



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. John Simms
www.wesleyhall.org.uk



Sunday 4th December 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.

Today's service **10:30am** **Preacher** **Rev John Simms (Parade Service)**

The steward on duty is Dorothy White

And next week *10:30am* *Preacher* *Rev Daniel Pratt Morris Chapman*
11th December

6:00pm *Prayer Service* *Rev John Simms*
The steward on duty will be Andrew Gray

THIS WEEK...

❖ 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 and the fourth session is this Thursday everyone is more than welcome to join us and it doesn't matter if you have been able to get to the other sessions.

Living the Conversation **Thursday 8th December** 7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer
In the upstairs room

❖ Sheffield Bach Society-Handel's Messiah

Sheffield Bach Society - Handel's Messiah - **Monday 5th December** 7.00pm at Sheffield Cathedral. Tickets £15 (£12 concessions), Students £6, accompanied under 16s free - from Alison or on the door.

❖ Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be held on **Saturday 10th December** at 8.30am in the Church Hall. Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich and a chat.

❖ 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 10th 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.

❖ **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."

❖ **Church Office**

Matt is on holiday this week so the church office will be closed. He will be back on Monday 12th December.

❖ **New Giving Envelopes**

Giving envelopes to cover the whole of 2012 have now arrived and are at the back of church. Please collect your envelopes and if you have any questions (or would like to start give using the envelope scheme), please see Matt.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Christmas Services at Wesley Hall:**

- December 11th 10:30am Rev Daniel Pratt Morris Chapman
- December 18th 10:30am Mrs Helen Hind
- December 18th 6:30pm Rev John Simms - Carol Service
- December 25th 9:30am Rev John Simms-Christmas Day Celebration
- January 1st 10:30am Rev Catrin Harland – Joint service with Walkley Ebenezer at Wesley Hall

❖ **Christmas Messy Church**

The Christmas Messy Church will be held on **Thursday 15th December** from 4pm to 5.30pm. All are most welcome.

❖ **The Big Walkley Carol Sing at Walkley Ebenezer**

The Big Carol sing will be held at Walkley on **Tuesday 13th December** at 6.30pm. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.

❖ **Wednesday Group**

The next meeting will be on **14th December** and will be a Christmas evening.

❖ **Fairtrade**

Audrey is hoping to have a table out in Wesley Hall foyer after church on 18th December for anyone wanting any last minute Fairtrade items.

❖ **WEADS Amateur Dramatic Society**

WEADS will be presenting the pantomime "Snow White" from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th February 2012 at 7:15pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:15pm at Walkley Ebenezer. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Brian and Sue Mills.

❖ **X:Site**

X:site is for children in school years Y3-Y6, where they can learn about Jesus, have fun and games, bring their mates and listen to live music. It's held at Wesley Hall from 6pm-8pm on Saturdays: **21st January, 10th March, 28th April and 23rd June**. Entry is £2.50 and you can get further information from: sheffield@xsiteuk.org phone: [REDACTED]. <http://sheffield.xsiteuk.org>

AND FINALLY...

❖ **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.

❖ **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 17th 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.

❖ Basic Food Hygiene Course

Lunch Club has obtained funding for up to 15 people to undertake a Basic Food hygiene Course. The training will take place at Agewell on Uppertorpe Road from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Monday 9th January. The course is a Nationally Regulated qualification with a certificate awarded on successful completion. If you are interested in attending please have a word with Steve Wright.

❖ Job Vacancies:

- a. **Youth Development Worker** - at the Beacon Methodist Church. For details see: http://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/downloads/weeklymailing/Beaconydw_10122011.pdf . Closing date Noon on Friday 9th December 2011
- b. **Secretary Receptionist and Caretaker**- Victoria Hall are looking for a secretary receptionist for 28 hours per week and a caretaker to work Monday - Thursday evenings. For further details could anyone interested contact Noel Irwin on revnoelirwin@btconnect.com

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 or call Steve on [REDACTED].