

Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 17th March 2013

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** **Preacher** **Rev Claudia Lupi**

Worship Leader **Dorothy White**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

and **7:30 – 9:00pm** **SPACE: Light of the world**
(drop in any time)

And next week **10:30am** **Preacher** **Rev Catrin Harland**
24th March

The steward on duty will be Pat Singleton


THIS WEEK...

❖ **SPACE: Light of the World**

Last month we made and ate bread together as we remembered how God nourishes and sustains us. This month our focus will be The Light of the World, drawing on Lenten themes and the fourth day of the creation narrative. Our monthly reflective, drop-in, prayer-space continues this evening between 7:30pm – 9pm. Drop in for 10 minutes, an hour, or as long as you want to ponder, to wonder, to be quiet or to share stories with fellow travellers.

❖ **Lent Bible Studies – The Parables**

Our Lent Bible studies on the parables of Jesus are led by Rev John Simms. We meet at 7:30pm on: Monday 18th March at Wesley Hall – Treasure, Pearl & Net (Matt 13:44-50)
All are welcome to come along.

 Loving all People

 Building Community

 Sharing our Christian Faith

❖ Flowers

The flowers this week were kindly provided by Sue and Brian Mills, in loving memory of Sue's mother.

❖ 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 19th March.

❖ Wednesday Group

Wednesday Group meet this week at 7.30pm for an Easter evening.

❖ Prayer For Sheffield

We are a group of Christians who meet quarterly on Saturday mornings to pray specifically for our city of Sheffield. We meet from 9:00am to 12:00noon in the Emmaus Room. Our next meeting is this Saturday 23rd March and all are welcome to come and join us.

COMING SOON...

Holy Week Services

Monday 25 th March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Dorothy White & Sue Chapman
Tuesday 26 th March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Suzanne White
Wednesday 27 th March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Louise Etherington
Thursday 28 th March	7:00pm	Walkley Ebenezer	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
Friday 29 th March	10:00am	Wesley Hall	Prayer Walk
	11:00am	Walkley Ebenezer	Good Friday Service
Sunday 31 st March	8:15am	Wesley Hall	Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Wesley Hall	All Age Easter Service

❖ Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

There will be an Agape Meal at Walkley Ebenezer on Thursday 28th March at 7:00pm. To help with catering, please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to share in this meal.

❖ Easter Breakfast

On Easter Morning, we will be sharing breakfast together. If you are able to help prepare the breakfast, serve or clear away, please speak to Steve Wright.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Thank You**

Sue Mills would like to thank everyone for all the get well messages, cards, gifts and prayers following her recent hip operation.

❖ **Action for Children**

Collection boxes are due for counting so please pass them to Dorothy at some point this month.

❖ **Broomhill Drop In Centre**

For many years, the Drop In Centre at Broomhill have provided needy families with food. They have seen a big increase in poverty, not only by homeless people but also young families who are desperate to feed their children. If you feel you could donate cans of food (ring-pull tops) to the organisation, they would be most grateful. (Poundland are good for beans, rice pudding, etc for 4 cans for £1). Dorothy will put a labelled box at the back of church for any donations.

❖ **Church Offering**

As you are aware, from September of this year the Sheffield West Circuit will merge with 7 other local Circuits to create a single Sheffield Circuit. The policy of the new Circuit is not to use money from Circuit Model Trust Funds (ie from sale of buildings) to subsidise Circuit Assessments for the churches.

The Sheffield West Circuit is fortunate to have over £1m in their Model Trust Fund and has been using some of this money to subsidise Circuit Assessment. Under the new Sheffield Circuit this will not be possible so this year the amount of money used to subsidise the Assessment has been reduced. This has resulted in an increase of £3,600 in the Assessment for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The Church Council has therefore had to approve a budget for the year with a deficit of over £2,000. This means that unless we find the extra money, we will have to use church reserves to plug the gap which is not sustainable in the long term.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation especially during the 20 in 12 Challenge and the appointment of Liz, our Children and Families worker and fully understand that this may not be possible.

Popular methods of giving are by standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. This is a scheme under which HMRC pay back the tax paid on money you give to charity.

If you have any questions about giving to church or would like to start, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ **Gift Aid Declarations**

HMRC have changed the required wording for Gift Aid Declarations. All new declarations made after 31st December 2012 must be on the new forms but it is recommended that all declarations, even those signed before this deadline, are changed to use the new wording. If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration or would like to Wesley Hall to claim Gift Aid on your donations, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

❖ **Worship Stewards**

After much thought and prayer, Dorothy White has decided to retire from her role as Worship Steward and Senior Steward. She has done the job for the past 8 years so feels it is time to hand over the post. We offer our thanks to Dorothy for all her hard work over this time. Andrew Gray will be taking over the role of Senior Steward, with the support of the Leadership Team. Pat Singleton has also decided to step down from being a Worship Steward and our thanks go to her also. This means we have vacancies for two Worship Stewards. Worship Stewards are involved in preparing for the morning service by contacting the preacher and making sure everything is ready on Sunday morning. If you are interested in becoming a Worship Steward, or would like to know more about what it involves, please have a word with any of the current Worship Stewards or John Simms.

❖ **Church Council**

There is a space for a church member from Wesley Hall to join the Church Council. The Church Council is the Trustee body responsible for the running of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church, discussing issues relating to both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. It meets 4 times a year, usually on Thursday evenings. If you are interested in joining the Church Council or would like to know more about what it involves, please see John Simms.

❖ **8 into 1 does Go!**

Do you enjoy singing? Have you a gift for welcoming people at the door? Are you dramatic? Do you have a music group? Are you great with technology? Do you have a choir? Do you enjoy working with children or young people? Then your new circuit needs you! On Sunday 1st September at 3pm the new Sheffield Circuit will be inaugurated with a special service at the Octagon. Planning for the service is beginning now. Please see the flyers at the rear of church and let the Rev Mark Goodhand know if you are able to help in any way.

The editor for the month of March is Andrew Gray. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, or send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Andrew on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.