



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 14th February 2016

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 service **10:30am** **Preacher** **Rev. Gareth Jones (Holy Communion)**
6.00pm **Prayer Service**

The steward on duty today is Emma Irons

Sunday 21st February 10:30am Rev. Michael Brown

Sunday 28th February 10.30am Dr. Chris Sissons 6.00pm Stay and Pray (At home)

Sunday 6th March 10.30am Rev. Katie Leonowicz (All Age Worship)

THIS WEEK...

❖ Lent Study

This year, instead of having one joint Lent study, the current Wesley Hall Fellowship Groups will be hosting separate study groups which will be open to all. We would encourage everyone to join in at one of the groups. Throughout Lent, there will be sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please speak to Neil Harland, Andrew Gray or Dorothy White or feel free to just turn up:

Monday 10:00am –Emmaus Room at Wesley Hall

Wednesday 7:30pm – Dorothy's house ([REDACTED])

Thursday 7.45pm – Neil's house ([REDACTED]).

❖ Youth 'Drop-Inn'

The 'Drop-Inn' weekly session continues this **Tuesday 16th February**. Tim really needs at least one more volunteer to help with drinks, chat with the young people or just to be around.

❖ Prayer Ride on the 120 Bus - Sunday 14 February

The 120 Bus goes across the city from Fulwood, through the city centre, up to Manor Top and out past Crystal Peaks to Halfway. There are not many Methodist Churches close to this route (Beacon at Nether Green, Beacon at Broomhill, Victoria Hall and Hollinsend), but plenty to pray about should you decide to take a ride. The Beacon at Broomhill will be open from their normal worship time of 10:30 through to 4pm. You are invited to join them for worship, or drop in any time for a cup of tea or coffee.

❖ Messy Church

Our next Messy Church "The Story of the Lost Son" will be held from 10.00-11.30am on **Saturday 20th February**. For further details please see Claire.

COMING SOON...

❖ Away Day

Our Away Day this year will be held on **Saturday 27th February** at Bakewell Methodist Church. The rough format for the day will be to meet for coffee at 9:30am before opening worship at 10:00am. This will be followed by two sessions of study/reflection led by Rev. Gareth Jones, with separate activities for the children led by Claire. After lunch, there will be an act of closing worship, so the structured part of the day will finish by around 2:15pm. This leaves the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy Bakewell (or come home if it's raining!) Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

❖ Film Show "Inside Out"

On **Saturday 12th March** we will be showing the film "Inside Out". Doors open at 3pm and the film will start at 3.30pm. Entry is £1.00 and refreshments will be on sale.

❖ Celebration Weekend on 23rd/24th April 2016

We felt that it was right to hold a formal celebration of the completion of the roof project at some point in the New Year. It has also been suggested that as 2016 is the 180th anniversary of Wesley Hall (this is when the School Road building opened), this should also be marked in some way. The foundation stone for the School Road building was laid on 23rd April 1836 and in 2016, 23rd April falls on a Saturday, so this will be the date of the combined celebrations. A rough outline for the weekend will be some sort of open day with information and pictures from the archives charting the history of Wesley Hall over the last 180 years, then a meal in the evening and a special service on the Sunday. If you would like to be involved in planning the celebrations, please see Louise Etherington.

❖ Church Away Weekend

Our church away weekend in Blackpool is from **Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May**. The cost this year is £95 per adult; £15 for children; under 5s free. This includes two nights' bed, breakfast and evening meal. (Please note, the hotel is no longer able to provide Sunday lunch.) If you are interested, please give your name to Dorothy or Jim White with a deposit of £25 per adult by 6th March.

❖ The Joined-Up Conference

On **Saturday 12th March** - 10am to 3.30pm at St Mary's, Bramall Lane the Sheffield Methodist District, the Sheffield Anglican Diocese, Christians and Sheffield Schools, and Sheffield YMCA have joined together to organise a Conference on how churches can support Christian youth and children's work in general, and also Christian pupils, staff and governors in our schools. The contributors include specialists in Messy Church, Godly Play, all-age worship, 'Open the Book' primary school assemblies, Prayer Spaces in Schools, supporting bereaved children and young people, special needs, and social media. Also present will be representatives of Scripture Union, e:merge, and the 4 organising groups. Doors open at 9.30 for drinks and the marketplace. The cost is only £10, including lunch. For more information and on-line booking, please visit: www.joinedupconference.com, or phone Christians and Sheffield Schools at 0114 249 5343 or 07812 855 332.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Church Offering for January

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are publishing the amount given to Wesley Hall on Sunday morning, at events, by standing order or via any other method. The amount given in January was £1,835.23; thank you for your generosity.

❖ Thank you

Many thanks to everyone that helped with or attended the Swishing & Afternoon tea event we have raised more than £370 for the two anti-trafficking organisations we are supporting Hope for Justice and

Snowdrop a Sheffield charity. Very much appreciate being able to use Wesley Hall premises and facilities for this event. Andrea

❖ **Wesley Hall Wednesday Group – 1956-2016**

After almost 60 years of meeting together, the group has decided that “all good things must come to an end”. The lack of members, due to age and ill health, has meant that ever-increasing speakers’ fees can no longer be afforded.

The group started when many ladies met as ‘Young Wives’. This then turned into ‘Wives’ and latterly ‘Wednesday Group’, which, in the last few years, was joined by the some of the ladies’ menfolk.

The group have enjoyed many good times together, so it is with some sadness that they close. God has richly blessed them over the years and thanks from Dorothy, Linda and the committee go to all who have supported them.

❖ **Flower Rota 2016**

A new flower rota for 2016 is now up at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the weekly flowers, please put your name against a date and let Sue Mills, Pat Wright or Louise Etherington have your donation a week or two before. Quite a few dates were left empty last year, so please consider if you would be able to support this, perhaps to commemorate or celebrate a special date.

❖ **Unwanted Clothes Needed**

The drop-in centre that we collect for is in desperate need of unwanted clothing. Any clothing (adult or child sizes) will be gratefully received but men’s clothing is needed the most. Please pass any clothes you wish to donate to Dorothy White.

From the money raised at the Advent Fair, a donation of £50 was given to the drop-in centre. Ann and Gerry Armstrong, leaders at the centre, have sent a thank-you message:

“To dear friends at Wesley Hall. We are so very grateful for your kind donation towards the work of the drop-in centre. Your kindness will make such a difference to the lives of those we support. Each person receives a hot meal and pudding, along with sandwiches and biscuits to take away to help through the night. We also give clothing and sleeping bags. We serve between 40-50 people, mostly lonely and vulnerable people from Sheffield and sometimes from further afield. So once again, a very big thank you. May God richly bless you in all you do.”

❖ **Welcome**

We would like to welcome 2 new members to Wesley Hall. Joan Howarth and Joan Frith have transferred their membership from Walkley Ebenezer to Wesley Hall and we wish them every happiness in our congregation.

❖ **Action for Children Boxes**

Action for Children boxes are now due for emptying, please give them to Dorothy White. Thank you for your continued support.

❖ **Easter Arrangements**

This Easter our friends at Walkley Ebenezer will be hosting an Agape meal on Maundy Thursday evening and breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. In order to assist with catering please sign the form at the back of Church.

❖ **Thankyou**

I would like to say a big thank you to all at Lunch Club who were so kind to me after my recent fall and also for their continued support. I really appreciate it. You have been so good to me. Love Cally Warrington.