



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 9th June 2013

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	10:30am	Preacher	Rev Catrin Harland
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington

The steward on duty is Jenny Jones

	6:30pm	Preacher	Rev John Simms (Prayer Service)
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<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>16th June</i>		<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Dorothy White</i>

The steward on duty will be Judith Simms

<i>7:30pm – 9.00pm</i>	<i>SPACE</i>	<i>(Drop in anytime)</i>
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THIS WEEK...

❖ Church Council

The next meeting of the Wesley Ebenezer Church Council will be at Walkley on **Thursday 13th June at 7:30pm**. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting but only church council members can vote.

❖ Church Flowers

This week's flowers were paid for by Carole and Andrew Gray, in celebration of their wedding anniversary yesterday. If anyone would like to contribute towards the flower displays later in the year, please speak to Pat Wright, Sue Mills or Louise Etherington.

❖ Wednesday Group

This week's Wednesday Group meet at 7.30pm and will be led by Suzanne Bingham. She will be speaking about "Sheffielders on Holiday".

❖ **Tapton Prayer Group**

The next meeting of the Tapton Prayer Group will be this Thursday, 13th June at 8:00pm at [REDACTED]. If you would like to attend, please contact Martin Jacobs on [REDACTED]. Martin is taking over the leadership of the prayer group from September as Wendy Clugston steps down after running it for several years.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Concert at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm 18th June - "Playing the History"**

There will be a concert of pipe organ, piano, flute and bass music by John Hackett, Marco Lo Muscio and Carlo Matteucci at Wesley Hall at **7:30pm on Tuesday 18th June**. Ticket prices are in advance £8/£5 concessions (Judith has tickets - tel: 2660010) and at the door £10/£7 (concessions).

❖ **Circuit Celebration**

On **Sunday 23rd June**, the Sheffield West Circuit will be meeting together, here at Wesley Hall, to celebrate the life of the circuit. The event will comprise:

- 2.00pm-3.30pm - Exhibition of archives from the circuit;
- 4.00pm - Pie & Peas sit down meal including sweet (cost £4.50; children £2.50)
- 6.00pm - Thanksgiving Service

It would be good to see as many people as possible from Wesley Hall, so please book the date in your calendar. If you would like to order a meal, please see Andrew Gray to buy a ticket. For further information, please contact Alan Glossop ([REDACTED]).

❖ **Christian Aid**

Night Hike

The Christian Aid Night Hike will be on **Saturday 6th July** (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

Supermarket Collections

There will be supermarket collections for Christian Aid on Thursday 20th June at Tesco on Abbeydale Road and on Tuesday 9th July at Sainsbury's on Archer Road. Please see Andrea for more details.

❖ **Walkley Festival Events**

On Saturday 29th June Ebenezer will be hosting the following events:

- 10am-2pm Table Top sale and coffee morning
- 12noon-1pm Soup Lunch £3.50 per person

❖ **Circuit Prayer Walk**

You may recall that for the last two years a number of us have walked around the Circuit in order to pray with the congregations and to raise some much-needed funds for work in the circuit. Well, it's nearly time to do it again! This will be the last opportunity for such an exercise, as the Sheffield West circuit will cease to exist on 31st August this year, so this is an ideal opportunity for us to finally 'beat the bounds' of our circuit and to rejoice in the fellowship we have shared over many years together. As yet there are no plans for a similar venture in the new circuit, but who knows...

The walk will take place on **Saturday 13th July**, leaving Walkley Ebenezer at 9:00am and hopefully arriving at Wesley Hall by 4:30pm. Details of the route and timings are being sent to the churches separately, but this is just to get the date into your diaries.

If anyone wishes to join in the walk, could you please let John Simms know, so that we don't set off without you!

❖ **Dates for Your Diary**

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Saturday 28th September (with evening meal and entertainment) and our Away Day will be on Saturday 12th October. More details will follow closer to the time but please put these dates in your diary!

❖ **Service to Launch the New Sheffield Circuit**

The Launch service for the Single Sheffield Circuit takes place on Sunday 1st September at 3pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to commit ourselves to each other. Civic and faith leaders will be present to share in the service. There is seating for 1150 people in the Octagon which is more than our usual average Sunday services combined. Tickets have been allocated to each circuit on a proportion basis to be fair. Please contact Mr Geoff Vause on [REDACTED] or email: [REDACTED] who will be issuing tickets only as they are ordered for definite people coming.

