



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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Sunday 19th February 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** **Preacher** **Jenny Carpenter**

The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

And next week *10:30am* *Preacher* *Russell Blackwell*
The stewards on duty will be Steve & Linda Wright

THIS WEEK...

❖ Bible Basics

Maybe you've read it a dozen times. Maybe it's all new to you. Maybe you've heard bits of it in church and wondered about the rest. Maybe you just want to understand a little more about the Bible: Where did it come from? Who wrote it down, and why? What's in it, and how does it all fit together? And what does it tell us about history, God, and the world at large?

If you want to explore these and other questions, join us for Bible Basics, a new and informal gathering where we will study and discuss together key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet weekly at [REDACTED] at 7:30pm, continuing this *Wednesday 22nd February*. We'll aim to finish by 9:30pm each week. If you're interested, or want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms ([REDACTED]), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ Stay & Play Morning

We are holding another Stay & Play Morning for children and their parents/grandparents/carers on *Saturday 25th February* from 10:00am to 12:30pm. There is going to be a bouncy castle and hopefully a magician, along with craft activities and toys. As before, the aim of the event is mission focussed to try and draw in some of the families who attend the toddler group or have some loose connections with Wesley Hall and build relationships with those of us in the church. The magician will be the only overtly Christian bit but we will be inviting everyone who attends to come to the next Messy Church, which from March will move to a new Saturday morning slot. We will be trying to cater for children who are pre-school age and those at school in the infants age range but any older children would be very welcome to take part in the craft activities and help out some of the younger children!

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. If anybody is willing to make some cakes to be served on the Saturday, then that would be really helpful, as would offers to help at church on Saturday either to set up and tidy away or to be an extra pair of hands to play, co-ordinate an activity or chat to the adults. For more information, talk to Emma.

❖ Talking of God

John has been running the course again and the final session is this Thursday afternoon in the Fellowship Room at Walkley, beginning at 2:00pm. Its aim is to give people more confidence when it comes to sharing the stories of their faith in everyday life.

23rd February Living the Conversation

❖ Wednesday Group

Wednesday Group are meeting this week, *22nd February at 7.30pm*, when Tricia Watts will be giving a presentation entitled "Street Pastors in Sheffield".

COMING SOON...

❖ Lent Course

John will be leading a Lent Course for five Thursday evenings starting on *Thursday 1st March* on the theme "There is a Green Hill... Thinking about the Cross".

1 st March	"Trust in His redeeming blood"	Walkley
8 th March	"There was no other good enough"	Walkley
15 th March	"We believe it was for us"	Walkley
22 nd March	"He died to make us good"	Wesley Hall
29 th March	"Who died to save us all"	Wesley Hall

❖ Made In Dagenham:

Methodist Women in Britain have organised a special showing of the film *Made in Dagenham* at the Showroom cinema on *Wednesday 14th March* at 10:30am. This is in solidarity with International Women's Day and Millennium Development Goal 3, 'Promote Gender Equality and empower women.' We have 110 tickets to sell so hope you can spread the word far and wide about it. Tickets are available from circuit MWiB secretaries or from Chris Simmonds on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

❖ Dore Male Voice Choir

Dore Male Voice Choir with soloist Laura Clark will be performing a concert here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 31st March* at 7:00pm. Tickets cost £6, which includes refreshments, and are now on sale from Dorothy and Jim. If anyone is able to help on the day, please see Dorothy.

❖ Party Time!

There will be a party to celebrate Jim's 70th and Pat Wright's 75th birthdays here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 5th May* at 6:00pm. All are invited but please can you sign up at the back of church so we know how many to cater for. No presents but donations to the 20 in 12 Challenge will be gratefully received. For more information please see Pat, Dorothy or Jim.

❖ Spring Harvest

A group of us will be going to Spring Harvest at Easter (*Tuesday 10th April to Sunday 15th April*). There is currently a spare place for a lady to join us. If anyone is interested and would like to know more, please see Andrew or Carole Gray. Thanks.

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