



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 13th April 2014

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** **Mr Rob Drost**
 6:00pm **Rev John Simms** **(Prayer Service)**

The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

Sunday 20th April *8.15am* *Easter Service and Breakfast at Walkley*
 10.30am *Rev John Simms (Easter Day Holy Communion)*
Sunday 27th April *10.30am* *Mr Ray Battye*
Sunday 4th May *10.45am* *Ms Mandy Boyce (United Service at Walkley)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held immediately after the service today in the Emmaus Room. (Please feel free to bring your tea/coffee in with you.) This will be shorter than planned in order to allow people to attend before going to other events happening today but we have important things to decide, so please try to stay and join us.

❖ Wednesday Group...

...are meeting this week and will be having an Easter themed evening.

❖ Holy week

On Thursday at 6:00pm, there will be a united communion service, here at Wesley Hall, led by John. Then on Friday we will be having our Witness/Prayer Walk and Good Friday Service. The walk from Wesley Hall to Walkley Ebenezer starts at 10am. We will walk in silence, with stops at four places en route for a short time of prayer. This will be followed at 11am by a united service of reflection at Walkley Ebenezer. All are welcome to join the walk from the start, at any point on the way or meet at Walkley.

COMING SOON...

❖ Partnership with MRDF in Mali

Towards the end of 2012, John ran MRDF's Iota course which focussed on the country of Mali. Following on from the course, we have committed to raise at least £1,000 over 2 years to support this work. Each Sunday through lent we will be sharing news about MRDF and their Malian partner, AMAPEF as part of our worship.

If you don't already have one, there are spare flat collection boxes available at the back of church. We would encourage you to assemble the box (there are some pre-assembled boxes if you prefer!) and use it to collect what you feel able to give. Then we can all bring our boxes back to Wesley Hall on Easter Sunday and offer them to support MRDF's work in Mali.

In celebration of our MRDF support, we will be having a 'Mali Evening' on Saturday 10th May, 6pm-8pm. This will be a free event with games and food, so please make a note in your calendar.

You will find the latest Spring Newsletter from MRDF at the back of church. Please do have a look through it; the first page is dedicated to a project in Mali.

❖ Easter Breakfast

This year, we will be down at Walkley for Easter Breakfast next Sunday. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list at the back of church today.

❖ Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week this year is 11th-17th May. The main part of fund raising during the week is the door to door collection, where envelopes are put through people's letter boxes and then later in the week the collector returns to see if anyone would like to give a donation. In recent years, we have concentrated on collecting from streets that are more generous, to both make the task less onerous plus maximise monies raised. This year, at the moment, there are fewer collectors on some of the streets that tend to give more and so we would welcome offers to collect. If anyone would like to collect on a street, or find out more about what's involved, please speak to Andrea Killingsworth. Also, as usual, on the Saturday we are hoping to do a lunch and cake stall while we count the money raised, providing we can get enough volunteers to help with this. Margaret Gray and Pat Wright will be running the cake stall and would appreciate any donations of cakes, buns, etc. Offers of help in the kitchen to make lunch, and also to count the collection, will be gratefully received. Again, please see Andrea if you would like to help.

Many thanks to those of you who have helped in any way in the past. Christian Aid does amazing work in the underdeveloped world to help those suffering from poverty, poor health and disadvantage.

The Christian Aid sponsored walk to raise money for the charity this year will be on *Monday 5th May*. This will be a 5 mile circular walk from Bents Green Methodist Church through the Porter and Limb Valleys. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or visiting www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. There will also be a night hike of 17 miles (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

❖ Mum's The Word

Care for the Family are bring their 'Mum's the Word' event to Sheffield on Wednesday 4th June at 7:30pm at the 'DoubleTree by Hilton' hotel, near Meadowhead. The aim of the event is to encourage mums, make them smile and most of all, show it's possible to not only survive but thrive as a mum! Tickets cost £6 (or £5 if bringing a group of 4 or more). For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.careforthefamily.org.uk/mtw.

❖ **Easter Fun Day**

The next Children's Fun Day will be on Friday 25th April. Please see the flyers at the back of church and reception area for more details.

