



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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Sunday 9th May 2010

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. Recordings of our Sunday morning services are usually available, please see Matt Irons.

Today's service 10:30 am: Preacher **Mrs Tina Owen**
Worship Leader **Silas Owiti**
The steward on duty today is Gareth Owen

And next week 10:30 am: Preacher *Miss Karen James*
16th May Worship Leader *Louise Etherington*
The steward on duty will be Dorothy White

THIS WEEK...

Christ Exploded...



This is a youth discipleship forum for young people, with Christ as the centre-piece. We do this through music, debates, dance, poetry, quizzes, drama, games, crossword puzzles and many more as we study the Word and have fun.

Today we meet at **11:00am** downstairs in the **Church Hall** so that we have more space to sing, please do come along. For more information please talk to Louise or Silas.

❖ Photocopier Access Code

Over the last six months our photocopier usage has doubled. For this reason an access code is now required to make any copies. This is not an attempt to stop church members using the copier, but outside groups who should not be using it anyway! Please see Matt if you would like to know what the code is.

❖ Gift Day

If you haven't already done so please return your Gift Day envelopes as soon as possible. As you will be aware we have to raise £70,000 to cover the cost of repairing the roof on the building, so all monies raised through this event will go towards that target. If you have any questions about this or want information on how you can give or want more information about the finances of the church, then please to speak to Gareth.

❖ Property Team

The Property Team is meeting next *Tuesday 11th May*. If you have anything that you would like to be raised at the meeting, please speak to any Property Team member before this date.

❖ Wednesday Group Meeting 12th May

The Wednesday Group meet at 7:30pm this Wednesday, 12th May, in the Emmaus Room. The speaker will be John Gilbert who is the Court Room artist. All are welcome.

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

Thank you to those of you who have agreed to help in some way in both collecting on the streets during Christian Aid week and helping on the 15th May. It is great that we work so well as a team at Wesley Hall, it is much appreciated.

On *Saturday 15th May* as well as counting the monies from the street collection there will be lunches available (home made soup), a cake stall (I'm sure Margaret Gray will still welcome offers to make cakes buns etc) and a Fair Trade stall of goods for sale. Thanks Andrea

COMING SOON...

❖ **Dreams and Visions**

On Monday May 17th we are holding our Dreams and Visions session. The purpose of this is to focus on what is happening at Wesley Hall and dream together about how we grow our church both spiritually and numerically. We will be meeting at Wesley Hall at 7.30pm. If you want any more information on this, please either speak to Silas or Gareth

❖ **Faith Comes by Hearing**

In order to encourage more people to read and know the Bible, we play an Audio Bible on Sunday for 20min before the service starts. If you would like to listen to this please do come early, by 10am.

❖ **Fellowship Groups**

We do encourage those who come to Wesley Hall to belong to a small group where we study the Bible together, build each other spiritually and offer support for one another. We have five fellowship groups and they meet as follows;

Monday evening, 07:30pm; meets weekly

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Tuesday morning, 10:00am; meets weekly

Wednesday evening, 07:30pm; meets fortnightly

Thursday evening, 07:30pm; meets weekly

Feel free to contact Silas or Gareth for more information on the leaders, members and where they meet. Thanks and God bless you – Silas Owiti

❖ **Singing At Stephen Hill**

The singing group at Stephen Hill will meet on Tuesday 18th May at 7:30pm in the church to sing from Songs of Fellowship and other modern Hymn books, and to sing Taize and world church songs. Musicians and singers all welcome. Let me know any favourites and we will do our best to sing them with you. Thanks, Bob Townrow [REDACTED].

❖ **Whit Sing**

The West Branch of Sheffield Christian Education Council annual Whit Sing will take place on Sunday 23rd May at 2:45pm at Wesley Hall. The speaker is Kinder Kalsi, a Church Army Captain at St Barts.

❖ **Barnardo's New Manager**

After 6 months of review, Barnardo's have decided that a full time manager is the right way forward for our joint project. This is very exciting news for us all. Currently, Kerry has been managing our project and another in Harrogate and this has proved unsatisfactory. The interviews will be on *Monday 17th May* here at Wesley Hall. Please pray for this appointment as we prepare for the next phase of our joint venture, working with hard to reach young people. Please pray for Alex, Rich, Jyothi and Rob as they prepare to welcome a new boss and give thanks for Kerry, for the work she has done for us.



- ❖ **Making Connections – Developing Community Projects in the Sheffield Methodist District** - Saturday 12th June 2010 at Victoria Centre, Stafford Road, Sheffield S2 2SE. From 10.00am-4.00pm. Time to share information and ideas from across the District and to hear from leaders in the field of community development. Practical information and advice for those thinking about developing a project from the local Church. For further information please contact Rachel McCallam 0114 281 2733 / rachelDMDE@sheffieldmethodist.org or Phillip Borkett Community Work Projects Officer 0114 279 5235 [REDACTED]

AND FINALLY...

- ❖ **Sheffield Half Marathon**

Rachel McCallam completed the course and was home before the rest of the family had left church last Sunday!! She completed the course in 2 hours and 10 minutes. All donations are now welcome – don't worry if you did not complete the sponsor form – we will happily take money from you. This is to go towards new uniforms (and possibly an electronic cash till) for the Barnardo's / Wesley Catering Project.

- ❖ **Request from Mike Simms**

Hi there. I know some of you don't know me, but some of you will remember me. Although I don't come to Wesley Hall any more, I'm taking the liberty of approaching people there because - well, if you don't ask...

I'm currently doing the FORM Youth Leaders' course at St. Tom's Philadelphia/King's Centre Nether Edge, and in September I hope to begin a three year course in Youth and Community Work and Practical Theology at Nottingham University, continuing with placement work at Philly / KC, and with FORGE, the city-wide youth organisation I've been working with, while studying. I am looking for financial sponsorship for my expenses during the Uni course, and trying to find 100 people who will sponsor me for £1 per week for one year. This can be paid weekly, monthly, or in a year's lump sum of £52. You can of course "renew" your sponsorship for further years if you wish, but all I'm asking for now is one year, and trusting God for the rest!

If you wish to sponsor me, you can contact me by email at [REDACTED], or call me on - [REDACTED], or talk to my mum and dad!

Thanks for considering this. Best wishes.

Mike Simms.

- ❖ **Free Prayer Texts**

Following a successful pilot, the Methodist Church is now offering free weekly prayer texts to help Methodists join in prayer with hundreds of others on topical and personal issues.

Users of the pilot service were asked to text in their feedback and the result was overwhelmingly positive. June M texted in to say, "I welcome those prayer time texts, they make me stop & pray whatever I'm doing, wherever I am. Thank you 4 a valued service."

To start receiving the texts simply send a text message reading PRAYNOW to 82088, which will be charged at your standard network rate. All prayer texts received will be free of charge.

You can also get weekly Methodist prayer text messages on Twitter as well as on your mobile phone. To get the prayer texts on Twitter follow www.twitter.com/methodistprayer.

- ❖ **Multi Site Church**

Both congregations from Ebenezer and Wesley Hall have agreed that the new church will be called **Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church** from 1 September 2010. Our 5 representatives on the "new" Church Council were elected at our AGM but there will be an opportunity for other members to be co-opted in future. Other issues which have to be finalised are Finance, Communications and a new Mission Statement.

The editor for the month of May is Steve. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Steve on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening