



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 27th October 2013

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	Church Anniversary	Rev. John Simms (Communion)
		Worship Leader	Dorothy White
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Stay & Pray	Prayer at Home (see below)
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 3rd November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Karen James & The All Age Worship Team (All Age Worship)</i>	
<i>Sunday 10th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms</i>	<i>6:00pm Memorial Service</i>
<i>Sunday 17th November</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Communion)</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we have started 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. Stay & Pray will be happening tonight, so please remember to spend some time between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in prayer.

❖ Operation Christmas Child

Last Christmas, a total of 977,880 children from 15 countries across the world received a special shoebox gift thanks to the commitment of supporters and volunteers across the UK. Alan Cutting, who took a team of volunteers out to Montenegro said, "I wish every British donor of a shoebox could experience just something of the gratitude that we have experienced from those who received your gifts. Everywhere we go, the simple message we share is threefold. A child in the UK loves you. Jesus loves you. And you are not forgotten. Time and time again I am reminded of the value of each of these simple messages."

If you would like to fill a shoe box to give a Christmas gift to a child who would not otherwise receive one, please take one of the ready wrapped shoe boxes from the back of church. Each shoebox has a leaflet inside with guidelines on the best things to include in the box and what do once it is filled.

❖ Scary Scriptures Funday

Our Scary Scriptures fun day is happening this Friday 1st November. It will focus on scary or disgusting Bible stories and include a disgusting game called "Swamp Wellies". If you have some old wellington boots that you no longer need, I would love to have them for the game. Please do not expect them back, as the game involves filling them with all manner of food stuffs! If you do have wellies, could you ring me on 07412 124 310, so I don't buy them unnecessarily. Also, scrap fabric, preferably in long strips to make lion tails would be very useful and powerful torches for Morse code (you can have the torches back!). Finally, if anyone fancies making some scary themed biscuits for us to decorate, please do, again letting me know. Thank you very much! Liz.

❖ **Craft Fair**

Crafty Chez will be holding a craft fair here at Wesley Hall on Saturday 2nd November from 11:00am to 3:00pm. For more information visit www.craftychez.co.uk.

❖ **Church Flowers**

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by the Korean Church.

COMING SOON

❖ **Bible Basics**

Bible Basics is an informal gathering where we study and discuss key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet at The Manse on (roughly) alternate Tuesdays, starting at 7:30pm and finishing by 9:30pm. The next one is on Tuesday 5th November. If you're interested, or want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms (266 0010), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be on Thursday 7th November from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ **Christian Aid Concert**

On Saturday November 16th there will be a concert by Loxley Silver Band and the Westside singers to raise funds for Christian Aid at Saint Andrews Church Psalter Lane at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 (£7 concessions, £4 students, children under 12 free) and available from Robert Jackson on [REDACTED] or by emailing caidsheffconcert@btinternet.com.

❖ **Congregational Meeting**

The Leadership Team have been spending time thinking about how we can continue to fulfil our mission statement: Loving all People, Building Community, Sharing our Christian Faith. Everyone is invited to a Congregational Meeting after the morning service on Sunday 17th November to help develop our vision for mission as we continue to look ahead and move forward. 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.

❖ **Toy Service at Walkley**

Walkley Ebenezer are holding a Toy Service on Sunday 1st December where toys are donated and then given out to children in the local area who won't receive any gifts at Christmas. It would be good to support this by donating toys (not just new ones, they could be from a charity shop) to be given out. There is a box at the back of church to collect donations. Many thanks, Dorothy.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Viridor Credits Grant**

Our application to Viridor Credits for a grant of £50,285 towards the roof works was successful. This is great news and puts the total raised so far at just under £140,000. This is enough to undertake a good portion of the work identified by our architect and we are hoping to make a start in spring 2014. Work to replace the entrance area roof (which leaks almost every time it rains) will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for all of your prayers to date and please continue to pray for our applications to the Connexion, the Sheffield Town Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund (Grants for Places of Worship). If we can raise another £100,000 we should be able to undertake all of the required work allowing us to focus on our mission to the Crookes community.