



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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

Preacher

Karen James

The stewards on duty today are Linda and Steve Wright

6.00pm to 7.00pm

Stay and Pray Prayer at Home (see below)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Rev Catrin Harland

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)

6.00pm Rev Mark Goodhand (Circuit Service at Wesley Hall)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Nativity Service 6.00pm Prayer Service - Rev John Simms

## THIS WEEK...

### ❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we continue our 'Stay & Pray' on the fourth Sunday of the month. The idea is that people spend some time between 6:00pm and 7:00pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting together face to face, we will be praying together in our homes.

### ❖ This Week's Flowers

The money for this week's Church flowers was kindly donated by Jack Riley, to celebrate his birthday.

### ❖ Make a child's Christmas...

Join the Wesley Hall Shoebox challenge! Operation Christmas Child is a charity which encourages people like us to send a box of simple gifts to needy children around the world who may have never received a Christmas present. We are encouraging all the groups which meet at Wesley Hall to get involved, to either bring gifts, money to send the boxes or make boxes themselves. Drop your donations into the church office by **Sunday 7th December**, our next All Age Worship, when we will bless the boxes and send them off to make a child's Christmas...Liz

Up to now we have **27** filled boxes in the office! Thank you so much for your generosity. Liz

### ❖ Christmas Fair at Walkley

This will be held on **Saturday 29 November**. The fair will open from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm, price: Adults £5.50 Children £3 50. To assist with catering please obtain a ticket in advance for lunch from Margaret Worfolk.

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Christmas Concert Supporting Sooper Troopers

A concert by the Vivacity Choir and Sooper Troopers will be held at 6.30pm on **Saturday 6th December** at All Saints Parish Church, Ringinglow Road. Tickets £6 (£7.50 at the door), 16 years and under free, can be obtained from Anna White on [REDACTED] or at [www.vivacitychoir.com](http://www.vivacitychoir.com) (a booking fee applies).

### ❖ Advent Fayre

This year's Advent Fayre will take place on **Saturday 13th December**, 11:00am-2:00pm. Please start to sort out any unwanted gifts, new items, crafts, etc for the stalls. We need toys, cakes, jewellery, tombola items, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, new gifts and jigsaws. Please bring them to Wesley Hall so that they can be stored in a cupboard. Anything that needs transport Jim and I will be happy to pick up. Many thanks Dorothy White.

### ❖ Toy Service at Walkley Sunday 7 December

This year our friends at Walkley will be supporting a new charity "Families Together" A registered charity that provides a crisis service for needy families referred by social workers, where the children are in danger of being taken into care and may have no toys at Christmas. They are looking for toys but these or cash donations would be appreciated from anyone in the Church. In the past they have bought good quality toys from Charity Shops with this money so more people can benefit!

### ❖ Circuit Service at Wesley Hall

There will be a Circuit Service here at Wesley Hall at 6:00pm on **Sunday 7th December**. This is an opportunity for people from across the Circuit (now the whole of Sheffield) to meet together. During this service, Karen James from the Beacon will be accepted onto full plan as a local preacher.

The last Circuit Service to be held at Wesley Hall saw over 200 people attending and many people commented that they had appreciated the refreshments we served after the service. It would be great to offer refreshments again as well as people on the door to welcome. If you are able to help with either of these things, please see Matt.

### ❖ University of Sheffield Gospel Choir Christmas Concert

The Gospel Choir is returning to Wesley Hall to perform on **Saturday 13th December** at 7:30pm. No need to buy tickets, just turn up on the night and enjoy the singing. There will be refreshments and tickets are £5, £3 concessions. Further details from Liz.

### ❖ TRIBE Nativity 14th Dec

Hello, just to let you know/ warn you that TRIBE will be performing their nativity and leading the morning service on **Sunday 14th December**. There won't be any light sabres this year, but we are really excited. Sorry, no details, you will just have to wait and see...

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

### ❖ Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited to a Congregational Meeting after the morning service on **Sunday 18th January**. We will be exploring exciting developments in both children's and youth work and thinking about how we

can continue to resource and expand these areas. 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.

#### ❖ **Weekend Away 2015**

We have not been able to find a venue that is available and suits our usual budget for our Weekend Away in 2015. So, instead of a weekend away, we will be returning to the Peveril Centre (Castleton Methodist Church) for an Away Day on **Saturday 2nd May 2015**. All are welcome to come along so please put this date in your diary.

#### ❖ **Weekend Away 2016**

Due to the difficulty of securing a venue for our Weekend Away in 2015, we have booked the Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool for our Weekend Away in 2016. The weekend will run from the evening of **Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May 2016**. All are welcome to come along so please put these dates in your diary.

## **AND FINALLY...**

#### ❖ **Stationing**

John is delighted to announce that he has been invited to become Superintendent of the Kendal Circuit from September 2015, following his visit last weekend. This is, of course, subject to confirmation by the Conference next June.

We continue, of course, to hold the Stationing Matching Process in our prayers as a new minister for Wesley Ebenezer is sought.

(I am sure we all wish to say how pleased we are for John and Judith that John was successful in getting an appointment in one of the churches he originally chose and also his first Superintendency. Editor)

#### ❖ **Youth Fellowship**

You may remember that a few weeks ago we started a Youth Fellowship. The first couple of sessions went well, but we've had to take a break for the next few weeks due to my preaching commitments. I'm hoping that we will start to meet again in the New Year, so if you know of any young people in Years 7-11, let them know about it, and I'll let you know when we're starting again as soon as I can! Thanks, Rev. John Simms.