist Conference set up a working group in July 2013: "to consider whether the Methodist Church's position on marriage needs revising in light of changes in society, undertaking this consideration with reference to scripture, tradition, reason and experience". The working group is consulting via a questionnaire which can be viewed on the connexional website. The deadline for responses is 9am on Monday 10th February 2014. Vernon Marsh, the District Chair, believes that some people would welcome a place to discuss and think through their views, in the light of those of other people, before they respond to the consultation. He therefore invites you to a group conversation at St Andrew's Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL either on Wednesday 29th January from 7.30pm to 9.30pm or on Saturday 1st February from 10am to 12noon. There is no need to book; just come along. Those attending will be expected to be committed to the confidentiality of the conversation. It is *not* the intention that a response to the questionnaire be formulated in the meeting. It would be helpful if those attending could read online both the Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/961284/ssmcp-faq-1013.pdf>) and the questionnaire itself (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/983629/ssmcp-consultation-questions-271113.pdf>). Hard copies of these can be obtained from the District Office (0114 281 2733) or speak to one of the Newsletter editors.

❖ **Victoria Hall Clothing Store for the Homeless**

The Victoria Hall hosts the clothing store for the homeless of Sheffield. They are in desperate need of warm winter clothing for men: warm coats, jumpers, trousers, shoes etc. In recent weeks they have seen a surge in the use of the store and it is in urgent need of further stock. They are anticipating increased use in the next few weeks as the weather gets colder. Clothing can be brought into the Reception of the Victoria Hall any day from Monday to Saturday. For more information, please contact Joyleen Poole, Administrator, Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB. 0114 2721749; working days Tuesday to Friday, 9am-2pm.

❖ **Vernon Marsh Leaving Service**

We are all warmly invited to a farewell service of thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev Vernon Marsh, Chair of the Sheffield Methodist District, on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 7.30pm at Firth Park Methodist Church. Refreshments will be available after the service.