



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 24th January 2016

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** **Mr. Michael Cooper**

The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

6:00pm-7:00pm **Stay & Pray** **Prayer at Home (see below)**

Sunday 31st January 10:30am *Rev. Will Fletcher*

Sunday 7th February 10:30am *Mrs. Helen Hind (All Age Worship)*

Sunday 14th February 10:30am *Rev. Gareth Jones (Holy Communion)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Stay & Pray

This evening is our monthly 'Stay & Pray', which complements our Prayer Services. We would encourage everyone to spend some time between 6pm and 7pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting face to face, we will be praying together at the same time in our own homes.

❖ Youth 'Drop-Inn'

Last Tuesday, the 'Drop-Inn' had a good start and the weekly sessions will continue this Tuesday. However, Tim really needs at least one more volunteer to help with drinks, chat with the young people or just to be around.

On Monday afternoon from 3pm until 4pm, Tim will be handing out hot chocolate to people walking past Wesley Hall. This will give a good opportunity to meet and invite any secondary school-aged people to the 'Drop-Inn' and also to reach out to others in the community. Tim would love to have some volunteers to help out!

❖ Prayer for Tipton School

There will be a prayer meeting for Tipton School on Tuesday 26th January at 7.45pm at [REDACTED]. For more information, please contact Emma Horton on [REDACTED].

❖ Swishing Party

A Swishing Party will be held at Wesley Hall on Saturday 30th January from 2.30pm-4.30pm. This is a fundraising event for Hope for Justice's work against trafficking. The idea is to bring 3-10 items of clothing, jewellery or accessories and swap! Admission is £5 and afternoon tea is being served, for an additional £5. If you are unable to come but would like to provide cakes, they would be most welcome. To find out more, please contact Joan Daines, Andrea Killingsworth or Sue Chapman.

COMING SOON...

❖ Lent Study

This year, instead of having one joint Lent study, the current Wesley Hall Fellowship Groups will be hosting separate study groups which will be open to all. We would encourage everyone to join in at one of the groups. Throughout Lent, there will be sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays (venues and times to be confirmed). If you are interested, please speak to Neil Harland, Andrew Gray or Dorothy White. Also, we appreciate that some people would prefer to meet during the day, so if you feel able to run a further daytime group, please let Neil, Andrew or Dorothy know.

❖ Church Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd February at Walkley Ebenezer. If you are a member of the Church Council, please try to attend. If anyone has any agenda items, please see Andrea Killingsworth or a member of the Leadership Team.

❖ WEADS Pantomime

Wesley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatics Society (WEADS) present Cinderella. This year's pantomime will take place between Wednesday 10th and Saturday 13th February. Performances will be at 7.15pm every evening, with a Saturday matinee at 2.15pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children. Please see Sue or Brian Mills if you are interested.

❖ Away Day

Our Away Day this year will be held on Saturday 27th February at Bakewell Methodist Church. The rough format for the day will be to meet for coffee at 9:30am before opening worship at 10:00am. This will be followed by two sessions of study/reflection led by Rev. Gareth Jones, with separate activities for the children led by Claire. After lunch, there will be an act of closing worship, so the structured part of the day will finish by around 2:15pm. This leaves the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy Bakewell (or come home if it's raining!) Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

❖ Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year

This year, the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year competition is being filmed at Sheffield City Hall on Saturday 27th February (Junior Competition) and Sunday 28th February (Senior Competition), 2.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets are free but need to be ordered, so if you would like to go, please speak to Andrew Gray by 31st January.

❖ Spring Harvest 2016 (28th March to 1st April)

For those of us who have already booked to go to Spring Harvest, we will soon be paying the balance but there is still accommodation available. We would love more people to join us for this opportunity to take part in great teaching and worship and share fellowship with our church family. So if you're interested, please speak to Carole or Andrew Gray by Friday 29th January. If we can then make up another group of 4, or even 6, we could book another apartment. (The cost for a self-catering Gold Apartment is £214 per adult.)

❖ 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 180th 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 23rd April 1836 and in 2016, 23rd April falls on a Saturday, so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend will be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 180 years, then 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.

❖ **Church Away Weekend**

Our church away weekend in Blackpool is from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May. The cost this year is £95 per adult; £15 for children; under 5s free. This includes two nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal. (Please note, the hotel are no longer able to provide Sunday lunch.) If you are interested, please give your name to Dorothy or Jim White with a deposit of £25 per adult by 6th March.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Crookes Forum**

The Crookes Forum is a local group of people who live or work in Crookes and aim to bring together the local community. It would be helpful if somebody from Wesley Hall was part of the forum, to make sure we are up to date and involved in this great community initiative. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please see Matt.

❖ **Photo Board**

We are interested in creating a photo board at the back of church, with photos of everyone in the congregation and wider church family. Jim will be around with his camera over the next few weeks and he is likely to ask if you would be happy to be included on the photo board. Please feel free to say no if you would prefer not to, but also feel free to seek Jim out if you don't get asked!

❖ **The Connexion Magazine**

We have a few copies of The Connexion magazine at the back of church, highlighting exciting new work being done by Methodist churches across the UK. This edition focuses on "giving a green light to mission" including Sandylands in Kendal (prior to their amazing response to local flooding) and closer to home in Rotherham. Please pass on when you have finished, to cut down on printing costs. If you are online, you can read a copy at <http://methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/the-connexion-magazine>.

❖ **Flower Rota 2016**

A new flower rota for 2016 is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the weekly flowers, please put your name against a date and let Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington have your donation a week or two before. Quite a few dates were left empty last year, so please consider if you would be able to support this, perhaps to commemorate or celebrate a special date.

❖ **New Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2016 are now available to pick up at the back of church. Due to a reduction in the total number of envelopes ordered, some of the numbers have changed. If your number was between 51 and 59, your new number will be between 31 and 39 (subtract 20). (Apologies for this inconvenience.) If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

❖ **Unwanted Clothes Needed**

The drop-in centre that we collect for is in desperate need of unwanted clothing. Any clothing (adult or child sizes) will be gratefully received but men's clothing is needed the most. Please pass any clothes you wish to donate to Dorothy White.

From the money raised at the Advent Fair, a donation of £50 was given to the drop-in centre. Ann and Gerry Armstrong, leaders at the centre, have sent a thank-you message:

"To dear friends at Wesley Hall. We are so very grateful for your kind donation towards the work of the drop-in centre. Your kindness will make such a difference to the lives of those we support. Each person receives a hot meal and pudding, along with sandwiches and biscuits to take away to help through the night. We also give clothing and sleeping bags. We serve between 40-50 people, mostly lonely and vulnerable people from Sheffield and sometimes from further afield. So once again, a very big thank you. May God richly bless you in all you do."