



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 19th May 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 John Simms- United Service
	The steward on duty and Worship Leader is Dorothy White	
	2.45pm Whit Sing	Speaker Nel Shallow
	7:30pm Space	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30 am Preacher</i>	<i>Mandy Boyce</i>
<i>26th May</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Louise Etherington</i>
	<i>The steward on duty will be Andrew Gray</i>	
	<i>6:00pm – 7:00pm</i>	<i>Stay & Pray</i>

THIS WEEK...

❖ Gift Day 2013

We have committed our Gift Days for 2012, 2013 and 2014 to supporting the employment of a Children and Families Worker at Wesley Hall. From October 2012, this post has been filled by Liz Harding who is doing a great job working with the children as well as running and raising the profile of our various family friendly events.

Our Gift Day this year was last Sunday and if you were unable to make your gift it is not too late and the special gift day envelopes are still available at the back of church. If you completed a pledge form last year and are not sure what you wrote on it, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons, who will give you a copy of your form.

If you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ West Branch Whit Sing 2013-an all age service of celebration

Our annual Whit Sing will take place here at Wesley Hall this afternoon, **Sunday 19th May**, starting at 2:45pm. The speaker this year will be Nel Shallow. This will be a great occasion with our friends from other Churches. Please do try to come along.

❖ Coffee & Crafts

A group of ladies meet in the Sanctuary 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 21st May**.

❖ **News From Liz**

1. **Open the Book Prayer Evening**

"That was the goodest assembly ever!" Year 2 child.

Open the Book is a great way of sharing the Gospel with school children. Using the Lion Storyteller Bible and Open the Book 'syllabus' groups of Christians act out Bible stories in school assemblies. I am part of an ecumenical team who have been going into Lydgate Infant and Junior Schools for about a year now. As word spreads, more and more year groups are requesting us and we're being asked to go in more regularly. We also serve the Pre-school at the Infants, which includes some of the children who attend or attended Wesley Hall Toddlers. A new head teacher at the Junior School is very keen to work more with us in the future and re-wrote the assembly plans to match the Lectionary within a week of beginning the job! With so much promise and excitement for what the future will hold, the team has decided to hold a prayer evening to thank God, seek His will and even more blessings for our local schools. The prayer evening will be at St Thomas, Crookes, Tuesday 21st May, 7:45pm for a drink and 8-9pm to pray. All are welcome to this event or please pray for the team, teachers and children at home. If you are interested in Open the Book, we hope to hold an event to show people how it works and encourage others to join us, details will be in the newsletter soon.

2. **"MISSION: Rescue" Fun Day Friday 31st May, 10-4pm**

After the success of our last half-term Fun day, we have decided to hold another. We'll explore the Story of Moses through an action packed 6 hours of games, craft, drama and worship. If you know any children 5--11 years old (Reception to Y6) who might be interested, please do take a booking form for them (forms can be found in the Sanctuary or entrance hall). For more information contact Liz on 07412124310 or at families@wesleyhall.org.uk

❖ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

1. Night Hike

The Christian Aid Night Hike will be on Saturday 6th July (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

2. Street Collections

Thank you to everyone who helped out last year, especially those of you who collected on the streets. Sheffield is one of the most successful areas for raising money with £76,303 being raised in 2012. This was mainly from Christian Aid Week, the May Day Trek and the Night Hike. If you do not like collecting on the streets, there will also be some supermarket collections this year on **Thursday 20th June** at Tesco on Abbeydale Road and on **Tuesday 9th July** at Sainsbury's on Archer Road. Please see Andrea for more details.

❖ **The God Particle Play**

A quantum physicist and a vicar walk into a bar... joining forces to solve a perplexing mystery, they discover the real meaning of faith, knowledge, love and the importance of keeping an open mind. The God Particle is a brand new romantic comedy sci-fi from award-winning co-writer of BBC1's Miranda, BBC3's Bluestone 42 and Radio 4's Another Case of Milton Jones. It's deep, smart, and very funny. More information is available on www.thegodparticleplay.com.

The God Particle has had a few small previews in London. The biggest (and most hardy) audience was at Greenbelt Festival in Cheltenham in August 2012. They fought a storm and a leaking Big Top and came out alive. Audiences have been overwhelmingly positive and they are planning to perform at The Brighton Fringe in May 2013 and spend the month at the Edinburgh Fringe in August 2013.

The God Particle is being performed at Horizon Methodist Church on Ecclesall Road this Tuesday 21st May at 8pm. For tickets please phone the Booking Office on 0114 235 1085 or buy on line (5% booking

fee) at www.horizonfest.co.uk Only £8 and £6 (concessions) in advance; £9-50 and £7-50 (concessions) on the door.

COMING SOON...

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we have started Stay & Pray on the fourth Sunday of the month the next one will be Sunday 26th May. The idea is that people spend some time between 6:00pm and 7:00pm praying at home. Although we will not be meeting together face to face, we will be praying together in our homes.

❖ The Big Lunch 2013

Wesley Hall is teaming up with St Tim's and St Vincent's to offer a free BBQ to the local community as part of the Big Lunch. We will not be posting flyers through doors this year but want to focus on personally inviting people we know as well as all those who use the building. There is a pile of flyers at the back of church so please take as many as you want to invite friends, family and neighbours who may be interested in coming along for a free lunch! Following the success of the Big Jubilee Lunch last year, we will again be offering free food to anyone who comes and asking for donations on the day. If you have any questions about the Big Lunch or would like to help out, please see Matt.

❖ Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God

"Care for the Family" are coming to Sheffield to run their popular event, 'Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God'. With passion and humour, international speaker and best-selling author, Rob Parsons, will help us understand what we can change in our homes, our churches, our hearts, which will make it less likely that a generation will be lost to the church. The event will be held at **7:30pm on Tuesday 18th June** at the Mega Centre on Bernard Road, S2 5BQ. Tickets are £5 and are available online at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/gyktc/ or by calling 029 2081 0800.

AND FINALLY

❖ Church Offering for April

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now a registered charity number 1150284. This means that we are now registered directly with the Charity Commission and will have to submit our annual accounts to them each year. As a registered charity, we are now publishing the amount given in the church offering both on Sunday morning and via standing order. The amount given in April was £1,421.52; thank you for your generosity.

❖ Allotment at Wesley Hall

Last year we were approached by a local resident about using the area of land outside behind the Brice Hall as an allotment. This person is now leaving Sheffield but is very keen to see the project progress. We are therefore trying to find someone who has experience in growing fruit and vegetables to lead a small team from the community to run the allotment. If you are interested or would like any more details, please see Matt.

❖ Spring Harvest 2014

A group of us went to Spring Harvest this year and had a fantastic time. We will be going again next year and would love as many of the church family as possible to join us. Next year's event at Skegness has been reduced to four nights and takes place **Monday 14th April to Friday 18th April (Good Friday)**. If you're interested, please see Carole or Andrew Gray as soon as possible as we need to book when the lines open on 12th June to ensure we get the accommodation we want.

The editor for the month of May 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.