



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer
Methodist Church

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Sunday 21st August 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.

Today's service 10.30am: Service led by the Thursday Fellowship Group

The steward on duty is Dennis Kettlewell

And next week 10.30am: Preacher Ms. Mandy Boyce

The steward will be Andrew Gray

THIS WEEK...

❖ Gift Aid Envelopes

Now that we have joined with Walkley there will be some changes for those who give to church using envelopes. From September, all envelope numbers will change with the new numbers being 40 higher than the existing numbers. For example if your current envelope number is 4, from September it will be 4 + 40 = 44. If your current envelope number is 16, from September it will be 16 + 40 = 56.

Also, envelopes will run from January to December instead of from September to August. At the back of church are envelopes using the new numbers running from September to December. This will tide us over until we will get a full year of new envelopes ready for January.

Please collect your new envelopes from the back of church and if you have any questions (or would like to start give using the envelope scheme), please see Matt.

❖ What Would You Like To Ask God?

John is looking at a new preaching series based on "If there is one question I would like to ask God it would be". What would you like to ask God? Please write your question down (no name required) and put it in John's pigeon hole to help make the series relevant to us here at Wesley Hall.

COMING SOON...

❖ Monday Fellowship Group (held alternately at the Bellamy's and Pat Singleton's):

This year we have been alternatively studying the Acts of the Apostles through the characters we meet in that book, and watching a variety of inspiring videos. Both these subjects have been very interesting and thought provoking. During May we only had informal gatherings of a few members as the month is so full of Bank Holidays and Christian Aid involvements. To make up for this we met every week in June and July. Our next session will start on *Monday 5th September* when we intend to read and study the book of Ecclesiastes. Meetings begin at around 7:30pm with worship and prayer and end with refreshments at around 9:00pm.

❖ Introduction To Biblical Hebrew:

Dr. Noel Irwin is running a 12 lesson introductory course in Biblical Hebrew. The course starts on *Thursday 15th September* at the Urban Theology Unit. The cost is £50 for the whole course (or £5 per lesson) and further information is available by calling [REDACTED] or emailing office@utusheffield.org.uk.

❖ **Worship Consultation:**

We will be holding a Worship Consultation on *Thursday 22nd September* at 7:30pm. If you would like share your opinion about the future of our Sunday morning services, please come along.

❖ **In Spirit and Truth: Belief, Worship and Discipleship:**

John Bell and Jo Love of the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group are leading a day at St Mark's, Broomhill on *Saturday 1st October*, entitled 'In Spirit and Truth: Belief, Worship & Discipleship'. This is an open event and they are encouraging applications from far and wide. An application form is available on the Circuit E-News Downloads webpage www.sheffieldwest.org.uk/downloads.html. A copy is also available at the back of church.

❖ **Stay & Play Morning:**

I am organising a stay and play morning for children and their parents/grandparents/carers on *Saturday 8th October* from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There's going to be a bouncy castle and puppet show along with craft activities and toys. I am hoping to provide 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. The puppet show will be the only overtly Christian bit as a way of sharing a bible story with the families. 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.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Goodbye To Rob & Rachel:**

Dear all,

As some of you will be aware Rob has been appointed to the Pilgrim Circuit and starts work on 1st September. Part of the job will be sharing with the Sunday worship services, so this will mean a transfer of membership for our family. However, Rachel will continue to help at the Thursday Messy Church with Eve and Isaac who will still be part of the Boy's Brigade.

This is a mixed time of joy, as a new road opens up for us as family, but also a time of sadness; reflecting on the many friends and relationships we have with the congregation at Wesley Hall. Clearly we will keep in touch and wish you every blessing as the church continues to explore and expand its mission in Crookes.

God Bless,

Rob Drost, Rachel McCallam, Richard, Stephen, Eve & Isaac

❖ **Sunday Morning Coffee Rota:**

We have had one person come forward and volunteer to go on the coffee rota. Is there one more person who is willing to volunteer so that we can form a new team to go on the rota? If you are interested please let Steve Wright know as soon as possible.

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