



# Wesley Hall

## Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 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 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.

**Today's service 10:30am Preacher Rev Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman**

The steward on duty is Andrew Gray

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*And next week 10:30am United service with the Korean Church*

*The steward on duty will be Dorothy White*

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#### THIS WEEK...

##### ❖ Bible Basics

Join us for Bible Basics, an informal gathering where we study and discuss key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet 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 (266 0010), Louise Etherington or just come along.

##### ❖ Alpha

Wesley Ebenezer are running an Alpha course at Walkley. It will run mainly on Thursday evenings during May and June, the next session being this Thursday at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to talk to others, and to ourselves, about what's important to us about the Christian faith. The course is designed so that we eat together, listen together, talk together and pray together as we explore the basics of our beliefs: who was Jesus and why did he die?; why is it important to pray and read the Bible?; how does the Holy Spirit help us to be followers of Jesus? The course is being run for two groups of people: those within the life of the church who want to know more about Jesus or to refresh themselves in the core beliefs and values of Christianity; and those who aren't yet a part of the church – our neighbours, friends or colleagues, whom we could invite to join us. Now is the time to start thinking about who you could invite along and to start praying for them. The good news of Jesus isn't just for the church: "The promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far off—for all that the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:39). If there is someone you would like to invite, please pick up a flyer for them from the back of church giving details and dates.

##### ❖ Students – coffee at the manse tonight – respite from revision/writing up blues

Students from Wesley Hall and our sister church the Beacon at Broomhill are invited to pop round to [REDACTED] any time from 8pm this evening for coffee & cakes. Speak to Neil Harland or ring Cat Harland on 07597 673106 for details/directions.

#### ❖ **SPACE – at Broomhill**

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, the alternative monthly expression of worship usually held at Wesley Hall, is this month being held at the Beacon at Broomhill, jointly with their regular praise service. The evening will open and close with some worship songs but for most of the hour there will be quiet areas for prayer, spaces for reflection, coffee/tea tables for fellowship and conversation, plus opportunity to share in Communion. As usual feel free to drop in for a few moments or stay for the whole time – this evening (20th May) from 6:30pm.

#### ❖ **Stay and Play Morning – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Our next Stay and Play morning is this Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00pm. There's going to be a bouncy castle and our crafts and singing time will have a Christian Aid theme, thinking about the fact that we are part of a global family and God calls us to love and help each other. We would like to provide hot drinks and cakes during the morning, so any offers to make or buy cake/buns would be gratefully received.

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. Matt has flyers if you would like some.

As always, if you want help 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, then let Emma know.

The next date for your diary will be our next Messy Church which will take place on Saturday 30th June.

#### ❖ **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 22nd May.

## COMING SOON...

#### ❖ **West Branch Whit Sing 2012**

The Whit Sing is an all age service of celebration and will be held here at Wesley Hall on Sunday 27th May starting at 2:45pm. The speaker this year will be our own minister Rev. John Simms. This united event is always a very uplifting occasion and a great opportunity to sing the Whitsuntide hymns.

#### ❖ **Testimony & Ordination Services**

Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman's testimony service will be held on Thursday 31st May at 7:30pm at Stanwood and all are welcome to come along. His ordination is on Sunday 1st July at Newton Abbot at 5:00pm. Tickets for the ordination are free and are available by contacting Trevor Williams on [REDACTED].

### ❖ **Big Jubilee Lunch**

We are holding a Big Jubilee Lunch on *Sunday 3rd June* to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It will take place in the church car park (weather permitting) at 12:30pm and we would like to invite our neighbours from the Crookes community to join us. The idea of the Big Jubilee Lunch is to get as many people as possible to sit down and have lunch together on the first Sunday in June. The Big Lunch is all about community, friendship and fun! We have also got some commemorative Diamond Jubilee New Testaments which we will be giving out to those who come along. We are looking for people to deliver invitations to the roads listed at the back of church. If you are able to do this, please put your name next to the road you can deliver to and pick up some invitations. This way we can invite as many people as possible to come and celebrate with us. Thank you for your help.

## **AND FINALLY...**

### ❖ **Spring Harvest 2013**

A group of us will be going to Spring Harvest at Butlins, Skegness again next year (Tuesday 2 April to Sunday 7 April). The theme will be 'The Source – Encountering Jesus Today', focusing on what Jesus being the Good News means in today's world. If you're interested in joining us, please speak to Carole or Andrew Gray as soon as possible, as we will need to book soon.

### ❖ **Update - Children & Families Worker**

Our Gift Days for the next three years are supporting employment of a children and families worker for Wesley Hall. Thank you to all who have already contributed generously to the Gift Day. At the time of going to press, £18,000 of our three year target of £21,000 has already been donated or pledged, with money still coming in. This is fantastic news from only the first 10 days of fundraising! If you have not yet received a pledge/gift form, these can be found at the back of church and give further details. If you have any questions about this, please speak to Matt Irons.

We hope to raise the other half of the funding required in grants from the local Methodist Circuit and other bodies. We expect to be in a position to begin advertising by the end of June, with the children and families worker in post by early autumn.

We now need a small management team to recruit and then support, encourage and guide our new member of staff, and at a later date think about how this area of our mission will continue beyond the three years of funding being secured now. This team will between them need experience of working with children/families and line management. Please speak to Neil Harland to volunteer or for more information.

Please continue to pray for this important and growing part of our mission.

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