



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 17th December 2017

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** **Christmas TV - An Alternative Nativity (by TRIBE)**
The steward on duty is Anne Thompson

<i>Sunday 24th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (All Age)</i>	<i>6:00pm Stay & Pray</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Christmas Morning Family Celebration)</i>	
<i>Sunday 31st December</i>	<i>10:45am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (at Walkley Ebenezer)</i>	
<i>Sunday 7th January</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)</i>	

THIS WEEK ...

❖ Time Out from Tinsel

A service of quiet and reflection led by Rev. Sally Coleman this *Thursday 21st 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.

COMING SOON...

❖ Blackpool 2018

The Brincliffe Hotel in Blackpool has been booked for the weekend of *11th – 13th May 2018*. If you are interested in joining a group to go the hotel please let Dorothy know as soon as possible. Further details will be available later.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS...

Thursday 21 st December	7:30pm	Time Out from Tinsel (see below)
Sunday 24 th December	10:30am	All Age Interactive Carol Service
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Morning Family Celebration
Sunday 31 st December	10:45am	Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer at Walkley (please note later 10:45am start time)

AND FINALLY...

❖ New Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes for 2017 are now available to pick up at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

Minister Rev Sally Coleman 0114 266 4637
Student Chaplain Rev Catrin Harland 07597 673 106
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Children & Families Liz Harding 07412 124 310
Pre-teen & Youth Tim Jansen 07401 980 794
Building Manager Matt Irons 0114 267 9040

❖ **Thank You!**

A really big thank you to everyone who baked, cooked, served, washed up and came to support our Christmas Fair last week. There was a really good atmosphere and the Sanctuary worked well as the main venue and we raised £700 for church funds. If anyone has got any feedback for next year, please share it with Matt.

❖ **Thank You from The Sunday Centre**

Our Harvest donations of both food and money went to the Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless at Victoria Hall. They are very grateful and we received a note back from Steve Clark, who runs the project saying, "Your gift is timely and welcome. We are very busy at the moment and have fed 80 to 90 each week recently. Could you pass on our thanks to the congregation please? In addition to the practical help, it is good to know that people are thinking about and praying for our Guests and our volunteers."

❖ **Church Council**

Membership of the Church Council has been reducing recently and we could now do with four more people to join. Church Council is the trustee body that makes decisions for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church, which is made up of both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. We meet in the evening four times a year, alternating venues between Wesley Hall and Walkley. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please see Matt.

❖ **Warm Clothes & Bedding Urgently Needed**

Warm clothes and bedding are urgently needed for the drop-in centre, as more people are living on the streets than ever before. Anything you can offer will be welcome and Jim and Dorothy are very happy to collect any items you can donate.

A LETTER FROM SALLY...

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that this is my second Christmas with you, time flies! I do hope that amidst all the busyness and preparations that this season seems to demand that you are finding spaces and places to ponder the wonder of the message that "God is with us", of course this is always true, but somehow the vulnerability of the babe in the manger reminds us of this in a special way.

Over the next couple of weeks there is so much going on, when you read this both Messy Church and the Carol Singing around Crookes will have taken place, but of course there is more to come.

On *Thursday 21st December* we will be taking Time out from Tinsel to pause and meditate upon the Christmas Story and what that means for us in times of trouble or grief, or simply to relax and seek some peace amongst the rushing around, there will be times of silence, a chance to reflect and light a candle or more if you wish to.

On *Sunday 24th December* at 10:30am we will be holding an All Age Interactive Carol Service using the advent Calendar to lead us through part of the Christmas story, all are welcome, bring a friend or two!

Then of course there is Christmas Morning, starting at 9:30 am, come and celebrate, share some good news/ presents, and take time to consider the greatest gift of all.

Finally, I need your help, who is your favourite character in the Christmas story and why, add to that which Christmas Carol would you choose for that character. The celebrations will continue, on *Sunday 31st December* we have a joint service at Walkley Ebenezer. Please let me know and come to take part in worship together.

Whatever you are doing, however you are celebrating, may you know peace and real joy this Christmastime.

Peace and blessings, Sally

The editor for December is Matt. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Matt on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.