



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 25th January 2015

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** **Mr Neil Craig**

The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

Sunday 1st February 10:30am All Age Worship Team

Sunday 8th February 10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)

6:00pm Rev. John Simms (Prayer Service)

Sunday 15th February 10:30am Mrs Jenny Carpenter (change to original plan)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

This evening is our monthly 'Stay & Pray', which complements our Prayer Services. We would encourage everyone to spend some time between 6pm and 7pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting face to face, we will be praying together at the same time in our own homes.

❖ Church Flowers

There is a new flower rota at the back of church. Please consider if you would be able to contribute to pay for the weekly flower displays. If you need any more information before adding your name to the list, please see Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington.

❖ Church Council Meeting

Due to the bad weather, the Church Council meeting which was to be held last Thursday was postponed to this coming Thursday, 29th January. If you are a member of Church Council, please try to attend. The meeting will be at Walkley Ebenezer.

COMING SOON...

❖ WEADS Pantomime

The Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics pantomime this year is Aladdin. This will be performed during the half-term holiday week: Wednesday 18th February to Saturday 21st February at 7:15pm, plus a Saturday matinee at 2:15pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children. See Sue Mills for tickets or for more information call her on [REDACTED].

❖ Spring Harvest

A group of us are going to Spring Harvest again this year, from Monday 6th to Friday 10th April. We will be paying the balance in a couple of weeks and have the opportunity to book additional accommodation. If anyone else is interested in joining us, please see Carole or Andrew Gray (or call them on [REDACTED]) as soon as possible.

❖ Prayer Group Against Trafficking

Last year, Andrea Killingsworth and a friend started a monthly prayer meeting, praying about the issue of trafficking of children and adults for sexual and domestic slavery. It is estimated that there are 35.8 million slaves worldwide (estimate for the UK is 10-13,000) and that \$31.6 billion is made from forced labour. We have joined with a Christian organisation called Hope for Justice, who are involved in rescuing people enslaved in the UK. The youngest person they have rescued was a one-year old in 2013. These figures make the problem seem overwhelming but lots of breakthroughs are happening on a number of fronts: the issue is getting a higher profile politically; awareness of the issue is growing; more people are being rescued; and there are more prosecutions of those involved in trafficking. The prayer meeting is normally the second Wednesday in the month. Please talk to Andrea if you are interested in joining them.

❖ Chinese New Year Celebrations

We have been offered discounted tickets for the Chinese New Year celebrations at City Hall on Monday 16th February. If anyone is interested, please see Liz Harding. Tickets cost just £3 each.

AND FINALLY...

❖ CLC Winter Sale

The Winter Sale is on at the CLC bookshop until 31st January. Church resources, Bibles, books, music and DVDs - all items are greatly reduced. There are many items but most are just single copies. Don't miss out! First come, first served. Please note, Lent books are available, plus big savings on selected IVP books and commentaries. Thank you for supporting your local bookshop and mission: CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, Sheffield S1 4EQ; 0114 2724663; sheffield@clcbookshops.com

❖ Roof Works Update

We have heard back from the National Churches Trust who have awarded us a grant of £20,000 for the roof works, which is really great news. The project has now gone out to tender so that we can get an accurate picture of how much each element will cost and how much we can complete with the money raised, which is still well over £100,000 once the Entrance Area works have been deducted.

However, a new grant scheme was announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement specifically for roof repairs on listed places of worship, to which we will also be applying. Please pray for this application, our application to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, the tender process and the work itself, which should start sometime in the Spring.

❖ 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.