



# Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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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| <b>Today's service</b> | <b>10:30am</b>     | <b>Preacher</b>                                 | <b>Rev. Sally Coleman</b> |
|                        |                    | <b>Worship Leader</b>                           | <b>Louise Etherington</b> |
|                        | <b>6.00-7.00pm</b> | <b>Stay and Pray (at home) please see below</b> |                           |
|                        |                    | The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones        |                           |

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| <i>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</i>  | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)</i> |
| <i>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Nativity Service</i>                    |
| <i>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Ray Battye</i>                          |
|  | <i>6:00pm</i>  | <i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Carol Service)</i>  |

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## 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.

### ❖ "Finding Dory"

There will be a screening of the film "Finding Dory" here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 3rd December* (doors open 2:30pm, film starts at 3:00pm). The cost is £1 per person and refreshments will be available. All welcome!

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Joint Leadership Team

The Joint Leadership Team (Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer) meet quarterly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is Thursday 8th December. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **WEADS Panto February 2017**

WEADS will be performing the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017*. Look out for further details.

❖ **Woodseats Centenary Celebrations and Circuit Service**

On *Sunday 11th December 2016*, Rev Dr Roger Walton President, President of the Methodist Conference will lead the Celebratory Circuit service at 2.30 pm at Woodseats Methodist Church, Holmehurst Road, Sheffield S8 0GU.

## **AND FINALLY...**

❖ **Operation Christmas Child - Shoe box Appeal!**

Wesley Hall is once again supporting this worthy charity and everyone is invited to get involved. There are various ways to do this:

- Bring in empty shoe boxes to be filled;
- Help to wrap shoe boxes;
- Collect items suitable for a shoe box;
- Make a monetary contribution.

We have planned our celebration shoe box send-off service for *4th December, 10.30 am*. We are collecting shoe boxes from now. For further information please talk to Claire.

❖ **Taizé Retreat in Sheffield**

This article, written by Mark Ansell, was published in the newsletter of Taizé last month. It was translated into over 30 languages and also used on various social media in the UK as well at churches in Sheffield. It's about the Taizé weekend held here at Wesley Hall in October.

"Thirty young adults from across the country came to Sheffield to take part in a Taizé retreat weekend. Many of the people who'd travelled to Wesley Hall in Crookes - which is where we based ourselves - were Europeans living and working in Britain. We had a Pole, a Hungarian, a German and two Dutchmen. This brought a really special dynamic to the weekend of people from different backgrounds coming together to socialise, pray, sing and share silence and meals together.

Most of the participants slept at the Methodist church in Crookes and we all ate our meals there together - taking it in turns in the kitchen. Just like at the Taizé community in France, we held three prayer services a day. After the Saturday morning prayer we spent time in silence with many heading to Bole Hills to take time-out and reflect.

We were fortunate enough to have the use of Sheffield Cathedral and the highlight for many was the Saturday evening workshops and prayer service there. One of the workshops was led by Adnan Khalid who is a Muslim from Leeds and an expert on Islam. He told us of the many links between Christianity and Islam and that the word Islam means peace. This was followed by another enjoyable communal meal and then a beautiful Taizé prayer in the Cathedral which was attended by a hundred people.

Although the retreat had officially finished after a lunch together on Sunday afternoon, the monthly Taizé prayer at St Mark's as part of Night Service happened to be on that day. This meant that many of us got together one last time to sing the chants of Taizé, pray and spend time together in God's presence.

A Taizé prayer takes place on the third Sunday of every month at 8pm in St Mark's Church, Broomhill, as part of the Night Service. You'd be very welcome to join us. To keep up to date search 'Taizé in Sheffield' on Facebook and request to join the group. Mark Ansell."