



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Easter Sunday 5th April 2015

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 services **8:15am Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast**

10:30am All Age Easter Celebration

The stewards on duty today are Steve & Linda Wright

<i>Sunday 12th April</i>	<i>10:45am United Service at Walkley</i>	<i>6:00pm Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 19th April</i>	<i>10:30am Dr. John Revill</i>	
<i>Sunday 26th April</i>	<i>10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Gift Day 2015

We have raised over £8,000 in each of our last three Gift Days to fund children's work but will need to raise more than this for the next three years to continue this work and also expand our youth provision. In order to help us unlock external grant funding, we need to show local financial support for the project, which we will be doing through pledges.

Pledge forms are available at the back of church and can be used to indicate what you intend to give this year and on the Gift Days in 2016 and 2017. Pledging is not a binding agreement but just an indication of what you intend to give. Please seal completed pledge forms in their envelopes and put them in the collection during any Sunday service. The details of this form will be kept confidential and all forms will be held by the treasurer, Matt Irons. Completed forms are welcome on any Sunday morning and not just on Gift Day.

You are welcome to include your gift for 2015 along with your completed pledge form. If you do this and have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration, please include the date and your Gift Aid number on the outside of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration, or have completed a declaration but do not know your Gift Aid number, please see Matt.

We are very happy to accept gifts by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Gifts are welcome on the Gift Days or spread over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. If you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt.

❖ Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship is meeting this evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Committee Room (we meet on the first and third Sundays of each month). The group is aimed at secondary school age young people (Y7 –Y11) and is open to all. If you would like more information, please call Tim Jansen on [REDACTED].

❖ **X:Site**

X:Site is back on Saturday 11th April from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for all Y3s to Y6s. X:Site is an evening full of fun and games, loud singing of songs to God and an exciting look at the Bible. Entry is £2.50. For more information or to register please call 07412 124 310.

❖ **United Service – Next Sunday 12th April**

Next Sunday we will be worshipping with our friends at Walkley Ebenezer at the slightly later time of 10:45am. If anyone would like a lift from Wesley Hall down to Walkley, or is available to provide lifts, please be downstairs in the entrance area by 10:30am.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 26th April. In the same way as our last congregational meeting, the AGM will be held in the Emmaus Room soon after the service has finished (please feel free to bring your tea and coffee in with you), and will last no more than one hour so there will still be time to get home for lunch afterwards! This meeting is open to everyone.

We are looking for more representatives from Wesley Hall to sit on the Church Council, which meets four times a year. If you are interesting in putting your name forward or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to John Simms or Andrea Killingsworth.

As Judith will be leaving us in a few months, we will have only three Worship Stewards so need more people to fill this role and look after the practical side of our Sunday worship. This involves liaising with preachers during the week, finding readers for the service and looking after the preacher on Sunday morning. If you would like to know more, please see Andrew Gray.

❖ **The Alzheimer's Society - Old Jewellery Appeal**

At their annual conference event at Swanwick in April, Methodist Women in Britain will be launching their new Dementia Friendly campaign for social action on behalf of those living with dementia and those who care for them. During the weekend we will be collecting items for The Alzheimer's Society's Old Jewellery Appeal, which has already raised £900,000 towards their research and support work. If you or your friends or family have any unwanted items of jewellery, Judith Simms would be happy to accept any donated items - not only gold and silver, but also costume jewellery, beads and watches, and even odd ear-rings and cuff-links. These will be recycled, re-modelled and re-sold to raise valuable funds. Please give any unwanted items to Judith, or pop in an envelope and leave in the 'S' pigeon-hole for her to collect, by 15th April. Thanks.

❖ **Memories of Crookes Shops**

There will be a Crookes 'Show and Tell' Day on Wednesday 15th April from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St Thomas Church. Do you remember the old shops and picture house of Crookes? Bring your memories, stories, old photos and objects. Tell all about them over a cuppa and cake. There will also be a short talk about Victorian Crookes by local historian Anne Marples and a brief Crookes Forum Open Meeting where you can question local councillors and the police. For more info, contact The Crookes Forum History Project on [REDACTED] or crookesforum@gmail.com.

