



# Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer  
Methodist Church

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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

### 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 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 services**    **10:30am Preacher**                          **Dorothy Warren**  
                                  **6:00pm Space**

The stewards on duty today are Steve & Linda Wright

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*And next week*        *10:30am Preacher*    *Rev John Simms (Holy Communion)*  
*The steward on duty will be Pat Singleton*

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### THIS WEEK...

#### ❖ 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 this *Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January*.

#### ❖ Bible Basics

Maybe you've read it a dozen times. Maybe it's all new to you. Maybe you've heard bits of it in church and wondered about the rest. Maybe you just want to understand a little more about the Bible: Where did it come from? Who wrote it down, and why? What's in it, and how does it all fit together? And what does it tell us about history, God, and the world at large?

If you want to explore these and other questions, join us for Bible Basics, a new and informal gathering where we will study and discuss together key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We will meet weekly at [REDACTED] at 7:30pm, starting this *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January*. We'll aim to finish by 9:30pm each week.

We can provide Bibles, notepaper and pens, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. If you're interested, or you want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms ([REDACTED]), Louise Etherington or just come along on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### ❖ X:Site

X:Site is for children in school years Y3-Y6, where they can learn about Jesus, have fun and games, bring their mates and listen to live music. It's held at Wesley Hall and the next event is from 6:00pm – 8:00pm this *Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January*. Entry is £2.50 and you can get further information from: [sheffield@xsiteuk.org](mailto:sheffield@xsiteuk.org) or by calling [REDACTED].

#### ❖ Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service next *Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January*. This will provide an opportunity to discuss items before bringing them to the Church Council meeting on *Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January*. Please give any items for the agenda to either John or Andrea as soon as possible.

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Service of Healing and Wholeness

Methodist Women in Britain are holding an Iona style service of prayer for Healing and Wholeness on *Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January* at 2:30pm at Victoria Hall. For more information see the poster at the back of church.

### ❖ WEADS Amateur Dramatic Society

WEADS will be presenting the pantomime "Snow White" from *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February* at 7:15pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:15pm at Walkley Ebenezer. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Brian and Sue Mills.

### ❖ Made In Dagenham:

Methodist Women in Britain have organised a special showing of the film Made in Dagenham at the Showroom cinema on *Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March* at 10:30am. This is in solidarity with International Women's Day and Millennium Development Goal 3, 'Promote Gender Equality and empower women.' We have 110 tickets to sell so hope you can spread the word far and wide about it. Tickets are available from circuit MWiB secretaries or from Chris Simmonds on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Help With TRIBE

TRIBE are looking for people to help during the Sunday morning sessions. No preparation is required but we need one other person go out along with the leader each week. If you are interested in helping, please see Sue Chapman or Carole Gray.

### ❖ Church Flowers

A new flower list is now up on the notice board at the back of church. If you wish to donate, please fill in the date of your choice. Many thanks to everyone who generously gave for flowers during 2011.

## PLEASE PRAY...

The number of Christians killed in Islamic extremist attacks has risen still further, following the Christmas Day suicide bombing in Plateau State, which left at least 45 Christians dead. On 5 January, eight believers were killed and 19 wounded when members of the Boko Haram group emerged from a mosque near the Deeper Life Bible Church in Gombe, capital of Gombe state, and shot Christians attending a weekly meeting known as 'The Hour of Revival'. Two days later, another victim, Silas Ugboeze, died of his injuries, bringing the death toll to nine. Ugboeze's son Gideon was also killed, and two of his other children were also shot. Ugboeze's widow was overcome with grief at the hospital, able to say only, "Lord, where are you? This burden is too much for me to bear." About 45 people were present at the service when it was attacked, said the church's pastor, Sunday Okoli. His wife, Chinyere, said a bullet struck her head but left only a light wound and bruising. "We had been in the church for about one hour and 30 minutes praying, when suddenly we heard gunshots and bullets hitting us," she said. "Blood was flowing as our members were shot by the gunmen."

The attacks marked the second time in less than a month that the Deeper Life Bible Church in Gombe has mourned the killing of one of its members. On 11 December, Patrick Ugoji was shot dead by Muslim militants at a petrol station, while filling his car's tank.

Please pray:

- For healing for those injured in the violence and comfort for those who have been traumatised or bereaved
- For wisdom for President Goodluck Jonathan and the government of Nigeria, as they try to bring peace to the troubled region
- That Christians will have the grace to forgive, despite the provocation.

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