



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th November 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	Preacher	Rev Catrin Harland
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Stay and Pray	

The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

<i>Sunday 1st December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (All Age Worship)</i>	
<i>Sunday 8th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Aubrey Emerson</i>	<i>6.00pm Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 15th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we have Stay & Pray on the fourth Sunday of the month the next one will be today Sunday 24th November. 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.

❖ Student coffee & cake at the manse

All students welcome at [REDACTED] from 8:30pm onwards this evening for hot drinks, homemade cakes or just to chat away an autumn evening. Speak to Neil or Cat Harland for details.

❖ Coffee & Crafts

Coffee and Crafts will take place on **Tuesday 26th November** from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Sanctuary.

❖ Tipton School Prayer Group

Could you please note that this month's prayer meeting date has been moved from Tuesday the 26th of November to **Thursday 28th of November** due to GCSE presentation evening. The meeting is held at 8pm at [REDACTED].

❖ Church Flowers

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by the Korean Church.

❖ **The Friends of the Children's Hospital Christmas Fayre**

The Friends of the Children's Hospital Christmas Fayre will be held at Wesley Hall on Saturday 30th November from 10am to 2pm.

❖ **X:Site**

X:Site is back at Wesley Hall on **Saturday 30th November** from 6:00pm-8:00pm, for all Y3 to Y6s. X:Site 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 (to cover costs). Please email: xsitesheffield@gmail.com for more information or to register.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Sheffield Bach Choir, Handel's "Messiah"**

The Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra are performing Handel's "Messiah" at 7pm on **Monday 2nd December** at Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk Street. Tickets are £16, with concessions £13 and students £6 and are available from: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk, at the door or from Alison MacFarlane.

❖ **Advent Fayre 11am-2pm Saturday 7th December**

Our Advent Fayre at Wesley Hall is not many weeks away now, so please start to sort out any items that we can sell at the fayre. Please bring them along to Church and we can store them in the Resources Room. We are looking for the following items: Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery, Crafts, New Gifts, Tombola (small items), and Raffle Prizes. Please bring Cakes on the day. If needed Dorothy and Jim White would be happy to collect any items if you let them know. Thanks Dorothy.

❖ **Christmas Concert at Wesley Hall**

On **Wednesday 11th December**, at 7:30pm, there will be a joint concert by the University of Sheffield Gospel Choir and Steel City Concert Band at Wesley Hall. If you would like to book a ticket, (£5, £3 concessions), please email: gospelchoir@sheffield.ac.uk or ring or see Liz. All profit will go to charity.

❖ **Methodist Women in Britain Christmas Market**

The MWiB Christmas Market will be held on **Friday 6th December** from 10.30am to 1:00pm at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street. Sheffield West are providing the cake stall and any donations of cakes would be appreciated, please phone Jean Wilmslow on 2303946 for details.

❖ **Worrall Male Voice Choir**

Worrall Male Voice Choir presents 'A Christmas Celebration' with special guests The Unite the Union Band at 7:30pm on **Friday 20th December** at Wesley Hall, Crookes. Tickets cost £7 (£6 concessions) and are available by calling 0845 601 4943 or emailing concerts@worrallmvc.org.uk.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **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

❖ **Advent & Christmas Resources From CLC**

Advent calendars, candles and books, charity Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, baubles, nativities and PLENTY of ideas and offers for all ages are all available from CLC. Come and see. Thank you for shopping with us and keeping a Christian witness on the high street. You can also shop online with CLC. Go to clcbookshops.com/christmas, but there is a much better selection at the bookshop. By the way, we also now have a used book and Bible section from just 25p and there is a fast turnover of stock. Visit us at CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, SHEFFIELD S1 4EQ or call (0114) 2812136.

❖ **Christmas in Crookes Poster**

Representatives from all of the churches in Crookes have met and put together a poster giving details of services that are happening across all of the churches this Christmas. We have a large version up on our community notice board and there are small flyer versions at the back of church. If someone you know might be interested in coming along to a service this Christmas, please take some flyers to give to them. Also, if you would be willing to take a poster (either A3 or A4 size) and display it in your window for passers by to see, please see Matt.

❖ **Secondary Glazing & Crèche Re-launch**

We now have a date for the secondary glazing installation which will be installed during the first week in December. The rooms that will benefit from the new glazing are the Church Hall, Committee Room, Emmaus Room and Crèche. The Emmaus Room and Crèche will also be having insulation installed above the suspended ceiling tiles. Once this work is complete, we would like to bring the Crèche room back into use by offering it as a place where parents can leave their young children while they stay in the service. The new Crèche will have toys and characters that can be used to act out simple Bible stories as well as better range of age appropriate toys to play with. The Leadership Team has been discussing this at our last few meetings but we realise that in order to offer a staffed crèche, we need volunteers to make it happen. If you would be willing to help look after the children in crèche on a rota basis, please see Matt.

❖ **Vision for Mission**

Thank you to everyone who stayed after the service for the Congregational Meeting. It was great to see so many people interested in exploring the vision and mission of Wesley Hall. The points discussed at the meeting were based upon a document called 'A Vision for Mission' which has been produced to help explain what goes on at Wesley Hall and what we are planning to do in the future. There are printed copies of this available at the back of church so if you would like to have a read through it, please take one.

❖ **A Poem by Roy Bellamy**

LIFE'S BOOKSHELF

I see on TV an archive of books:
No sides, top or bottom, encase its looks.
Access ladders, now and then, drift across,
Climbers robotic, never at a loss.

I dream each book, unique treasure of life,
Each one a record of leisure and strife.
Each one inserted, always room to spare;
Each one coming, booked in, from anywhere.

Time's figures climb their long lasting ladder,
Extracts from, when live, happy and sadder,
Thus in a moment all life's wear and tear,
In a quick wink is moved from here to there.

Who reads this account, bared narrative?
Knows the comprehensive derivative?
Whose unbiased eye looks into the heart?
Tells of, not a soul's ending, but a start?

They say somewhere there's a great index,
Computerised of course, all manner of text.
Another wink, another translation,
Reveal our final destination.

Roy Bellamy, November 2013

Afterthought

About 4 or 5 weeks ago my elder brother, Clifford, to my complete surprise, visited Wesley Hall's Lunch Club and was pleased by his reception. Unfortunately, the Monday following he had a bad fall and was immediately rushed to hospital where he died on Sunday 3rd November aged 87.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember the deaths of servicemen in particular. At the age of 17 Cliff was nursing the wounded from the D Day landings. Those people who know me well are aware that I view the dead and injured of any war as victims-not only servicemen but the millions of men, women and children-who were in the wrong place at the wrong time, this being the only reason for their fate.

I was led to write this poem "Life's Bookshelf". I hope you enjoy it. Roy.