



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 7th June 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 service **10:30am** **All Age Worship**

The stewards on duty today are Steve & Linda Wright

Sunday 14th June 10:30am Rev. John Simms (Communion) 6:00pm Prayer Service
Sunday 21st June 10:30am Mrs. Joyce Wiles
Sunday 28th June 10:30am Local Arrangement (TBC)

THIS WEEK...

❖ School of Prayer

Some of you may remember that I ran a 'School of Prayer' during Lent 2014. Some people were not able to attend at the time, and have asked for me to repeat the course. This will be taking place on the following Wednesday evenings 7:30pm at Walkley:

10th June I Don't Know What To Say
24th June Hands Together, Eyes Closed
1st July When Words Are Not Enough
15th July If At First You Don't Succeed

It would be great to see you there! John.

❖ The Big Lunch

Following the success of previous years, we will be hosting our 2015 Big Lunch after our All Age Worship service TODAY from 12noon. The Big Lunch is an Eden Project initiative partnered by the Halifax. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually on the first Sunday in June, in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Here at Wesley Hall, we are providing a free Big Lunch barbecue. In addition, Avril Clark and her colleague Alice Jacobs from the Halifax will be fundraising for the Sheffield S6 Foodbank. Stalls in our foyer will include tombola and nail-painting. Please stay after the service and join us!

❖ Philippa Hanna in Concert

Philippa Hanna will be performing here at Wesley Hall this *Thursday 11th June* at 7:30pm With musical roots in folk and Gospel, Sheffield-based singer/songwriter Philippa Hanna's engaging and inspiring music frequently draws on her turbulent youth and her Christian faith, and her desire to encourage positivity and self-esteem in others. This is a Broomhill Festival event, and profits will go to the festival charities. Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions) and are available from www.broomhillfestival.org.uk, email events@wesleyhall.org.uk or call [REDACTED].

❖ Wesley Hall Festival

At the General Church Meeting last year we agreed to organise a 'mini-festival' at Wesley Hall, with the Bible Society's "Creation: A Celebration" exhibition panels as the centrepiece. This will start this week, with the exhibition open 10:00am – 4:00pm, every Wednesday-Saturday, from 10th to 27th June. Please come yourself and invite friends and family to explore the exhibition.

Running alongside this will be several afternoon craft workshops and evening concerts. Judith Simms is doing most of the organising of the events but, as requested at the meeting last year, we still need a few more volunteers to help during the event. Each day is divided into two 3-hour sessions: 10:00am–1:00pm and 1:00pm–4:00pm. We need 2 or 3 people to be here for each session to welcome visitors, chat, serve refreshments (drinks and cake), and to generally keep an eye on things. If you can offer your time in this way, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church for as many sessions as you feel able to offer.

We would also appreciate fresh home-made cakes to serve, so if that's your skill, there's room to sign up for that too. If you need any further information, please talk to Judith at church, or on the phone (266 0010).

❖ Sacred Choral Classics

There is a concert by the Sheffield Bach Society featuring Zadok the Priest by Handel, Easter Hymn by Mascagni, Beati quorum via by Stanford, I was glad by Parry and other popular classics for choir and organ next Saturday 13th June at 7:30pm at St. Mark's church in Broomhill. Tickets are £12 (concessions £10) and students are £6 on the door. This concert is part of the Broomhill festival and tickets are available from Alison Macfarlane.

COMING SOON...

❖ MHA Southcroft's Summer Fair

Methodist Home for the Aged, Southcroft, at 33 Psalter Lane is holding a Summer Fair on *Saturday 13th June* from 11:00am – 1:00pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, stalls and refreshments. All proceeds to the Southcroft Amenity Fund.

❖ Robert and Annabel's Christening

Robert and Annabel Clark's Christening will take place during the service next *Sunday 14th June*. All are welcome to join us in the celebration and to share some cake after the service! Avril and Martin.

❖ Walkley Festival 2015 (Saturday 20th June – Sunday 5th July)

Every year since 2001, the Walkley Community Forum has hosted a festival. Local groups and businesses hold events and activities; everything from brass band concerts, cake decoration classes and art shows to fun days in the local park. Please go to walkleyforum@gmail.com for more information.

❖ Messy Church

Our next Messy Church "A Special Promise" on *Saturday 20th June*, will be all about Noah. One of the crafts will be colourful wind spirals, made from old litre plastic bottles. If people have some, preferably with horizontal indentations going round the bottle, it would be great if you could bring them in. Thanks, Liz.

❖ Curry Night to raise funds for Hope for Justice

We are holding a Curry Night on *Saturday 20th June* at 7:00pm to raise money for Hope for Justice that fights against human trafficking. If you would like to come or have details of the full menu, could you please see Andrea Killingsworth or Sue Chapman as soon as possible as we need to know numbers for catering purposes.

❖ **Church Council**

The date of the next Church Council meeting has changed and will now be *Thursday 25th June* at 7:30pm at Walkley.

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

A number of us from Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer went to Spring Harvest this year. We enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshment, great teaching and worship, fellowship and fun! Many of us plan to go again next Easter and would love more of both congregations to join us. As the Skegness venue was fully booked this year, we will be booking for next year as soon as the lines open in June. If you are interested in coming along, or just want more information, please see Andrew or Carole Gray (or call them on [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]).

❖ **Church Away Weekend**

We will again be joining together with our friends at Walkley for a church weekend away in Blackpool next year. This will be from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May 2016 at the Brincliffe Hotel where we have been made very welcome in previous years. The cost has not yet been finalised but is likely be around £100 per person for room, bed breakfast and dinner (much lower rates are available for children). If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please see Dorothy or Matt so we can get an idea of numbers and make sure we book enough rooms!

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Children, Families & Youth**

In addition to the £28,700 pledged over the next three years by members of our congregation, we have now been offered grants totalling £28,500 from Sheffield Church Burgesses, and the Methodist District and Circuit (subject to formal approval at the Circuit Assembly this month). We are still to hear back from two more funders, as we look to secure funding for Liz's successor as children & families worker and create a new post of pre-teen & youth development worker. Please continue to remember this process in your prayers.

❖ **Can You Please Help & Sponsor Bethan?**

I have had my beautiful, long hair cut short, and donated it to a charity called 'Little Princess Trust', to be made into a wig for children who have hair loss due to cancer treatment and other causes. But I'm also raising money for Breast Cancer Campaign, for research into prevention and treatment for breast cancer. So please sponsor me for cutting my hair short! My Gran has breast cancer and has faced it with real bravery. For her and for others in my family and so many others who have had breast cancer, I am giving my hair. Please give your money! You can donate on: www.justgiving.com/Bethan-Harland. Thank you, Bethan.

❖ **Christian Aid**

I think the final total for Christian Aid this year will be £1,709.05 which is the best since I have co-ordinated the fund raising! Many thanks to all of you involved, and those of you that have contributed. The street collections raised £1,057.73 with the rest from donations from the congregations of Wesley Ebenezer, cake sales and lunches. As usual a great team effort plus a very encouraging total raised! God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Finance Volunteering Opportunity**

The charity finance department I work in are looking for a finance volunteer. If you know of someone interested in developing or donating skills or experience in this field feel free to pass them my contact details n.harland@tcv.org.uk or 01302 388 860. We are ideally looking at a couple of days per week, but can be flexible to what a volunteer would have to offer. We are based on Doncaster and can pay travel expenses from Sheffield. Thanks, Neil