



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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Sunday 11th April 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 Mandy Boyce
There will be no Worship Leader
The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

And next week 10.30 am: Preacher Mr. Donald Smith
18th April Worship Leader Louise Etherington
The steward on duty will be Dorothy White

THIS WEEK...

❖ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 13th April...

○ Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on *Tuesday 13th April*. We will start with a meal at 6:00pm followed by the meeting. There is a list on the notice board at the back of the Worship Area for you to sign up for your meal, cost £2. Please come along to the meeting even if you cannot come for the meal.

○ Wesley Hall: The Way Forward

For a number of years we have been considering the future of our building. The current layout of our building is not particularly good and the age and size of the building mean that maintenance costs will continue to rise; the fact that the building is listed is an added complication. Additionally we are reliant on volunteers to maintain and administer the building; an issue made more difficult because of increasing legislation on health and safety, fire regulations etc.

At the Church Meetings held on 19th January and 9th February we discussed possible options for organising ourselves in order to lessen the burden on the congregation of maintaining the property. The meeting on 9th February considered that we should form a Social Enterprise Company to administer the building. On 2nd March the Church Council agreed to progress the establishment of a Social Enterprise Company to manage our premises in order that the congregation can be freed to better take forward our Christian mission. Over the last few weeks we have had discussions with: Together for Regeneration, South Yorkshire Funding Advisory Bureau, Voluntary Action Sheffield, one of our local councillors, Freedom2Serve and a firm of architects.

Please come to the Annual Church Meeting on *Tuesday 13th April* when we can discuss the implications of this in more detail.

○ Representatives To The New Wesley Ebenezer Church Council

At the AGM on *Tuesday 13th April* we will need to elect representatives to the new combined church council for Wesley Hall & Walkley Ebenezer. We are entitled to elect 5 people, as well as 3 Stewards (who will most likely be Dorothy White, Simone Hardy & Sue Chapman as the members of the Leadership Team

who don't have a seat in another capacity). Any church member is eligible to be considered for this, not just those who are currently members of our Church Council.

If you feel that this is something you would like to be considered for, could you let John Simms have your name either in my pigeon-hole, by post or by e-mail minister@wesleyhall.org.uk. Names need to be in by *Sunday 11th April*.

❖ **Wednesday Group-Wednesday 14th April**

The Wednesday Group will meet at 7:30pm on Wednesday 14th April in the Emmaus Room. The speaker will be Andy Firth on "The Central Highlands, Edinburgh to Inverness". All are welcome.

❖ **Worship Steward Required**

Our thanks to Bernard Newbound who is retiring as a Worship Steward at the AGM. The job of Steward is not time consuming, stewards are only on duty once every 5 weeks. Please ask Dorothy or one of the other Worship Stewards for more information about this ministry.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Fellowship Group Faith Meal**

This is an open invitation to those already in fellowship groups, those who may be interested in joining one or those who would just like to find out more, to join us for a faith meal on *Wednesday 21st April* starting at 6:00pm in the downstairs hall. We will enjoy sharing in fellowship over a meal and there will be an opportunity for discussion. For further details, please speak to either Silas or Gareth.

All the church family are warmly invited.

❖ **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid Week will be from the *9th – 15th May*. The main focus of the week is the door to door street collection which I am organising for a number of streets in Crookes. I would welcome offers from any of you who feel able to collect on one of these streets; it will involve delivering the envelopes on one day and returning later in the week to collect them. There will be the usual event at church on *Saturday 15th May* partly to count the envelopes but there will also be lunches available which will be home made soup. Would appreciate any offers to make a soup and/or help in the kitchen on the day. Thanks, Andrea.

❖ **Sheffield Half Marathon**

The Sheffield Half Marathon will take place on *Sunday 25th April*. Rachel McCallam is running the *Sheffield Half* this year in order to raise money for new Chef Uniforms for the students in our joint project with Barnardo's. Sponsor forms are at the back of Church or in the Café in the Church Hall. Having proper uniforms is one of the points the recent volunteer meeting raised as a way of getting the students to feel like '*real*' chefs. Please help if you can.

❖ **Local Preachers' Refresher**

A flyer for this year's Sheffield West Circuit Local Preachers' Refresher can be found on the District website at <http://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/downloads/weeklymailing/LocalPreachersrefresher2010.pdf>. It would be really helpful if you could complete and return this, whether or not you intend to attend and as soon as possible. If you can do it straight away we would be really grateful. Completing the form gives us some idea of numbers and assists with planning.

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