



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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**Today's service**      **10:30am**      **Preacher**      **Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)**  
The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

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*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October*    10:30am    Steve Sowerby    (Church Anniversary)

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*    10:30am    Rev John Simms    (All Age Worship)

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November*    10:30am    Neil Craig

6:00pm    Rev John Simms    (Remembrance Service)

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### THIS WEEK...

❖ **Wednesday Group**

This week is the Wednesday Group Annual General Meeting.

❖ **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting will take place here at Wesley Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm.

### COMING SOON...

❖ **Community Scratch Choir**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm, we will be attempting to form a scratch choir to rehearse and perform all in one afternoon/evening. The rehearsal will be approximately 3 hours, after which we will be more than ready(!) to put together a programme for people to come and listen to in the evening. The performance will be from 6:30-7:30. The choir will be sharing a meal between the rehearsal and performance and the performance will be followed by drinks and cake. We would love to see as many people as possible who enjoy singing; all abilities are welcome. We are hoping that the choir will draw people from the community into the building, so please invite friends, neighbours, family members or anyone else for an afternoon of fun through music. We need some help for this event. Emma and Liz will be coordinating the singing, but there are plenty of opportunities for help with catering. We need a team of people to sort out the meal (preferably on the day as we'll know choir numbers), serving tea and coffee once in the rehearsal and then after the performance, and for people to make cakes for after the performance. Many thanks and we look forward to a great event!

❖ **Advent Fayre**

This year's Advent Fayre will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 11:00am-2:00pm. Please start to sort out any unwanted gifts, new items, crafts, etc for the stalls. Thanks.

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Stationing

As some of us will be aware, we are currently going through the stationing process for a Minister to replace John next September. The Leadership Team have been busy looking through the 112 profiles of potential Ministers in order to come up with a suggested shortlist. Ultimately, however, the shortlist and final decision is in the hands of the Invitations Committee and then the Chair of District. Please pray for this whole process, particularly for discernment of God's will in this matter. Similarly, John is looking for a suitable appointment, so please pray for him also.

### ❖ Volunteers for Toddler Group

Wesley Hall runs a large toddler group in the hall on Wednesday mornings, which some 50 families from the local area enjoy. We believe this group provides a wonderful opportunity to forge great relationships with local families and make them feel welcome in our church but at the moment this is difficult, as we have few volunteers. We are looking for some people to either help with the practicalities of running the group or for people willing to pop in, not necessarily every week, to get to know people and represent a church who is friendly, relevant and welcoming. Please talk to Liz if you are interested or would like to know more.

### ❖ Roof Works Update

The structural work to the Entrance Area is complete and a new ceiling has been installed so we now have a safe and watertight roof! There is some decorating work left to do but the walls are still a bit wet. The builders are waiting until they have dried out before continuing.

We have now heard back from the Sheffield Town Trust who have awarded a grant of £3,000 and also the Garfield Weston Foundation who have awarded a grant of £10,000, which is excellent news. This means that, after the Entrance Area work, professional fees etc. we have around £95,000+VAT left to spend on the main roof. The next step is to consult with our architect and produce a list of the most urgent things that we would like to get done. This work will then be put out to tender so we will know the actual cost of it and how much we can afford to do. Since winter is approaching fast, this means that work is not likely to start until early 2015. In the meantime, we still have two grant applications outstanding, one with the National Churches Trust and the other with the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust. Please pray for these applications and for discernment in deciding what work to include in the tender.

### ❖ Drop-In Centre

Warm clothing is urgently needed for the drop-in centre at Broomhall. If you have any coats, jumpers, skirts, trousers or socks (for men, women or children), please bring them to church, or speak to Jim or Dorothy for them to collect.

### ❖ Crèche Update

The crèche rota has been drawn up so we are now able to offer a staffed crèche during our Sunday morning services. The volunteer will be in crèche from when the older children leave for TRIBE. Many thanks to those who have offered to help with this ministry.

### ❖ CLC Bookshops

Besides evangelistic booklets and tracts for Hallowe'en, there are Bible-verse Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, planners, Advent items and plenty of gift ideas for you at CLC Bookshops. We look forward to your visit! We are also taking bookings to provide Christmas stalls for church services and fayres to give people easier access to the gospel message and to help you in your outreach. Thank you for supporting your local bookshop, mission organisation and charity. P: CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, Sheffield S1 4EQ. T: (0114) 2724663 E: [sheffield@clcbookshops.com](mailto:sheffield@clcbookshops.com)