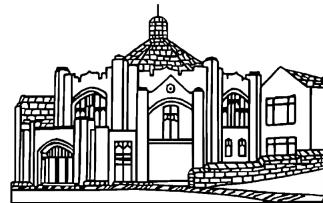




Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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Sunday 17th January 2010

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 card and 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.

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| Today's service | 10:30 am: | Preacher | Mrs. Pauline Virgo |
| | | Worship Leader | No Worship Leader |
| | | The steward on duty today is Bernard Newbound | |

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| <i>And next week</i> | <i>10:30 am:</i> | <i>Preacher</i> | <i>Rev. Timothy Bradshaw</i> |
| <i>24th January</i> | | <i>Worship Leader</i> | <i>Sarah Owen</i> |
| | | <i>The steward will be Pat Singleton</i> | |

THIS WEEK...

❖ Christ Exploded

Christ Exploded is a weekly 45 minute youth program designed to provide a forum of interaction for young people as they discover and develop gifts with Christ as the centrepiece. We express ourselves through music, debates, dancing, poetry, quizzes, drama, games, crossword puzzles and many more as we study the Word and enjoy food, fun, fellowship. Our topic today is **Relationships**, which runs for the next four weeks. Please do join us downstairs in the Damascus/Committee Room every Sunday at 11:00am. For more information please talk to Silas or Louise.

❖ Exploring The Trust Model Of Church

There is a meeting this *Tuesday 19th January* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room where we will be discussing our future as a church at Wesley Hall. A number of us recently visited Rawmarsh Methodist Church who have set up a charitable trust to run the church building thus freeing the congregation from the burdens and responsibilities of doing so themselves. Like us, they have a large building which is costly to run and maintain. Setting up a charitable trust has enabled a significant amount of funding to be brought in through grants and has enabled them to renovate parts of the building. We are also hoping to visit another church which has gone down a similar different route but operates as a faith based organisation.

If we grasp the opportunity of using the time that is freed up from looking after the building we could devote more time to mission. Also, our financial position is very precarious (this year we have made a loss of £9,000 and during the current year we are anticipating a loss of about £6,000) and on top of this we are faced with having to raise money to carry out essential renovations highlighted in our quinquennial report.

This is a really important meeting which could have a significant effect on the future of worship at Wesley Hall so please do your best to attend.

❖ Wednesday Group

A reminder that the Wednesday Group Christmas Dinner is this *Wednesday 20th January* at 6:30pm (from 7:00pm) with a magic show from Brian Varley.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Breakfast Club**

We start with a cooked breakfast at 9:30am before the children and young people have some games and the adults clear up and at 10:30, those that would like to go the main service go upstairs. The children and young people then have their own activity whilst the adults will be looking at issues facing them and how the church links into that. All are welcome to come along to the next breakfast club is on *Sunday 24th January*.

❖ **Exhibition At Sheffield Cathedral**

There will be an exhibition on 'Poverty and Inequality in Sheffield and the UK' at the Cathedral from *Friday 27th January to Friday 12th February*, organised by Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield. The exhibition by opened by Kate Plant, Director of Faith and Justice for the Anglican Diocese at 2:30pm on *Friday 27th January*, with a brief presentation by Sheffield CAP about the exhibition and its significance. All welcome.

❖ **Visit To The Crossings**

A visit has been arranged to go to the Crossings at Worksop for *Thursday 28th January* at 7:30pm. The Crossing is a Methodist Church that operates in a similar way to Rawmarsh Methodist Church, which some of us visited recently. Both have established a separate organisation to run the building and bid for extra funding for renovations, but The Crossings operates as a faith based organisation. Please speak to Andrea or Steve Wright if you would like to come along and we will attempt to co-ordinate transport.

❖ **On Side Events For Men**

The next On Side Event will feature Gram Seed (from a 'Boro boot boy to the Bible) which details the amazing journey he has undergone. It will be on *Friday 19th February* at 7:30pm at the Sheffield Wednesday Football Stadium in Hillsborough. Entry is £5.00, pay on the door. If you would like to come along, please contact Peter Allen on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] with approximate numbers for catering purposes. For more information see onsideevents.co.uk.

❖ **Equipped For Mission**

Equipped for mission is a programme of five workshops to equip individuals and local churches for mission. All workshops will be taking place on Monday evenings at 7:30pm (starting *Monday 8th March*) at Broomhill Methodist church. If you would like more information please contact the Circuit Mission Enabler, Nel Shallow on 07809 320986 or missionenabler@btconnect.com.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Church Flowers**

There is a new flower list for 2010 at the back of church. Please fill in a date if you wish to contribute to the church flowers. Thank you to everyone who for your donation in 2009. *The flower team*.

❖ **Alpha Meals**

It is really encouraging that so many people are helping out with the Alpha course in one way or another please continue to pray for it. Many thanks to those particularly that trudged out in the snow delivering leaflets, it is much appreciated. Alex and Richard are organising the catering and we it would be really helpful to know at this stage who will be coming along to the first week to help out in some way so that we can have an idea of how many to cater for. With this in mind can I ask that you complete one of the reply slips to indicate that you will be at the first session and would like a meal. If you can't find a reply slip please see Silas. The cost of a meal is £2 and a plate will be left out on the night for donations, although the meal will be free to those that are attending the course who are not church members. We do not want anyone to be deterred from coming along just because they have not returned a reply slip but your help in this will help us estimate numbers to be catered for. After the first week I will be providing a menu for the following week for people to choose what they want, so if you are just coming to some of the weeks please let me know. I will always cater for some extras as do not want anyone to be put off because of the need to 'order a meal' but want to try and be able to estimate how many to cater for. Andrea

Alpha Course: Does God exist?



Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is suitable for people who are either curious about the Christian faith or seeking and those who are Christians but feel they would benefit from a refresher or the opportunity to find out more about the main aspects of Christianity.

Each session begins with a meal - a chance to get to know others in the small group. There is then a short talk, which looks at different aspects of the Christian faith. This is followed by a time of discussion in the small groups, where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion, ask questions and discuss with the rest of the group.

Please note;

- **Special thanks** to those who took their time to distribute the Alpha leaflets to the streets in Crookes and also to the various groups with links to Wesley Hall. We ask you that if any **follow-up** needs to be done please remember to do so. Thanks again.
- More thanks to those who turned up for the **Alpha training** last Tuesday (despite the snow). What we discussed will surely be helpful in running the Alpha course.
- All the volunteers and those who intent to attend the Alpha sessions are asked to fill in the **response slips** and drop them in the box at the foyer, so that we can know the numbers to expect for catering purposes. More response slips are available at the back of the church worship area.
- Everyone is asked to remember to pray for Alpha on a regular basis. **Prayer cards** have been availed to aid you in prayer. More prayer cards are available at the back of the worship area.
- Alpha starts on **Monday, 25th January 2010** and runs on every Monday evening from 06:30pm, for 10 weeks.