❖ **Songs from the Shows**

We will be holding an evening of 'Songs from the Shows' here at Wesley Hall on Saturday 25th April at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £6 for adults (£4 concessions) and are available on the door or by calling [REDACTED]. All profits will go to the roof repair fund.

❖ **Weekend Away**

We have not been able to find a venue that is available and suits our usual budget for our Weekend Away in 2015. So instead of a weekend away, we will be returning to the Peveril Centre (Castleton Methodist Church) for a longer Away Day on Saturday 2nd May. The outline plan for the day is to meet for a service and teaching/discussion session in the morning, eat our packed lunches and then enjoy some free time in Castleton before meeting back for a short act of worship followed by a fish and chip supper and some home grown entertainment in the evening. All are welcome to come along so please put this date in your diary.

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid Week this year is 10th-16th May; are you able to help with this in any way? Thanks to those of you who were involved last year. Together we raised a total of £1,486! The main part of this event has always been the door-to-door collecting but we can fundraise in other ways. Emma came up with a great idea last year of getting the parents/carers from the Toddler group to bake cakes to sell, which they were very happy to do and raised £75. It was a great way of giving people a chance to contribute to a good cause. Sheffield University Gospel Choir also contributed to Christian Aid from funds raised at a concert during the Christian Aid period. Do you have any other fundraising ideas? If so, please talk to Andrea Killingsworth.

Please let Andrea know if you would be prepared to collect on a street, help with the counting on Saturday 16th May or with the lunch we usually do on this day to raise more money. **At the moment, if we are to do the lunch on 16th May, we need someone to volunteer to help in the kitchen.**

❖ **Christian Aid May Day Trek**

This year is the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid's May Day Trek. (It started in 1964 but missed a year due to the foot and mouth disease outbreak). This year's trek will be on Monday 4th May. This is a sponsored walk to raise money for Christian Aid and you have the choice of a 5, 11 or 17 mile walk, with all walks starting from St Luke's Church at Lodge Moor. For those wanting a more challenging walk, there is also a 17 mile dusk-to-dawn walk on Saturday 28th June which goes out to Hathersage via Padley Gorge and then returns via Stanage. Application forms for both events can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or can be found on www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk where you can also register for the walks.

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/review church events. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **Noah**

Last year at Spring Harvest, some of the group from Wesley Ebenezer saw a short performance taken from the touring production of Noah, a musical for all the family by Doug Horley and the Saltmine Theatre Company. Last year's tour dates didn't include a visit to Sheffield but this year they are at the Montgomery Theatre on 22nd May at 7pm. Tickets are £14 for adults, £10 for children or £40 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). If anyone is interested in going, please see Carole Gray or text/call her on [REDACTED] and she will get tickets.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Roof Works Update

We have heard back from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair fund that was announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and then added to in the Budget last month. Our application was successful and we were awarded the maximum grant possible of £100,000. This takes the total raised to just over £265,000 which is enough to complete all of the works identified by our architect, which is really great news. Since the project went out to tender last year and we have chosen our main contractor, work should start in the next few months. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this project over the last 5 years; we have finally got there!

❖ Children, Families & Youth Work

When the snow abated for long enough for Church Council to meet, it was agreed that we should seek funding for another three years for the children & families role currently undertaken by Liz. We will also be creating a new part time post of a pre-teen and youth worker. This person will work primarily with the 9 to 16 age range; building community, sharing faith and nurturing young people. We already have many links with those at the lower end of this age range through our children's activities developed in recent years, not to mention those within our Sunday congregation and uniformed organisations. They will give us the opportunity to create a coherent programme of activities for young people, mirroring what we have seen blossom with the younger age.

Please consider how you can support this wonderful opportunity through prayer, helping to plan recruitment (speak to Neil Harland), being ready to support the running of events for children and young people, or financial giving (see Gift Day above).