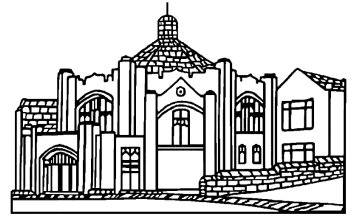




Wesley Hall

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Methodist Church

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Sunday 22nd January 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.

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| Today's service | 10:30am | Preacher | Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion) |
| | | The stewards on duty today is | Pat Singleton |

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| <i>And next week</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <i>Preacher</i> | <i>Mr. Luiz Montanheiro</i> |
| | | <i>The steward on duty will be</i> | <i>Andrew Gray</i> |

THIS WEEK...

❖ Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service today. This will provide an opportunity to discuss items before bringing them to the Church Council meeting on *Monday 30th January*. Please give any items for the agenda to either John or Andrea as soon as possible.

❖ 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 will meet weekly at [REDACTED] at 7:30pm, continuing this *Wednesday 25th January*. We'll aim to finish by 9:30pm each week.

We can provide Bibles, notepaper and pens, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. If you're interested, or you want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms ([REDACTED]), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ Service of Healing and Wholeness

Methodist Women in Britain are holding an Iona style service of prayer for Healing and Wholeness on *Tuesday 24th January* at 2:30pm at Victoria Hall. For more information see the poster at the back of church.

COMING SOON...

❖ 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 next *Tuesday 31st January*.

❖ **WEADS Amateur Dramatic Society**

WEADS will be presenting the pantomime "Snow White" from *Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th February* at 7:15pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:15pm at Walkley Ebenezer. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Brian and Sue Mills.

❖ **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].

❖ **Singing the Faith Familiarisation Day**

On *Saturday 18th February* Ecclesall Circuit is holding a Singing the Faith familiarisation day at Banner Cross Methodist Church. The day will be led by Paul Leddington Wright, one of the conductors of BBC's Songs of Praise, and part of the team who developed the book. A poster for and booking form for musicians and singers to come and learn and rehearse material during the day can be found at the back of church. In the evening there will be a Celebration Big Sing, an open event for anyone to come along and join in a time of worship, fellowship and celebration in music and song. The day is free, and the programme is as follows:

- 11:00am – 1:00pm Musicians* Assemble and set up from 10:30am. Please bring your instrument and music stand.
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm Singers* Assemble and set up from 2:00pm.

* Musicians and singers are asked to submit a booking form to ensure we have the appropriate music and arrangements for everyone.

Refreshments will be available all day but please bring your own packed lunch if you're staying for the whole day. Finally, join us for tea and cakes from 5.00pm, before the Celebration Big Sing at 6:00pm. This is an open event so there is no need to book. Please bring a words or music edition of *Singing the Faith* if you have one.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Help With TRIBE**

TRIBE are looking for people to help during the Sunday morning sessions. No preparation is required but we need one other person go out along with the leader each week. If you are interested in helping, please see Sue Chapman or Carole Gray.

❖ **Church Flowers**

A new flower list is now up on the notice board at the back of church. If you wish to donate, please fill in the date of your choice. Many thanks to everyone who generously gave for flowers during 2011.

PLEASE PRAY...

On 7th January 2012 the government in Fiji lifted the public emergency regulations which seriously restricted the activities of the Methodist Church there. However they were immediately replaced by a revised public order act.

This act means that the Methodist Church in Fiji is now allowed to apply for permission to hold meetings, rather than not even being allowed to apply. They are now trying to organise themselves as it has been three years since many Church meetings have been held.

The Revd Tevita Nawadra, the assistant general secretary of the Methodist Church in Fiji, has written to thank "our friends and partners who have shared our stories and given time to think and pray for the Church in Fiji; their prayers have been answered. May God bless them all. We still have a long way to go still, but it is starting anyway". Please continue to pray for the nation.

The editor for the month of January 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