Monday 1st July is the cut-off date for requests. A reserve list will be held and should a circuit not take up its allocation they will be shared out fairly amongst other circuits. The Octagon Centre address is University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield. There is car parking nearby at two car parks and it is accessible from the tram stop.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Gift Day 2013**

We have committed our Gift Days for 2012, 2013 and 2014 to supporting the employment of a Children and Families Worker at Wesley Hall. From October 2012, this post has been filled by Liz Harding who is doing a great job working with the children as well as running and raising the profile of our various family friendly events. Our Gift Day this year was Sunday 12th May but if you have not yet made a gift it is not too late (Gift Day envelopes are available at the back of church). If you completed a pledge form last year and are not sure what you wrote on it, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons, who will give you a copy of your form. If you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ **Church Offering for May**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are now publishing the amount given in the church offering both on Sunday morning and via standing order. The amount given in May was £1,263.51; thank you for your generosity.

❖ **MISSION: Rescue**

On Friday 31st May, we (15 children aged 5-11 and a group of wonderful helpers) spent the day exploring the Story of Moses. We acted out how the baby in the basket was discovered and became a prince before seeing the amazing events later in his life via film clips: the Burning Bush encounter that sent him on God's rescue mission and the climax of the parting of the Red Sea and leading the Israelites to freedom. We made burning bush stained glass windows, weaved baskets, made some pretty darn good chocolate cookies and decorated Pharaoh masks.

We also played silly games and used our bodies to make freeze frames of events in the story during a drama workshop run by an actress from the Lantern Theatre. There was also much singing and dancing and a race around the building to find and assemble pictures from the Exodus story into the correct order. Finally we made a lot of mess completing a montage of MISSION: Rescue story on a double sheet. Many, many thanks to all the helpers and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did! Liz

❖ **Volunteers needed to help with tea and coffee after the service**

Sue and Brian Mills have had to step down from the tea and coffee rota, at least for the time being. This means that greater pressure will be put on the remaining volunteers. This time after the service provides a much appreciated opportunity for fellowship. If we do not get more helpers it could put our ability to provide refreshments after the service in jeopardy. Could you help volunteer to prepare the tea and coffee after our Sunday morning service? If so please have a word with Steve Wright.

❖ **Christian Aid - A Big Thank you**

So far £1096.30 has been raised by the Street Collection, lunches and cake stall for Christian Aid week - the cake stall did particularly well this year raising £132.65! Thanks to everyone that made cakes and those that bought them I think we will have all put a few extra pounds on. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way especially to the collectors - as always a great team effort. God bless Andrea

❖ **Card at the back of Church from the Drop In Team**

"To all at Wesley Hall,

Very many thanks for all your generous gifts towards God's work at our drop in centre.

We feed around 40-50 people every Wednesday evening. Each person is given a hot meal plus pudding and a pair of socks as many homeless people have very bad feet, often with sores. We also give a sandwich pack with various fillings and a choc bar to take away. Tea, coffee, chocolate and juice are served throughout the evening. Second hand clothing is also handed out plus shoes and bedding. We do not charge any money, as most of who come do not have any.

We do not have grants from anywhere but God has always provided without us ever having to advertise or ask. People like yourselves who hear about this ministry and respond so kindly. So once again thank you for your kind and loving response. The Drop In Centre Team"

The box remains at the back of Church, please bring when you can. If you have donations of clothes, coats, sleeping bags etc. Jim and I are happy to deliver them to the Drop In Centre. Thanks, Dorothy.

❖ **Allotment at Wesley Hall**

Last year we were approached by a local resident about using the area of land outside behind the Brice Hall as an allotment. This person is now leaving Sheffield but is very keen to see the project progress. We are therefore trying to find someone who has experience in growing fruit and vegetables to lead a small team from the community to run the allotment. If you are interested or would like any more details, please see Matt.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2014**

A group of us went to Spring Harvest this year and had a fantastic time. We will be going again next year and would love as many of the church family as possible to join us. Next year's event at Skegness has been reduced to four nights and takes place **Monday 14th April to Friday 18th April (Good Friday)**. If you're interested, please see Carole or Andrew Gray today as we need to book when the lines open on **12th June** to ensure we get the accommodation we want.

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