



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th 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.

Today's service **10:30am** **Preacher** **Steve Sowerby (Church Anniversary)**
The stewards on duty today are Steve & Linda Wright
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay & Pray** **Prayer at Home (see below)**

Sunday 2nd November 10:30am Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)

Sunday 9th November 10:30am Neil Craig

6:00pm Rev John Simms (Remembrance Service)

Sunday 16th November 10:30am Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)

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.

❖ Community Scratch Choir

This afternoon is our 'Big Sing' when 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 this evening. The performance will be from 6:30-7:30pm. 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, 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!

❖ Craft Fayre and Family Fun Day ...

... being held at The Beacon at Broomhill on Saturday 1st November, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Entry is £2 per adult (children free). There will be a free bouncy castle and free face painting, as well as the craft tables. The fee for a table is £10 and they can be booked through Karen James ([REDACTED]).

COMING SOON...

❖ 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. Thanks.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Stationing

As most of us will be aware, we are currently going through the stationing process for a Minister to replace John next September. A shortlist has been drawn-up by the Circuit Invitations Committee and the final decision is now in the hands of 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. There will be a day of prayer on Monday 3rd November, the day the final decision making process starts. If you are able to sign up for a specific time, please see the sheet in church.

❖ 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.

❖ Thank You

Margaret and Dennis Gray (and all the family) would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported them in any way while Dennis was in hospital and now at home. Many thanks for all the lifts and offers of practical help but also for all the prayers, thoughts and well wishes. Unfortunately, Dennis now has another chest infection and Margaret will soon be having surgery on her wrists, so please continue to pray for them both.