One of the crafts at the Fun Day will be making egg shell mosaic crosses. This requires lots of egg shells. If you use any eggs over the next couple of weeks, could you please let Liz Harding have the shells, preferably washed and not too crushed up. They can be left in the church office or passed to Liz. Otherwise, Liz and her housemates will be eating eggs and only eggs for a week!

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Church Offering for March**

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 March was £1,813.15; thank you for your generosity.

❖ **Crèche Update**

Just to let you know about the progress made in renovating our Crèche. Matt and Liz have scraped off lots of paint, discovered a quite impressive crack (complete with big holes) down one wall, and cleaned the walls and radiators. The holes are now filled and skimming should be done next week, followed by the painting!

Also, many thanks to those to have blessed us with toys, names on rotas and the assembly of 'story sacks'. "The Caterpillar Creche" will hopefully be finished soon, and our big, bright, caterpillar beanbag can move in!

❖ **Easter at CLC Sheffield**

It's only one week until Easter Sunday! In the CLC shop you will find:

- 'The Real Easter Egg' – choice of three types
- Easter books, including selected children's titles as buy two get one free
- Easter greetings cards and CDs
- Gifts for every occasion
- Extensive selection of Bibles and new titles
- Used book section; prices start at just 25p

Wishing you a blessed Easter from the team at CLC Bookshops, 103-105 West Street, Sheffield S1 4EQ Tel: 0114 2724663. Buy or browse online at clcbookshops.com

❖ **Foodbank Collections**

Wesley Hall is now collecting for the S6 foodbank which provides short term emergency food and support to local people in crisis. You can help by donating non-perishable food using the box in the Entrance Area. The most needed items are UHT milk, sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta sauces, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, instant coffee, rice, pasta, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits and snack bars. If you are able to add something from the list to your shopping and then donate to it the foodbank, it will make a real difference to local people in need. To find out more about how a foodbank operates, please take a leaflet from the back of church.

❖ Traffick Free Chocolate

Did you know that a child of 10 may have been trafficked to make the chocolate in your favourite Easter egg?

Over a third of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from the Cote D'Ivoire, Africa. It's highly likely that the beans that make your favourite chocolate Easter egg come from there. Cocoa harvesting is backbreaking and hazardous work. The shocking reality is that much of this work is done by children. Thousands of boys as young as 10 years old, from the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries, are trafficked to pick and harvest these beans. Their freedom is taken and they are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work. They are beaten and work in dangerous conditions.

This Easter, 'Stop the Traffick' invite you to join their petition to call on Mondelēz to make a public commitment to reduce the risk of child trafficking in their cocoa supply chains. Mondelēz are the largest chocolate company in the world, owning some of the top chocolate brands such as Cadbury's, Milka and Toblerone. They have the ability to make a huge difference within the chocolate industry.

Other global chocolate companies such as Mars, Ferrero and Hershey have made commitments to certify their entire chocolate range by 2020. Mondelēz is lagging behind. This Easter Stop the Traffick want to ask Mondelēz to set a public deadline for certifying their entire chocolate range. They want to see a third-party certification stamp (such as Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance) on all of their chocolate products.

This Easter show Mondelēz that you care by joining a petition by going on-line to www.stopthetraffik.org and following the link to the petition. There are also resources on the website including a sample letter which you could send to your local supermarket encouraging them to stock more certified Easter Eggs.

❖ Giving A Bit

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now registered with 'giving a bit'. This is a website that allows charity supporters to generate income for their favourite charities as they shop online at **no cost to themselves**. If you would like to begin helping Wesley Hall, follow the instructions below:

1. Sign up at www.givingabit.com (it's completely free)
2. Select 'Find a charity or community'
3. Search for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church
4. Click 'Join this community'
5. Start generating income for Wesley Hall at **no cost to you!**

'Giving a bit' is supported by hundreds of popular online retailers such as Amazon, Argos, Boots, Debenhams, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more. If you are going to buy something from one of these websites, make sure you log into 'giving a bit' first, search for the retailer and then click through to their website from 'giving a bit'. Then, any purchases you make will be linked to your 'giving a bit' account and Wesley Hall will benefit. Many retailers have special offers for those who use 'giving a bit', so it is worth logging in and checking if you could save money before you make any purchases online. There is also a handy widget that you can download to quickly let you know if the website you are using supports 'giving a bit' without having to log back into the main website.

If you have any questions or would like some help getting set up, just talk to Matt Irons.