



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 6th April 2014

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** **All Age Worship**

led by Rev John Simms and the All Age Worship team

The stewards on duty today are Steve & Linda Wright

<i>Sunday 13th April</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Rob Drost</i>	<i>6.00pm Prayer Service</i>
<i>Sunday 20th April</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (Easter Day Holy Communion)</i>	
<i>Sunday 27th April</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Ray Battye</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Tipton Prayer Group

The Tipton Prayer Group are meeting at 8:00pm on *Tuesday 8th April* at [REDACTED].

❖ Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is here at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on *Thursday 10th April*. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting but only members can vote. Please give any agenda items to John or Andrea.

COMING SOON...

❖ Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held next Sunday *Sunday 13th 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!

During the meeting we will be discussing the remaining two areas from the Visions for Mission document, 'Building & Community' and 'Children & Families'. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this important meeting.

We are also looking for two 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.

❖ **Partnership with MRDF in Mali**

Towards the end of 2012, John ran MRDF's Iota course which focussed on the country of Mali. Following on from the course, we have committed to raise at least £1,000 over 2 years to support this work. Each Sunday through lent we will be sharing news about MRDF and their Malian partner, AMAPEF as part of our worship.

If you don't already have one, there are spare flat collection boxes available at the back of church. We would encourage you to assemble the box (there are some pre-assembled boxes if you prefer!) and use it to collect what you feel able to give during lent. Then we can all bring our boxes back to Wesley Hall on Easter Sunday and offer them to support MRDF's work in Mali.

❖ **Spring Newsletter**

You will find the latest Spring Newsletter from MRDF at the back of church. Please do have a look through it; the first page is dedicated to a project in Mali.

❖ **Easter Breakfast**

This year, we will be down at Walkely for Easter Breakfast on *Sunday 20th April*. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

❖ **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid Week this year is 11th to 17th May. Many thanks to those who helped out with the street collection last year. If anyone would like to collect on a street, or find out more about what's involved, please speak to Andrea.

The Christian Aid sponsored walk to raise money for the charity this year will be on *Monday 5th May*. It will only be a 5 mile circular walk from Bents Green Methodist Church through the Porter and Limb valleys. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or visiting www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. There will also be a night hike of 17 miles (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Creche Update**

Just to let you know about the progress made in renovating our Crèche. Matt and Liz have scraped off lots of paint, discovered a quite impressive crack (complete with big holes) down one wall, and cleaned the walls and radiators. The holes are now filled and skimming should be done next week, followed by the painting!

Also, many thanks to those to have blessed us with toys, names on rotas and the assembly of 'story sacks'. "The Caterpillar Creche" will hopefully be finished soon, and our big, bright, caterpillar beanbag can move in!

❖ **Traffick Free Chocolate**

Did you know that a child of 10 may have been trafficked to make the chocolate in your favourite Easter egg?

Over a third of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from the Cote D'Ivoire, Africa. It's highly likely that the beans that make your favourite chocolate Easter egg come from there. Cocoa harvesting is backbreaking and hazardous work. The shocking reality is that much of this work is done by children. Thousands of boys as young as 10 years old, from the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring

countries, are trafficked to pick and harvest these beans. Their freedom is taken and they are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work. They are beaten and work in dangerous conditions.

This Easter, 'Stop the Traffick' invite you to join their petition to call on Mondelez to make a public commitment to reduce the risk of child trafficking in their cocoa supply chains. Mondelez are the largest chocolate company in the world, owning some of the top chocolate brands such as Cadbury's, Milka and Toblerone. They have the ability to make a huge difference within the chocolate industry.

Other global chocolate companies such as Mars, Ferrero and Hershey have made commitments to certify their entire chocolate range by 2020. Mondelez is lagging behind. This Easter Stop the Traffick want to ask Mondelez to set a public deadline for certifying their entire chocolate range. They want to see a third-party certification stamp (such as Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance) on all of their chocolate products.

This Easter show Mondelez that you care by joining a petition by going on-line to www.stopthetraffik.org and following the link to the petition. There are also resources on the website including a sample letter which you could send to your local supermarket encouraging them to stock more certified Easter Eggs.

❖ Giving A Bit

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now registered with 'giving a bit'. This is a website that allows charity supporters to generate income for their favourite charities as they shop online at **no cost to themselves**. If you would like to begin helping Wesley Hall, follow the instructions below:

1. Sign up at www.givingabit.com (it's completely free)
2. Select 'Find a charity or community'
3. Search for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church
4. Click 'Join this community'
5. Start generating income for Wesley Hall at **no cost to you!**

'Giving a bit' is supported by hundreds of popular online retailers such as Amazon, Argos, Boots, Debenhams, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more. If you are going to buy something from one of these websites, make sure you log into 'giving a bit' first, search for the retailer and then click through to their website from 'giving a bit'. Then, any purchases you make will be linked to your 'giving a bit' account and Wesley Hall will benefit. Many retailers have special offers for those who use 'giving a bit', so it is worth logging in and checking if you could save money before you make any purchases online. There is also a handy widget that you can download to quickly let you know if the website you are using supports 'giving a bit' without having to log back into the main website.

If you have any questions or would like some help getting set up, just talk to Matt Irons.

❖ Foodbank Collections

Wesley Hall is now collecting for the S6 foodbank which provides short term emergency food and support to local people in crisis. You can help by donating non-perishable food using the box in the Entrance Area. The most needed items are UHT milk, sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta sauces, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, instant coffee, rice, pasta, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits and snack bars. If you are able to add something from the list to your shopping and then donate to it the foodbank, it will make a real difference to local people in need. To find out more about how a foodbank operates, please take a leaflet from the back of church.