



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 12th May 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	Mr Donald Smith (All Age Worship)
	6:00pm Prayer Service	
	The steward on duty is Dorothy White	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30 am Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms</i>
<i>19th May</i>	<i>2:45 pm Whit Sing the speaker is Nel Shallow</i>	
	<i>7:30pm Space</i>	

The Steward on duty in the morning will be Dorothy White and the Worship Leader will be Emma Irons

THIS WEEK...

❖ 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 is **today, Sunday 12th May**, and special envelopes are available in which to make your gift. 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 previously signed a Gift Aid declaration, please include the date and your Gift Aid number on the outside of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration, please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope.

We are very happy to accept gifts by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Gifts are welcome as a one off on or around the Gift Days or spread-over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis.

If you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ Student Coffee & Cake

With spring having arrived, add giant Jenga and Connect 4 to your list of reasons to pop round to [REDACTED] from **8pm this evening** for coffee and cake. Contact Rev. Cat Harland on 07597 673106 or see the "Methodist Students in Sheffield" page on Facebook for details.

❖ **Coffee & Crafts**

A group of ladies meet in the Sanctuary 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 this **Tuesday 14th May**.

❖ **Messy Church**

Join us on **Saturday 18th May at 10:00am** for our next Messy Church where we will be exploring the theme of 'Creation'. Messy Church will be held in the Sanctuary this time.

❖ **Wednesday Group**

Wednesday Group is meeting here at Wesley Hall this **Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm**. The speaker will be Graham Shepherd with his monologues "Get thee neck washed".

❖ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (12th to 18th MAY)**

Night Hike

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

Street Collections

Thank you to everyone who helped out last year, especially those of you who collected on the streets. Sheffield is one of the most successful areas for raising money with £76,303 being raised in 2012. This was mainly from Christian Aid Week, the May Day Trek and the Night Hike. Are you able to collect during this year's street collection 12th to 18th May? I am also looking for volunteers to help count the money collected on **Saturday 18th May**. If you do not like collecting on the streets, there will also be some supermarket collections this year 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 about street collections.

Lunches & Cake Stall

There will be a morning coffee and lunch event for Christian Aid on **Saturday 18th May** in the Church Hall. Please see Andrea if you are able to help out in the kitchen. There will also be a cake stall, Margaret & Pat would be pleased to receive buns, cakes etc. for this.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Sunday Morning Service 19th May**

Our Sunday Morning Service next week, 19th May, at 10.30am will be a joint service with our friends from Walkley, here at Wesley Hall. It will be led by Rev John Simms.

❖ **West Branch Whit Sing 2013-an all age service of celebration**

Our annual Whit Sing will take place here at Wesley Hall on Sunday 19th May starting at 2:45pm. The speaker this year will be Nel Shallow. This will be a great occasion with our friends from other Churches. Please do try to come along.

❖ **Fun Day**

Just to let you know that after the success of our last Fun Day (The Fairtrade Festival), we will be running another on **Friday 31st May**. More details to follow shortly...

❖ **Joint Service at Walkley Ebenezer**

On Sunday 23rd June we will have a joint service with our friends from Walkley Ebenezer at Walkley. This will be followed in the afternoon with a service at Wesley Hall to say "goodbye" to the Sheffield West Circuit.

❖ **Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God**

"Care for the Family" are coming to Sheffield to run their popular event, 'Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God'. With passion and humour, international speaker and best-selling author, Rob Parsons, will help us understand what we can change in our homes, our churches, our hearts, which will make it less likely that a generation will be lost to the church. The event will be held at **7:30pm on Tuesday 18th June** at the Mega Centre on Bernard Road, S2 5BQ. Tickets are £5 and are available online at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/gyktc/ or by calling 029 2081 0800.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Wesley Hall T-shirts**

The Wesley Hall T-shirts have arrived so if you asked for one, please collect it from Matt. We do have spares of most sizes so if you would like one but did not put your name on the list there should still be some available. A donation of £10 on receipt of each T-Shirt would help us meet costs.

❖ **Archives Request**

The church archives hold records of events held at Wesley Hall going back over 100 years but there is little information about more recent events. If you have any photographs or records from events held over the last few years (weekends away, trips out, flower festivals etc.) then please give them to Louise Etherington to include in the archives.

❖ **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 as soon as possible as we need to book when the lines open on 12th June to ensure we get the accommodation we want.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2012 Audio Recordings**

If you didn't make it to Spring Harvest this year, don't forget that we still have the audio recordings from Spring Harvest last year (2012). If you would like to listen to the Bible studies or want a list of all the available recordings, please see Matt.

❖ **Crisis in Syria**

More than three million people have been forced to flee their homes due to the ongoing conflict in Syria. Local infrastructure has been severely damaged, meaning food supplies are limited and many families lack access to water or basic medical care. A million people are estimated to have fled to neighbouring countries where they are finding supplies are stretched and refugee camps nearly filled to capacity. MRDF have launched a Syria Appeal to help pay for essential supplies such as food, hygiene kits and warm clothes, as well as counselling for those who have experienced trauma, and remedial classes for children who are missing out on normal education. To donate to this appeal, please use the MRDF envelopes provided or visit www.charitycheckout.co.uk/291691/syria to give online.

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.

WESLEY EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

BLACKPOOL 2013

A party of 21 of us went to Blackpool last weekend to join together for teaching and fellowship led by Nel Shallow.

Our Themes were:

- Where have we come from? We split into groups and Nel gave each group a map of an area in the United Kingdom; we chose locations on the map and we had to ask and answer questions of the other groups to decide where they were. There are labels on display at the back of Church which were used in the exercise.
- Where are we now? Nel read to us verses from the Bible and we had to guess which book of the Bible they came from and to think about what had happened before the passage and what happened after. Each group also wrote 2 additional verses to the hymn "One more step along the world I go".
- Where are we going? The Church is moving forward, and Nel suggested that we are not at a full stop but we are in a bracket at the moment which can be reopened to allow us to move on. We can't sit back and wait for God. God expects us to act and he will then bless us.

We all had a super time, the weather was wonderful and the staff at the Brincliffe made us feel very welcome.

We will be going again next year as requests have already been voiced for us to go again.

Dorothy