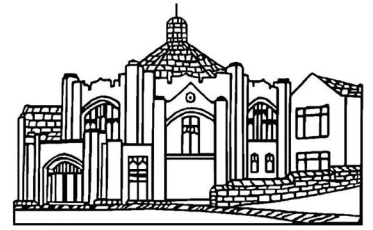


Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 29th December 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 Mrs Joyce Wiles (united service with Walkley Ebenezer)
The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

Sunday 5th January 10:30am Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)
Sunday 12th January 10:30am Mr Neil Craig 6:00pm Rev John Simms (Prayer Service)
Sunday 19th January 10:30am Rev John Simms

THIS WEEK...

❖ Church Flowers

Money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Avril and Martin Clark in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

COMING SOON...

❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer is to be confirmed but will be either **Thursday 2nd January** or **Thursday 9th January** from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, please see Sue Chapman. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ X:Site

The next X:Site event is on **Saturday 18th January** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is for any children in school years 3-6 and is an evening full of fun and games, loud singing of songs to God and an exciting look at the Bible. Entry is £2.50. For more information, please e-mail xsitesheffield@gmail.com.

AND FINALLY...

❖ New Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2014 have now arrived and are at the back of church. Please collect your envelopes and if you have any questions, or would like to start to give using the envelope scheme, please see Matt.

❖ **Happy Christmas from Andrea Killingsworth**

In place of sending Christmas cards this year, I have sent a donation to 'Present Aid' to purchase seeds for 10 families in the Dominican Republic, to enable them to grow their own vegetables. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Church Offering for November**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are now publishing the amount given in the church offering, both on Sunday morning and via standing order. The amount given in November was £1,577.32; thank you for your generosity.

❖ **Same Sex Marriage – Methodist Conference Consultation**

The Methodist Conference set up a working group in July 2013: "to consider whether the Methodist Church's position on marriage needs revising in light of changes in society, undertaking this consideration with reference to scripture, tradition, reason and experience". The working group is consulting via a questionnaire which can be viewed on the connexional website. The deadline for responses is 9am on Monday 10th February 2014. Vernon Marsh, the District Chair, believes that some people would welcome a place to discuss and think through their views, in the light of those of other people, before they respond to the consultation. He therefore invites you to a group conversation at St Andrew's Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL either on Wednesday 29th January from 7.30pm to 9.30pm or on Saturday 1st February from 10am to 12noon. There is no need to book; just come along. Those attending will be expected to be committed to the confidentiality of the conversation. It is *not* the intention that a response to the questionnaire be formulated in the meeting. It would be helpful if those attending could read online both the Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/961284/ssmcp-faq-1013.pdf>) and the questionnaire itself (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/983629/ssmcp-consultation-questions-271113.pdf>). Hard copies of these can be obtained from the District Office (0114 281 2733) or speak to one of the Newsletter editors.

❖ **JMA – Junior Mission for All**

We recently presented Emily, Joseph, Lewis and Benjamin with their awards for collecting for JMA for another year. They collected £441.50 between them. Many thanks to all who contribute weekly. If you are interested in giving to this worthy cause or have a child who would like to collect, please see Carole Gray.

❖ **Pianists Wanted**

As I'm sure you've noticed, Rebekah will be gaining a brother or sister in January. As such, I am going to be out of action from playing the piano for a while. If you or anyone you know would be able and willing to play, then any help would be much appreciated, even if it's just a one off or once a month. Thanks, Emma.