



# Wesley Hall

## Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

#### **We Welcome You to Worship Today**

We hope you find a warm welcome, particularly if you are with us for the first time. If we don't manage to speak to you personally and you would like more information, please pick up a welcome card and leaflet.

All song words are projected onto the wall above the dais or can be found in the books provided. Separate song sheets are available at the back of church for any songs that are not in the hymn books.

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<b>Today's service</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Rev John Simms</b>
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The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

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<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev John Simms</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> December</i>			

*The steward on duty will be Dorothy White*

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### THIS WEEK...

#### ❖ **Advent Fayre – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Our Advent Fayre takes place this *Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December* from 11.00am to 2.00pm. There will be a preparation session on Friday afternoon between 2.00pm & 5.00pm, so please come along to help if you're available. Otherwise, please bring any items early on Saturday morning (unwanted gifts, jewellery, books, etc). But most importantly, please try to make it to the event to help us raise money for our 20 in 12 challenge.

#### ❖ **Saints Alive**

The Saints Alive puppet team present their Christmas show 'A Christmas Party' which will be held at the Montgomery Theatre on *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December* at 7.00pm. The show will also feature the Christian magician Steve Macbeth. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £2 for children and are available by calling the SCEC office (0114) 272 0455 or Glyn Jones [REDACTED]. All profits will go towards the redevelopment of Montgomery Hall.

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December* from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All are welcome to come and join us for a Christingle service.

❖ **Sheffield Folk Corale at Stephen Hill**

On *Saturday 3rd December* at 7.30pm, Sheffield Folk Chorale will be performing at Stephen Hill. Sheffield Folk Chorale is a large choir, singing traditional and modern folk, and ballads in unaccompanied four part harmony. They are very polished and produce a wonderful sound. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Bob Hodges: [REDACTED].

❖ **Fairtrade**

Audrey Bellamy usually opens the 'shop' in the corner of the Church Hall on Friday lunchtimes but she sells so little, after one or two customers from CBS have been, she is not staying around as long as before. However, there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods after church today at St Thomas's. Audrey is hoping to have a table out in Wesley Hall foyer after church on 18th December for anyone wanting any last minute items. If you would like Divine Chocolate Advent Calendars this year, please let her know as there were problems with surplus stock last year.

## COMING SOON...

❖ **Talking Of God**

Talking of God is a faith sharing course following on from the 2005 report to the Methodist Conference 'Time to Talk of God', which featured on the Church Times list of bestselling Christian books. It is designed to help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey, and is being led by John for both congregations at Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. We've done three of the four sessions but unfortunately the fourth session had to be postponed. John is hoping to lead this final session at some point soon, so everyone is more than welcome to join us – date to be confirmed (watch this space).

Living the Conversation

Date TBC

7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer

❖ **Men's Breakfast**

A group of us continue to meet for a chat over a bacon and egg sandwich from 8.30am to 9.30am downstairs in the hall. Please join us for our next meeting on *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December*. If you have any questions, please speak to Gareth or Jim.

❖ **Sheffield Carol Service**

Please join us for Breast Cancer Care's carol service on *Wednesday 7th December* at 7:30pm. The Carols by Candlelight evening will be a truly magical event and will be the highlight of our Christmas festivities. Located in the heart of Sheffield City Centre at the prestigious Cathedral of St Peter & St Paul, there will be a selection of readings and carols, along with performers on the night. All money raised from this special event will help Breast Cancer Care continue to support more than 500,000 people currently living with breast cancer in the UK. Tickets for the service are £10 for adults and £4 for under 16s. Please call 0114 2636471 to book. Thanks.

### ❖ **Love Sheffield At Christmas**

*When is it taking place?* Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to 2.00pm outside the Cathedral.

*How does it work?* Lots of small teams of Christians go out from the Cathedral onto the city streets and give away free mince pies to show that we care – and God cares – about our city. There are no strings attached: the gifts really are free and we just hope it brightens people's day to know that someone cares. Each mince pie is accompanied by a small Love Sheffield card. It's as simple as that! We don't advertise individual church services and we don't get into debates – but if people want to chat further or ask for prayer that is fine.

*Who can get involved?* Anyone! Children, teenagers and adults all enjoy putting a smile on someone's face by giving them a free gift and telling them "God loves you". Love Sheffield isn't linked to any particular church or denomination. The initiative evolved from a meeting of city centre churches and ministries where we realised we could all work together to bless our city.

For more information see [www.lovesheffieldatchristmas.org.uk](http://www.lovesheffieldatchristmas.org.uk).

### ❖ **Nativity Play at Stephen Hill**

A nativity play "Joe Carpenter and Son" will be performed by adults as part of the 6:30pm Sunday evening service at Stephen Hill on *11th December*.

*"Betrothed we are and yet to marry.*

*Now you say a child you carry.*

*I must admit it tests my love*

*When you say it's a gift from the Lord above."*

### ❖ **Wednesday Group**

The next meeting will be on *14<sup>th</sup> December* and will be a Christmas event.

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ **New Songs**

If you would like to learn some new songs so that you feel more able and confident to sing them during worship, then you would be very welcome to gather around the piano from 10:15am on a Sunday morning to learn together. Beth & Emma

### ❖ **Methodist World Mission**

Please bring in your collection box for counting to Gill Packett as soon as possible. Thanks.

### ❖ **Evenings@ the CLC Bookshop**

On a first-come first-served basis, and by appointment only, CLC is opening its doors after hours to groups of between 6 and 15 people in the run-up to Christmas. If you are in a group, or can get a group together, you are included. And there will be special prices to be had on the night. Please contact the bookshop for more information. Pop in, phone 0114 2724663 or email [sheffield@clcbookshops.com](mailto:sheffield@clcbookshops.com).

### ❖ Update From Janti

An update from Janti, our sponsored child in India, through Compassion UK (written in the summer):

*“First may I convey my respect and greetings to you in the name of Lord Jesus. I am fine here by your valuable prayers and help. I hope and believe that you are also fine there by the grace of God. Thank you for your beautiful letter. The weather in India is so hot I cannot bear this heat at times. Thank you for your photograph of 2 of your boys. I pray for you and your family and all the children in Sunday School. I like eating fruit like mango, pineapple and jalk fruit. My school will be closing for the summer soon. Please pray for my studies and family. Yours Janti.”*

The children in TRIBE have sent Janti a Christmas card that they have all signed and as a church we have made a gift to Compassion UK for a suitable Christmas gift to be purchased for Janti. Thank you for remembering Janti in your prayers and thank you for the financial support.

### ❖ Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission Christmas Catalogue is on the table in the foyer. If anyone would like to order cards, gifts, etc, please see Sue Mills.

### ❖ Coffee and Crafts

Please note, there will be no more Coffee & Crafts sessions until 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### ❖ Hope UK

Julian, our circuit administrator, has had a meeting with Hazel Moore who is the newly appointed representative for Hope UK in Sheffield. They used to be called “Band of Hope” and they work in the field of Drug awareness, with the aim of educating our young people in understanding the issues around alcohol and other drug misuse. Hazel has asked if anyone is interested in the work of Hope UK, would like her to come and talk to parents / youth workers, arrange sessions with young people, or if anyone would like to know more about becoming a “volunteer educator”, to contact her. Her details are: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [www.hopeuk.org](http://www.hopeuk.org).

The editor for the month of December is Steve Wright. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole (by Wednesday), send an e-mail to [newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk) or call Steve on [REDACTED].