



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 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.

**Today's service**                      **10:30am**    **Preacher**    **Rev. Will Fletcher**

The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am Mrs. Helen Hind (All Age Worship)*

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am Rev. Gareth Jones (Holy Communion)    6:00pm Prayer Service*

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 10:30am Rev. Michael Brown*

## THIS WEEK...

### ❖ Youth 'Drop-Inn'

The 'Drop-Inn' weekly sessions continue this Tuesday. Tim really needs at least one more volunteer to help with drinks, chat with the young people or just to be around.

### ❖ Church Council Meeting

The next meeting will be this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Walkley Ebenezer. If you are a member of the Church Council, please try to attend. If anyone has any agenda items, please see Andrea Killingsworth or a member of the Leadership Team.

### ❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, from 7:00pm-8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Lent Study

This year, instead of having one joint Lent study, the current Wesley Hall Fellowship Groups will be hosting separate study groups which will be open to all. We would encourage everyone to join in at one of the groups. Throughout Lent, there will be sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please speak to Neil Harland, Andrew Gray or Dorothy White or feel free to just turn up:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm – Dorothy's house ( [REDACTED] )

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm – Neil's house ( [REDACTED] )

Also, we appreciate that some people would prefer to meet during the day, so if you feel able to run a further daytime group, please let Neil, Andrew or Dorothy know.

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events and their next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. 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 Pantomime**

Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics Society (WEADS) present Cinderella. This year's pantomime will take place between Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Performances will be at 7.15pm every evening, with a Saturday matinee at 2.15pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children. Please see Sue or Brian Mills if you are interested.

❖ **Away Day**

Our Away Day this year will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Bakewell Methodist Church. The rough format for the day will be to meet for coffee at 9:30am before opening worship at 10:00am. This will be followed by two sessions of study/reflection led by Rev. Gareth Jones, with separate activities for the children led by Claire. After lunch, there will be an act of closing worship, so the structured part of the day will finish by around 2:15pm. This leaves the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy Bakewell (or come home if it's raining!) Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

❖ **Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year**

This year, the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year competition is being filmed at Sheffield City Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February (Junior Competition) and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Senior Competition), 2.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets are free but need to be ordered, so if you would like to go, please speak to Andrew Gray by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

❖ **Celebration Weekend on 23rd/24th April 2016**

We felt that it was right to hold a formal celebration of the completion of the roof project at some point in the New Year. It has also been suggested that as 2016 is the 180th anniversary of Wesley Hall (this is when the School Road building opened), this should also be marked in some way. The foundation stone for the School Road building was laid on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1836 and in 2016, 23<sup>rd</sup> April falls on a Saturday, so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend will be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 180 years, then a meal in the evening and a special service on the Sunday. If you would like to be involved in planning the celebrations, please see Louise Etherington.

❖ **Church Away Weekend**

Our church away weekend in Blackpool is from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The cost this year is £95 per adult; £15 for children; under 5s free. This includes two nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal. (Please note, the hotel are no longer able to provide Sunday lunch.) If you are interested, please give your name to Dorothy or Jim White with a deposit of £25 per adult by 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## **AND FINALLY...**

❖ **Photo Board**

We are interested in creating a photo board at the back of church, with photos of everyone in the congregation and wider church family. Jim will be around with his camera over the next few weeks and he is likely to ask if you would be happy to be included on the photo board. Please feel free to say no if you would prefer not to, but also feel free to seek Jim out if you don't get asked!

❖ **Wesley Hall Wednesday Group – 1956-2016**

After almost 60 years of meeting together, the group has decided that “all good things must come to an end”. The lack of members, due to age and ill health, has meant that ever-increasing speakers’ fees can no longer be afforded.

The group started when many ladies met as ‘Young Wives’. This then turned into ‘Wives’ and latterly ‘Wednesday Group’, which, in the last few years, was joined by the some of the ladies’ menfolk.

The group have enjoyed many good times together, so it is with some sadness that they close. God has richly blessed them over the years and thanks from Dorothy, Linda and the committee go to all who have supported them.

❖ **Crookes Forum**

The Crookes Forum is a local group of people who live or work in Crookes and aim to bring together the local community. It would be helpful if somebody from Wesley Hall was part of the forum, to make sure we are up to date and involved in this great community initiative. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please see Matt.

❖ **The Connexion Magazine**

We have a few copies of The Connexion magazine at the back of church, highlighting exciting new work being done by Methodist churches across the UK. This edition focuses on “giving a green light to mission” including Sandylands in Kendal (prior to their amazing response to local flooding) and closer to home in Rotherham. Please pass on when you have finished, to cut down on printing costs. If you are online, you can read a copy at <http://methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/the-connexion-magazine>.

❖ **Flower Rota 2016**

A new flower rota for 2016 is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the weekly flowers, please put your name against a date and let Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington have your donation a week or two before. Quite a few dates were left empty last year, so please consider if you would be able to support this, perhaps to commemorate or celebrate a special date.

❖ **Unwanted Clothes Needed**

The drop-in centre that we collect for is in desperate need of unwanted clothing. Any clothing (adult or child sizes) will be gratefully received but men’s clothing is needed the most. Please pass any clothes you wish to donate to Dorothy White.

From the money raised at the Advent Fair, a donation of £50 was given to the drop-in centre. Ann and Gerry Armstrong, leaders at the centre, have sent a thank-you message:

“To dear friends at Wesley Hall. We are so very grateful for your kind donation towards the work of the drop-in centre. Your kindness will make such a difference to the lives of those we support. Each person receives a hot meal and pudding, along with sandwiches and biscuits to take away to help through the night. We also give clothing and sleeping bags. We serve between 40-50 people, mostly lonely and vulnerable people from Sheffield and sometimes from further afield. So once again, a very big thank you. May God richly bless you in all you do.”

❖ **Address List Update**

Please update your church family address list with the correct number for Sue Chapman: [REDACTED].