



# Wesley Hall

## Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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: Jenny Carpenter**

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	Rev . Graham Wassell
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am	David Harris
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am.	Rev. Michelle Deans (Carol Service)

## THIS WEEK

### ❖ Circuit Prayer Gathering

The Circuit Prayer Gathering will be taking place as usual *this Wednesday* from 8pm to 9pm via Zoom and all are welcome:

<https://zoom.us/j/94411865948?pwd=R200cHBZSk1kNmErcTZRcWZXRmdVUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948 Passcode: 999757

(Telephone connection: 020 3481 5237)

### Christmas Fair – Cakes Required!

Our Christmas Fair is this *Saturday 30th November* and we need cakes for the café! Please can you get baking and bring along your fantastic creations on the day of the fair. The café sold out of hot sandwiches and cake last year, so as well as being popular, it is a great way to raise much needed funds.

We also need volunteers to help to serve, wash up and help clear the tables in the café on the day between 10am – 12noon, and between 12noon -2pm. We are also running our own stall with flyers and information about the church, and it would be great if somebody could sit at it, to talk to anyone who has any questions. Finally, having some people around to greet those who are arriving, answer any questions, or sit with those who may be alone in the café would be fantastic. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or let Matt know. Thanks very much.

### ❖ Dry Rot Update

We have now had two specialist contractors in to quote for the removal of the dry rot in the Upper Room. The first quote was for £21,500 +VAT but the second quote is much lower at £11,400 +VAT. Although the second quotation is less, it still comes with a 20 year guarantee against the dry rot returning, so we will be going with this one. But now that we know how much the treatment

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and repair is going to cost, we need to find the money! Matt is applying for grants and the Leadership Team came up with a number of fundraising ideas that we can explore. The issue is that the longer we leave it, the more it will spread and cause further damage. Please can you pray for the whole situation, that the money would be found quickly so that we can proceed with the treatment as soon as possible. And if you have any fundraising ideas, please see Matt!

## COMING SOON

### ❖ Coffee Morning

Please pop into Wesley Hall for a coffee/ tea if you're around between 10:00am and 11:30am on *Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December* in the Sanctuary. The coffee mornings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, and are an informal drop in.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❖ Thank you to those who helped at Messy Church on Saturday - we had 9 families, and it was a lovely morning.
- ❖ Christmas Messy Church tends to be our busiest one of the year - if you are able to help (either in the kitchen, with crafts, setting up, packing away or being a friendly face) please let Jacque know. It's 10am - 12pm on Saturday *14<sup>th</sup> December*.
- ❖ TRIBE nativity is on *Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December* - it'll be a delightful service, so put it in your diary, and invite a friend! :)
- ❖ If you're interested in the toddler nativity - it's on *Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December* from 10am to 12pm.

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Michelle's Newsletter is Back!

Attached to the Wesley Hall newsletter e-mail and available to pick up at the back of church, is Michelle's November newsletter. She aims to produce one of these each month so we can see what is going on across her three churches and support with our prayers everything that is going on.

### ❖ Fir cone collections

We are wanting fir cones for us to make decorations to distribute around Crookes this Christmas. If you are able to leave them at the church office, we can then transform them into something sparkly.

### ❖ Any knitters

If you fancy making fingerless gloves to distribute to those needing them over the winter months, please speak to Lesley for a pattern or there are lots of simple patterns online.

### ❖ The Funeral of Lily Taylor

Lily's funeral service will be held at Mosborough Methodist Church on *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024* at 12pm followed by the committal at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium at 1.15pm. We remember

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Lily with great fondness and remember the role she played in the life of Wesley Hall especially for the many years she produced the WEADS pantomime.

### ❖ **Message from Giancarlo – The One Programme**

The One Programme is a programme which the Methodist Church runs and aims to help 16-23 year olds develop their faith and give back to the church. This is achieved through giving young people support to attempt a project (such as improving the volunteer system at church or running youth groups), but also giving them project and spiritual mentors to discuss the project with. As well as this, One Programme Interns are encouraged to build connections within the circuit, being asked to attend District Gatherings and the Emmaus Residential to meet other similar young people in Yorkshire.

My project looks at the link between the law and Christian teachings bringing together law, philosophy and theology in a workshop for all aiming to spark discussions around legal reform, our currently held beliefs and how they may change. My project hopes to help both adults and children alike come to terms with the intersection between law and faith, especially in areas where the law may contrast with Methodist teachings and allow people to understand how to live legally and godly at the same time.

Next time you see me, please ask me how it's going and I'd be happy to talk with you!

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- ❖ Please pray for the solar panel installation, giving thanks for the approval of the nPower Business Solutions grant and that everything would progress smoothly to ensure that we meet grant conditions of our funders.
- ❖ For new users to boost our room hire income and help meet our running costs this year.
- ❖ For the continued exploration of how we can use our building and location to reach out and serve the people of Crookes. With thanks for the New Beginnings Grant from the Sheffield Methodist District towards the cost of hosting a Christmas lunch for some of our elderly neighbours living on Brick Street and surrounding area that we may build and maintain strong relationships with them.
- ❖ Please pray that we would quickly find the money to treat the dry rot found in the Upper Room cupboard before it spreads further.