



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 10th March 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.

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| Today's services | 10:30am | Preacher | Rev John Simms |
| | 6:00pm | Preacher | Rev John Simms (Prayer Service) |

The steward on duty this morning is Andrew Gray

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| And next week | 10:30am | Preacher | Rev Claudia Lupi |
| 17th March | | | |

The steward on duty will be Andrew Gray

THIS WEEK...

❖ Lent Bible Studies – The Parables

Our Lent Bible studies on the parables of Jesus are led by Rev John Simms. We meet at 7:30pm on:

Tuesday 12th March at Walkley Ebenezer – Ten Virgins & Talents (Matt 25:1-23)

Monday 18th March at Wesley Hall – Treasure, Pearl & Net (Matt 13:44-50)

All are welcome to come along.

❖ Flowers

The flowers this week were kindly provided by Dorothy Howson.

❖ Sheffield Bach Choir – St John Passion

Sheffield Bach Choir will be performing St John Passion on Saturday 16th March at 7:30pm at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Tickets cost £15 and are available on the door, from www.wegotickets.com, www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk or from Alison MacFarlane.

COMING SOON...

Holy Week Services

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| Monday 25 th March | 7:00pm | Wesley Hall | Service led by Dorothy White & Sue Chapman |
| Tuesday 26 th March | 7:00pm | Wesley Hall | Service led by Suzanne White |
| Wednesday 27 th March | 7:00pm | Wesley Hall | Service led by Louise Etherington |
| Thursday 28 th March | 7:00pm | Walkley Ebenezer | Maundy Thursday Agape Meal |
| Friday 29 th March | 10:00am | Wesley Hall | Prayer Walk |
| | 11:00am | Walkley Ebenezer | Good Friday Service |
| Sunday 31 st March | 8:15am | Wesley Hall | Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast |
| | 10:30am | Wesley Hall | All Age Easter Service |

❖ Coffee & Crafts

A group of ladies meet in the Church Hall for a craft afternoon, fortnightly on Tuesdays from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. As part of the craft work they are looking to produce banners for the Sanctuary. All are welcome and there is a charge of £1.50 to cover refreshments and materials. The next meeting is Tuesday 19th March.

❖ Spring Harvest

As you're probably aware, a group of us are going to Spring Harvest at Butlins, Skegness. If anyone would be interested in joining us as a day visitor, please speak to Carole or Andrew Gray by Wednesday 12th March for more information. The best days to visit would be between Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th April. This would be a great opportunity to sample the worship, teaching and fellowship at this annual event.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Thank You

Sue Mills would like to thank everyone for all the get well messages, cards, gifts and prayers following her recent hip operation.

❖ Action for Children

Collection boxes are due for counting so please pass them to Dorothy at some point this month.

❖ Broomhill Drop In Centre

For many years, the Drop In Centre at Broomhill have provided needy families with food. They have seen a big increase in poverty, not only by homeless people but also young families who are desperate to feed their children. If you feel you could donate cans of food (ring-pull tops) to the organisation, they would be most grateful. (Poundland are good for beans, rice pudding, etc for 4 cans for £1). Dorothy will put a labelled box at the back of church for any donations.

❖ Church Offering

As you are aware, from September of this year the Sheffield West Circuit will merge with 7 other local Circuits to create a single Sheffield Circuit. The policy of the new Circuit is not to use money from Circuit Model Trust Funds (ie from sale of buildings) to subsidise Circuit Assessments for the churches.

The Sheffield West Circuit is fortunate to have over £1m in their Model Trust Fund and has been using some of this money to subsidise Circuit Assessment. Under the new Sheffield Circuit this will not be possible so this year the amount of money used to subsidise the Assessment has been reduced. This has resulted in an increase of £3,600 in the Assessment for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The Church Council has therefore had to approve a budget for the year with a deficit of over £2,000. This means that unless we find the extra money, we will have to use church reserves to plug the gap which is not sustainable in the long term.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation especially during the 20 in 12 Challenge and the appointment of Liz, our Children and Families worker and fully understand that this may not be possible.

Popular methods of giving are by standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. This is a scheme under which HMRC pay back the tax paid on money you give to charity.

If you have any questions about giving to church or would like to start, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ Gift Aid Declarations

HMRC have changed the required wording for Gift Aid Declarations. All new declarations made after 31st December 2012 must be on the new forms but it is recommended that all declarations, even those signed before this deadline, are changed to use the new wording. If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration or would like to Wesley Hall to claim Gift Aid on your donations, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ Church Offering for February

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now a registered charity number 1150284. This means that we are now registered directly with the Charity Commission and will have to submit our annual accounts to them each year. As a registered charity, we are going to start publishing the amount given in the church offering both on Sunday morning and via standing order. The amount given in February was £1,410.91 – thank you for your generosity.

❖ Worship Stewards

After much thought and prayer, Dorothy White has decided to retire from her role as Worship Steward and Senior Steward. She has done the job for the past 8 years so feels it is time to hand over the post. We offer our thanks to Dorothy for all her hard work over this time. The role of Senior Steward will be filled shortly but this does leave a vacancy for a new Worship Steward. Worship Stewards are involved in preparing for the morning service by contacting the preacher and making sure everything is ready on Sunday morning. If you are interested in becoming a Worship Steward, or would like to know more about what it involves, please have a word with any of the current Worship Stewards or John Simms.

❖ **Church Council**

There is a space for a church member from Wesley Hall to join the Church Council. The Church Council is the Trustee body responsible for the running of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church, discussing issues relating to both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. It meets 4 times a year, usually on Thursday evenings. If you are interested in joining the Church Council or would like to know more about what it involves, please see John Simms.

❖ **Volunteer Co-ordinator**

Both our Toddler group and Lunch Club benefit from student volunteers from Sheffield University. There may be other ways in which volunteers from outside the church can work with us and by working with others we may be able to do more community-building and all-people-loving. For this to work, we have to make sure volunteers are properly recruited, vetted, welcomed, trained and supported. This idea is still at an embryonic stage but if this is the sort of thing which gets you out of bed in the morning, or you think you have any relevant experiences, please speak to Neil Harland.

❖ **8 into 1 does Go!**

Do you enjoy singing? Have you a gift for welcoming people at the door? Are you dramatic? Do you have a music group? Are you great with technology? Do you have a choir? Do you enjoy working with children or young people? Then your new circuit needs you! On Sunday 1st September at 3pm the new Sheffield Circuit will be inaugurated with a special service at the Octagon. Planning for the service is beginning now. Please see the flyers at the rear of church and let the Rev Mark Goodhand know if you are able to help in any way.

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