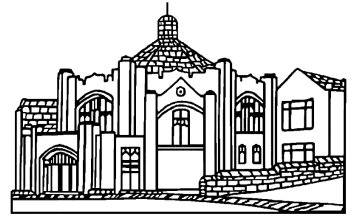




Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. John Simms
www.wesleyhall.org.uk



Sunday 18th September 2011

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 services | 10:30am Questions to God | Rev. John Simms |
| | 12:30pm Faith Meal | (at Walkley Ebenezer) |
| | 2:30pm Covenant Service | (at Walkley Ebenezer) |
| | The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray | |

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| <i>And next week</i> | <i>10:30am Harvest Service</i> | <i>Rev. Ric Stott</i> |
| <i>25th September</i> | <i>Worship Leader</i> | <i>Louise Etherington</i> |
| | <i>The steward on duty will be Dennis Kettlewell</i> | |

THIS WEEK...

❖ **CRB Renewals:**

It is time for most of our congregation to renew their CRBs in order for us to continue working with children, young people and vulnerable adults in our church community. Most of you have already received the forms to complete and now need to come along to one of the following sessions so that a member of circuit staff can verify your documents and countersign the form. The sessions will be held

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| Tuesday 20 th September | 6:00pm to 8:30pm | Stanwood |
| Saturday 24 th September | 10:00am to 12:30pm | Broomhill |
| Saturday 1 st October | 10:00am to 2:30pm | Walkley |

If it is difficult for you to attend one of these sessions, please let me know so we can make alternative arrangements. Thanks, Becky Mower (██████████).

❖ **Preaching Series:**

Today John is tackling the first of the questions to God from the congregation. The question is: 'Are you the same God that is worshipped by other faiths?'

❖ **Joint Covenant Service:**

Our Covenant Service will be held at Walkley Ebenezer this afternoon. The format for the day is that both congregations will have their usual 10:30am services before meeting at Walkley for a faith meal at 12:30pm. The Covenant Service will follow the meal at 2:30pm. Please do support this as it is an opportunity to share fellowship with the congregation at Walkley.

❖ **Violin & Organ Recital:**

David Greed, leader of the orchestra of Opera North & Dr Simon Lindley, Leeds City Organist & Director of Music at Leeds Parish Church will play The Lark Ascending by Ralph Vaughan Williams & other popular favourites for violin & organ tomorrow *Monday 19th September* at 7:30pm at The Beacon Methodist Church, Nether Green (formerly Hallam). Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Sheffield Bach Society.

❖ **Wednesday Group:**

The Wednesday Group invites you to their meeting to be held in Wesley Hall at 7:30pm this *Wednesday 21st September*. The speaker will be Andrew Lloyd with an "Island Truffles Chocolate Demonstration". All are welcome.

❖ **Lunch Club:**

Our Lunch Club restarts again this *Thursday 22nd September* at 12:00noon. If you would like to come along or know of anyone else who would appreciate coming along on a Thursday for a hot lunch please speak to Dorothy White or Steve Wright. Please also have a word with them if you would be able to volunteer to help at the Lunch Club. You don't have to come every week but any help would be greatly appreciated.

❖ **Messy Church:**

Messy Church takes place every Thursday during term time from 4:00pm till 5:30pm in the Church Hall. From grandparents to babies, everybody is welcome to join us for food, games, crafts, Bible stories and worship.

❖ **Harvest Supper:**

Our Harvest Supper is a pie and pea supper next *Saturday 24th September* and will cost £3.50. If you would like to come, please put your name on the list at the back of church so that Jim knows how many pies to order. The congregation from Walkley Ebenezer will be joining us and Ann / Sylvia will provide entertainment after the meal. Please see Dorothy if you have any questions.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Harvest Service:**

Our Harvest service is next *Sunday 25th September*. Gifts of money will go to the MRDF Africa Food crisis appeal and gifts of food / toiletries to the Cathedral Archer Project. Please see the list at the back of church to see what items are most needed by the project.

❖ **Worship Consultation**

Please make sure you pick up and complete the Worship Consultation document (found at the back of church) to express your views on the future of worship at Wesley Hall. If you wish, you can make your comments anonymously. Completed questionnaires are to be placed in the basket at the back of the worship area as soon as possible.

There will also be a meeting look at the future of our worship on *Thursday 22nd September* at 7:30pm which will include feedback from completed consultation documents.

❖ **Congregational Meeting:**

The next Congregational Meeting will be *Tuesday 4th October* at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

❖ **Stay & Play Morning:**

I am organising a stay and play morning on *Saturday 8th October* from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There will be a bouncy castle and puppet show along with craft activities and toys and hot drinks and cakes for the adults. The aim of the event is mission focussed to try and draw in some of the families who attend the toddler group, messy church or have some loose connections with Wesley Hall and build relationships with those of us in the church.

Please could you pray for this event and have a think if there is anybody you know with children or grandchildren who you would like to invite. Offers of help with setting up and making/serving cakes and drinks will be gratefully received. For more information please talk to Emma.

❖ **Methodist Women in Britain (formerly Network):**

The Sheffield Launch of Methodist Women in Britain will be held on *Saturday 1st October* at 10:30am at Victoria Hall, Sheffield and will include the Induction of Pam Grayson as the first Sheffield District MWiB President.

❖ **Messy Church Gathering & Resource Day :**

For Messy Church leaders, teams and volunteers there will be a Messy Church gathering held on *Saturday 8th October* at St John's Park, Bernard Street, Sheffield S2 5PU from 9:30am to 1:00pm. For further details please see: http://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/downloads/weeklymailing/MessyChurch_10102011.pdf

❖ **Mum's the Word:**

The charity Care for the Family is holding a number of events for mums across the country please see www.careforthefamily.org.uk/mums for further details.

❖ **Celebration of Sport Service:**

There will be a Celebration of Sport Service at the Cathedral on *Monday 14th November* at 7:30pm. For more information contact Peter Allen (Chaplain for Sport in the Dioceses of Sheffield) on [REDACTED].

20 in 12 Challenge

❖ **20 in 12 Challenge Wall:**

Bricks are still being added to the 20 in 12 Challenge wall which now shows that the total raised to date is £13,500. We have run out of signed bricks so if you would like to sign some more, there is a pile under the wall. Signing a brick is not a pledge to give, but it makes the wall look much more interesting!

❖ **Sheffield Accordion Band:**

The Sheffield Accordion Band will be performing here at 7:00pm on *Saturday 15th October*. Tickets cost £2.50 for adults and 50p for children (including refreshments) and are available from Pat Singleton or Matt Irons. We are very grateful to the band who are not charging for their performance to help us in our fundraising. For more information, please see Pat.

❖ **Wesley Ebenezer's Got Talent:**

There will be a Wesley Ebenezer's Got Talent show here on *Saturday 19th November*. Please put the date in your diary and if you would like to perform and be involved in the show, please see Mandy Boyce.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Newsletter Rota:**

Now that Rob has moved churches we could do with another person to edit the newsletter. A small amount of skill with a computer is helpful but you do not need to be an expert. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Matt.

The editor for next week is Steve. 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