



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 22nd November 2015

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 services **10:30am** **Bible Society Service**
 6:00pm - 7:00pm **Stay and Pray (Prayer at Home-see below)**
 The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

Sunday 29th November 10.30am Mr. David Battye

Sunday 6th December 10.30am Mr. Rob Drost (All Age Worship)

Sunday 13th December 10.30am Rev Gareth Jones (Holy Communion)

6:00pm Prayer Service- Rev Gareth Jones

THIS WEEK...

❖ Bible Society

Today we are joined by Andrea Robinson who will be talking about the excellent work done by the Bible Society. As we support the Bible Society as a church, we look forward to hearing more about how God's Word is being shared across the world. We have chosen to have a collection to support a scheme in Ghana, which provides bibles to people attending Alpha courses (at a cost of just £3 each). These people are of all different ages and backgrounds and include students, rural farmers and prisoners. If you feel able, please use the envelopes provided to make your donation.

❖ Circuit Review

The Sheffield Circuit has always planned to conduct a review of every church over the first three years and it is now our turn. This is not something to be concerned about since it is happening to every church and gives an opportunity for the Circuit to learn more about Wesley Hall and the work that we are doing. Feedback congregations will be collected in two stages, through a paper questionnaire and a meeting.

The questionnaires will be given out after the service today and there will be a short time before coffee to fill them out. This is not compulsory, but the more people fill it in, the better picture the Circuit will get of us, our worship and our views.

The meeting will take place at 7:30pm here at Wesley Hall on Thursday 3rd December and everyone is welcome to come and take part. As well as the Wesley Hall congregation, we will be joined by Walkley Ebenezer and the three congregations from the Beacon. We will be sitting in our congregational groups to answer the questions put to us and give feedback to the whole group.

❖ **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.

❖ **Prayer for Tapton School**

Please do join us to pray for Tapton School on **Monday 23rd November at 7.45pm** at the house of Linda Clarke, [REDACTED]. For further details please contact - Emma Horton on [REDACTED]

❖ **Advent Fayre**

This year's Advent Fayre will take place this **Saturday 28th November, 11:00am-2:00pm**. We need toys, cakes, jewelry, tombola items, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, new gifts and jigsaws and most of all people to help on the day and also to help set up. Please speak to Dorothy to offer any help.

❖ **Circuit Service Wednesday 25th November**

The next Circuit Service will be held at the Horizon Methodist Church, 603 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield S11 8PR. There will refreshments at 6.30pm and the service at 7pm. We will be sharing good news stories, with Geraldine Pearce, Rev. Stephen Pratt, Rev. Rach Ward, and Nick Allen, the leader of 'The Well' at Horizon, sharing their thoughts on this subject. All are welcome.

❖ **Christmas Fair at Walkley Ebenezer**

The Christmas Fair at Walkley will be held on **Saturday 28 November**. The fair will open from 10 am to 12.30 pm during which coffee will be served. Stalls will include Home baking & preserves, Christmas Crafts, cards and gifts, Bric-a-Brac, Book stall and Pick-a-Bag.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Congregational Meeting**

There will be Congregational Meeting after the service on **Sunday 6th December** to share news about all the good things that are happening here at Wesley Hall. We will be hearing from our two newest lay workers, Claire and Tim, about what they are doing with our children and young people and also from Matt with the latest on the roof project.

❖ **Sheffield Bach Choir**

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra will be performing Handel's Messiah at the Sheffield Cathedral on **Monday 7th December at 7.00pm**. Tickets are: £16, Concessions £13, Students £6 on the door only. Children under 16 and accompanied by an adult are free. The tickets are available from: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk or on the door or please see Alison MacFarlane.

❖ **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 160th 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 April 23rd 1836 and April 23rd falls on a Saturday in 2016 so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend would be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 160 years with 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.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Avril Clark is doing MOVEember!**

At the tender age of 37, Avril will get moving for "MOVEember in November" and learn to ride a bicycle for the very first time! Why? Because (a) she's mad and (b) she wants to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK for her father-in-law Jim and the 1 in 8 other men affected by prostate cancer. So please, if you're able to, sponsor her online at <http://mosista.co/avrilclark> or see her in person. Avril will share lots of photos of her progress and bike-riding finale with you in December. Thanks.

❖ **Time for the shoebox!**

This year we would like to participate again in the Samaritans shoebox project, everyone can make a shoebox filled with gifts for children in parts of the world where there is no money for toys and gifts. If you don't have time to make a shoebox but have some empty shoeboxes, gifts or a monetary donation for gifts we will be happy to make the shoebox with help from the children and young people at church. The shoeboxes can be dropped off at Wesley hall. Collection closes on the **6th of December**. For more information see Claire or Tim or email: families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ **A Big Thankyou**

Linda would like to say thank you for all your cards, prayers and support following the sad loss of her brother Ian and during his long illness. She has very much appreciated your caring concern.

ROOF WORKS UPDATE

The roof works are well underway and are now nearing completion! A summary of what has happened this week is below and if you have any questions, see Matt.

The cupola bird netting has been installed and the scaffolding and tent around it removed. Take a look up at it on your way out! This also means that the last section of flat roof can now be repaired which will stop the leak into the upstairs ladies toilets.

The main Welcome Space and office have been re-plastered and painting has started



The Welcome Space is now damp free and has been re-plastered. New skirting boards have been installed and once the plaster is dry, it will be painted and have a new carpet.



The office should be finished before the Welcome Space and we hope to move back next week to let our regular groups back into the Emmaus Room!