



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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Sunday 18th March 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 service	10:30am 6:30pm	Preacher "SPACE"	Mrs Judith Simms
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The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Miss Dorothy Warren</i>
<i>25th March</i>		<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Louise Etherington</i>

The stewards on duty will be Linda and Stephen Wright

THIS WEEK...

❖ Students – coffee at the manse tonight 18th March – last chance this term

Students from Wesley Hall and our sister church in Broomhill are invited to pop round to **27 Cross Lane Mews** any time from 8pm this evening for coffee & cakes. Speak to Neil Harland or ring Cat Harland on [REDACTED] for details/ directions.

❖ SPACE-Tonight at 6:30pm

Space is worship done differently: Space to talk. Space to listen. Space to be still. Space to drink tea. Space to reflect. Space to pray. Space to be creative. Space to be community. Space to challenge. Space to break down barriers. Space to explore. Space to come and go as you please.

Space is an alternative monthly expression of worship at Wesley Hall, designed both to complement our more traditional services and to be accessible to those for whom "church" is unfamiliar or unhelpful. Drop in any time between 6:30 – 8:00pm this evening.

❖ Children & Families Worker

At the last congregational meeting we discussed the possibility of employing a Children & Families Worker. Attached to the newsletter this week is a proposal for a 3 year, half time (20 hours per week) position which was discussed at the Circuit Meeting yesterday. The potential funding sources are the Circuit, District and Joseph Rank Trust with the remainder coming from the church. Our intension is to commit the Wesley Hall Gift Days for the next 3 years to funding this post with the possibility of making up any short fall from church reserves. Our children's work is really taking off with around 50 toddlers (and their parents) regularly coming to the Wednesday morning Toddler Group and a similar number at the Saturday Stay & Play mornings. Messy Church has now moved to a Saturday with the first one being next Saturday 24th March. Our Sunday morning worship would also benefit from someone to take a leading role in TRIBE as well as co-ordinating the all age worship services. An extra Church Council will be held on Monday 26th March to discuss the post so we ask that you prayerfully consider the proposal and give your feedback to Church Council members by next Sunday 25th March.

❖ Bible Basics

Join us for Bible Basics, a new and informal gathering where we study and discuss key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at [REDACTED] starting at 7:30pm and finishing by 9.30pm. If you're interested, or want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms ([REDACTED]), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st March with a presentation and talk about the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. All are welcome.

❖ Messy Church

Messy Church will take place on Saturday 24th March. Our theme is Easter and we will be exploring this through craft, song and stories. We will start at 10am and finish at 11:30am. The more volunteers to help with craft work chat to families or help with food preparation, the better! This work is aimed at families with children up to the age of eleven. Please don't forget to invite anyone you think would like to come along. Emma has flyers for the event. The dates for your diary for future events are as follows:

21st April – Messy Church

26th May – Stay and Play

30th June – Messy Church

❖ Lent Course

John is leading a Lent Course on Thursday evenings in March on the theme "There is a Green Hill... Thinking about the Cross".

22 nd March	"He died to make us good"	Wesley Hall
29 th March	"Who died to save us all"	Wesley Hall

❖ Monday Night Lent Study

If you can't make it to the Lent Study on Thursday evenings, you are very welcome to come along to a study on Monday nights at Roy and Audrey's house ([REDACTED]). This year we intend to follow some studies by Joel Edwards entitled 'Falling Back on God'. The studies are based on Psalms and are particularly relevant for our society. The topic for 19th March is "Falling Backwards on God", Psalm 37.

COMING SOON...

❖ Extra Church Council Meeting 7.30pm on 26th March

There will be an extra Church Council meeting held at 7.30pm on 26th March (venue to be confirmed) to discuss a proposed part time children and families worker for Wesley Ebenezer.

❖ Easter at Wesley Hall

The Holy Week Devotions at Wesley Hall are as follows:

- Monday 2nd April at 7:00pm- at Wesley Hall led by Dorothy White and Sue Chapman
- Tuesday 3rd April at 7:00pm- at Wesley Hall led by Suzanne White
- Wednesday 4th April at 7:00pm- at Wesley Hall led by Mike Cooper
- Thursday 5th April at 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at Mary Tozer House
- Friday 6th April Prayer Walk 10am at Wesley Hall; 11:00am Good Friday Service at Walkley Ebenezer
- Sunday 8th April 8:00am Holy Communion and Easter Breakfast at Walkley Ebenezer. Easter Service at Wesley at 10:30am.

❖ Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week will be 13th to 19th May. Offers of help for the street collection and counting of the monies raised would be much appreciated. The monies collected during the week will be counted at church Saturday 19th May. We normally offer refreshments and lunches on the Saturday plus a cake sale

which does tend to nicely supplement the funds raised. I hope to do this again this year provided there is enough help. If you can help with any of the following please let me know

- Delivering the envelopes and then going back to collect any donations given
- Counting the monies on the Saturday
- Helping in the kitchen with lunch & refreshments
- Baking cakes for the Cake Stall

Many thanks to those of you that have helped in the past it is always much appreciated and it's always been a great team effort. God bless Andrea.

❖ **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 Tuesday 27th March.

❖ **Flower Festival**

We are holding a Flower Festival to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which will be held here at Wesley Hall run from the 8th to the 10th June so please keep the date free and come along to support the event. In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation towards flowers, please use the envelopes marked 'Flower Fund' at the back of church. For more information, please see Dorothy White.

❖ **Holiday Club**

We are looking to hold a summer holiday club from the 13th to the 17th August with an Olympic theme. It will be held on weekday mornings for primary school age children with games, stories, quizzes and craft activities. The main thing that we need is people to volunteer for various roles over the week but anyone who is able to come and lend a hand at any point will be most welcome to do so. For more information, please see Sue Chapman.

❖ **District Synod**

As a circuit we will be hosting the next District Synod on Saturday 28th April at Tapton School, Darwin Lane, and we are looking for some help in supporting the Synod. In particular we could do with a number of people to help serve teas and coffees in the morning and at lunchtime, we need help with stewarding both inside the school and directing cars towards car parking spaces, and we may need a technical person who can work with running power point presentations for speakers, working microphones and mixing desks. We are also looking for 2 tea urns and a PA / microphone system that can be used on the day. If you can help it would be great if you could contact either Elaine Needham (for refreshments) on [REDACTED], or me for everything else on 266 8729. Any queries or questions please do have a word with me. Julian Penfold, Circuit Administrator, (0114) 266 8729.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **E-Newsletter**

We are hoping to start e-mailing a copy of the newsletter to anyone who would like to receive it by this method. This would mean you should never miss an edition of the weekly notices and also might help us to reduce our printing costs. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please e-mail newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk with a subject of "E-Newsletter". Thanks.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE DORE MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY 31st MARCH AT 7:30pm.

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