



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th November 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	Preacher	Mrs. Elaine Needham
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Stay and Pray	Prayer at Home (please see below)

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

<i>Sunday 1st December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Miss. Louise Etherington</i>
<i>Sunday 8th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Sally Coleman (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>Sunday 15th December</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Local Arrangements</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay and Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we also hold 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.

❖ Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Saturday 30th November

Following a successful event last year, our Christmas Craft & Gift Fair will be on *Saturday 30th November* from 10am to 2pm. As before, we are selling stalls to local crafters/ small businesses (but still keeping a few of our own) and a good number have already been taken. On top of this, we will be running a popup café serving cake, drinks and light lunches in the Church Hall and have a few simple kids' activities. If you would like to help out on the day (or part of the day), can bake cakes, or have any other ideas, please see Matt.

On the day we will be holding a tombola stall and Dorothy and Matt would be pleased to receive any items you might have for the stall. Please sort out any small unwanted items and bring them any time before 30th November.

❖ Christmas Tree

It would be great to have our Christmas trees (one in the Sanctuary and one in the entrance area) up and decorated ready for the Christmas Fair on 30th November. We have all the lights, tinsel etc. for both trees, but it would be great if one or two people could come and decorate the trees! If you are interested, please see Matt.

COMING SOON...

❖ 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 on *Monday 2nd December 2019*. 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 or at the door or please see Alison Macfarlane.

❖ Afternoon Tea and Brass Band Saturday 7th December

On *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.

PRAYER POINTS...

- ❖ Please pray for the Christmas Fair next week, that people would come to it and browse the stalls, that the stallholders would find it a worthwhile event, that people would use the café and that they would be curious about Wesley Hall as a church and want to find out more.
- ❖ 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.

AND FINALLY...

❖ 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. A volunteer is particularly needed for *1st December*. Please speak to Alison if you can help.

❖ 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

❖ Shoebox Appeal

This year we will again be supporting the PXI (Parson Cross Initiative) Christmas Hamper Appeal and Reverse Advent Calendar. The hamper appeal asks for donations of Christmas food items (see leaflet for more details) to be put in a wrapped shoebox and then covered with cellophane to make them look like a hamper. These then need to be back at Wesley Hall by *Sunday 1st December* so they can be given out to users of the PXI Food Bank in time for Christmas. If anyone has any empty shoe boxes, please bring them to church for people to take away and fill. From 1st December 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).