

bacon butties, continental breakfast, fresh coffee and tea. We will be asking for donations in lieu of payment as our contribution to Christian Aid Week which runs from the 15th to the 21st May 2016. This will be an ideal opportunity to network with others in the circuit, meet the circuit staff and see what we get up to! Please let us know if you would like to join us, so that we can cater for everyone. Send an email to the circuit office; admin@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk or give us a call on; 0114 2726561.

❖ **Joyce Simpson's Funeral**

Joyce Simpson's funeral will take place at **12noon, Thursday 19th May** at St Thomas' Church, Crookes, followed by an internment at 1pm at Crookes Cemetery.

❖ **University of Sheffield Gospel Choir**

The University of Sheffield Gospel Choir Concert are holding a concert on **Friday 20th May at 7pm** in St. Mark's Church. Although this event is not held at Wesley Hall, we are fundraising for Christian Aid Week and we think this would be a lovely event that your community will enjoy attending, and all for a good cause!

❖ **Afternoon Tea for Christian Aid**

The Afternoon Tea event to raise money for Christian Aid will take place on **Saturday 21st May at 3pm** and will cost £7 per person. Please do come along and invite your family and friends. Andrea will need to know numbers, so please let her know by booking places in person or by phoning 2687218. There will be a cake sale as usual and each year lots of you kindly bake for this event. This will take place as part of Messy Church on the morning of **21st May** and also at the afternoon tea. Cakes and scones will also be needed for serving as part of the afternoon tea so, if you are able to help by baking these, please let Andrea know in advance so that she'll know there are enough for both events. If you can bring any cakes and buns that you have baked the church will be open on the Saturday morning for Messy Church and can be left in the kitchen. Many thanks Andrea

❖ **Whit Celebration at Hampden View-Sunday 15th May at 12.30.**

The West Branch Whit Celebration will be held at Hampden View today at 12.30pm.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Wesley Sing at the Beacon at Nether Green on Tuesday**

The Wesley Sing will take place at the Beacon, Nether Green on **Tuesday 24th May beginning at 7.30pm** to which everyone is invited. It will be an opportunity to sing some of your favourite Charles Wesley hymns and celebrate that pivotal time in both John and Charles Wesley's lives. What is more, the hymns will be accompanied by an organ first played by Charles' grandson Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

❖ **Big Lunch 2016**

The Big Lunch is back and we will again be inviting our neighbours to join us for a BBQ on **Sunday 12th June**. If you would like to be involved this year there are plenty of things to do, like setting up tables, helping in the kitchen, serving and BBQing. If you would like to know more or want to help out, please see Matt.

❖ **Christian Aid Walk**

The Christian Aid night walk (17 miles!) is taking place on **Saturday 25th June**. For more information about this and to register, please see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk.

❖ **Circuit Welcome Service**

There will be a Circuit Welcome Service here at Wesley Hall **Thursday 8th September at 7:30pm** for Rev. Sally Coleman (our new Minister) and two probationers who will also be joining the Circuit. This is still a long way off but it would be great to see lots of people here so please put the date in your diary!

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Can you help Tim?**

As always we still need help with the youth activities at Wesley Hall, especially since we are trying to extend our youth work but seem to be prevented by the lack of volunteers to help start our "Study Inn". In the back of the church there is a list with dates if you can please fill in your name or come and see Tim if you have any questions about helping out.

❖ **Co-operation with St. Tim's and St Vincent's**

After the Miracle Play with St Tim's and St Vincent's there is a request to start a local "missionary" group. This group made up of members from different churches would come together and think about ways to undertake more activities between the 3 churches such as: walking groups, drama (Miracle Play), music groups or anything else we can think of. The plans are very fresh and in the beginning stages and there is a lot to explore but it is a wonderful opportunity to step in and shape something new in the Crookes area. Please speak to Tim for further details.

❖ **Church Offering for April**

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 April was £1,920.42; thank you for your generosity.

❖ **District Celebration Service**

There will be a District Celebration Service at The Crossing, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT on **Sunday 12th June 2016 at 4pm**. The preacher will be Revd Dr Chris Blake, Principle, Cliff College. Come and support our Probationer Ministers; Revd Will Fletcher (Sheffield), Revd Tracey Harris (Chesterfield), Revd Andrew Mumford (Doncaster), as they offer their testimonies and prepare for ordination. Refreshments to follow.

❖ **Circuit Pilgrimage**

Revd Mark Goodhand will be walking the Circuit during the coming year. It will provide opportunities for people to meet with him and ask questions about the Circuit, and if people are able, to walk part of the route with him. It will be a time to pray for our Circuit and the city we serve.

On **Wednesday 18th May** 10.00am meet Mark at **Mosborough Methodist Church**, Chapel Street, S20 5BT. Tea and coffee will be available and a time for conversation. Setting off at 10.40am to walk to **Emmanuel Waterthorpe LEP**, Thorpe Drive, S20 7JU. Arriving at approximately 11.10am. Time for refreshments and conversation before Mark moves on at 11.40am, to walk to **Killamarsh Methodist Church**, Sheffield Road, S21 1DY, arriving approximately 12.20pm for time for refreshments and conversation concluding at 1.00pm with final prayers.