



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 1st December 2019

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** **Louise Etherington**
The steward on duty is Emma Irons

Sunday 8th December 10:30am *Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)*

Sunday 15th December 10:30am *TRIBE Nativity*

Sunday 22nd December 10:30am *Rev. Sally Coleman (Carol Service)*

THIS WEEK

❖ Shoebox Appeal

The PXI (Parson Cross Initiative) Christmas Hamper Appeal deadline is TODAY, but if you have not yet done one and would like to, then please bring it into the office on Monday or Tuesday.

From today onwards, we are also encouraging people to take part in the PXI Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal. This is where you add an item into a box or bag each day in Advent and then donate it all to the PXI Food Bank (see leaflet for more details).

❖ Advent Course

Preparing for Christmas is of course always a big task, there seems so much to be done, and it is easy to lose the reason for the season amongst the festivities. With that in mind, I am offering an Advent Course, in the same pattern that I have previously offered Lent courses. The first is on Monday afternoons at 2pm in the Antioch room beginning this *Monday 2nd December*, the second at my Manse (8 Reservoir Road) on Friday evenings at 7:30pm beginning this *Friday 6th December*. The theme will be "What's the story?" using the book by Barbara Glasson and Clive Marsh, the President and Vice-Presidents of the Methodist Conference. If you would like a copy it can be ordered from CLC bookshops in town, or other sources I am sure.

❖ Handel's Messiah – Sheffield Bach Choir

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra are performing Handel's Messiah at Sheffield Cathedral at 7:00pm this *Monday 2nd December*. Tickets are £16, concessions £13, students £6 (on the door only). Children under 16 and accompanied by an adult are free. Tickets are available at: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk, or www.wegottickets.com, on the door or please see Alison Macfarlane.

❖ Election Hustings

Sheffield for Democracy are holding an election hustings with all of the Sheffield Hallam candidates here at Wesley Hall this Thursday 5th December at 7:30pm.

❖ **Afternoon Tea and Brass Band**

This *Saturday 7th December* we will be having a celebration Afternoon Tea as we wait for the big day. We will have a Brass Band that will play as we enjoy our tea. Donations for the event will be collected during the afternoon. Please let me know if you are coming, Dorothy.

❖ **Mary Tozer House Service in December - Change of Date**

Our next service at Mary Tozer House will be held on *Thursday 12th December* and not the 5th as previously arranged. We start at 7:00pm with a short service followed by tea and coffee and a chat. All are welcome to come along.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Saturday 7 th December	2:00pm	Christmas Afternoon Tea
Saturday 14 th December	10:00am	Christmas Messy Church
	2:00pm	Christmas Retrogaming Café
Sunday 15 th December	10:30am	TRIBE Nativity
Thursday 19 th December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel
Sunday 22 nd December	10:30am	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 29 th December	10:45am	Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer at Walkley

COMING SOON

❖ **University Gospel Choir Concert**

The University of Sheffield Gospel Choir are holding their Christmas concert here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 14th December* at 7:30pm. Entry is free and all proceeds will go to charity.

❖ **Time Out from Tinsel**

A service of quiet and reflection led by Rev. Sally Coleman on *Thursday 19th December* at 7:30pm. A chance to reflect on the true meaning of the season, to pray, to meditate and relax in the presence of God's comfort and love.

❖ **Christmas Youth Social**

The Circuit are organising a Christmas Youth Social at 35 Chapel Walk on *Friday 20th December*. It takes place from 6pm and there will be food, drinks, games, art and films. It sounds like a truly great event and a perfect way to kick off your Christmas break! If anyone would to go, please let Sean know and he will book you on (although he is not able to make it himself).

❖ **Family Film Show: The Secret Life of Pets 2**

We will be showing *The Secret Life of Pets 2* here at Wesley Hall on *Friday 3rd January*. Doors open 2:30pm with the film beginning at 3:00pm, entry is just £1.50 per person and refreshments will be on sale. Everyone is welcome so if you know anyone who might be interested, please take a flyer from the back of church and invite them along! If you are able to help in the kitchen serving drinks and ice cream on the day, please see Matt.

PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **Parson Cross Initiative (PXI):** Please pray for the PXI, for their hamper appeal, that we would be able to pass on a good number of Christmas hampers and for all the work that they do with people in need through their foodbank and other projects.

- ❖ **Room Hire:** We still have space in the Church Hall on a Thursday evening. Please pray that God would bring someone to us to hire this space.

If you have any prayer points to include in the newsletter, please pass them on to the editor (see contact details at bottom of page).

AND FINALLY...

- ❖ **Photo Board**

We have a photo board at the back of church with pictures of all of our Wesley Hall church family. If you are not on the board and would like to, please see Andrew Gray or Matt Irons. If you are not sure who they are, take a look at the board!

- ❖ **Bottle Tops-No More Thank You**

Thanks very much for all your donations of bottle tops. I have plenty to make a curtain now so please recycle/ dispose of them as you were before. Thank you very much :) Liz

- ❖ **Welcomers needed.**

At our recent church Away Day the importance of our "welcome" was discussed. Particularly for newcomers, the warmth of the welcome they receive is extremely likely to determine whether or not they return, and our regular congregation appreciate it too! We currently have vacancies on the team. Could you be a welcomer? If you could meet and greet people before the service on a Sunday morning please speak to Alison. If you are unable to make a regular commitment but would be willing to do an occasional duty, that would be helpful too. Please speak to Alison if you can help.