



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 26th April 2015

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 service **10:30am** **Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)**
6:00pm–7:00pm **Stay & Pray: Prayer at Home (see below)**
The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

Sunday 3rd May *10:30am Rev. John Simms and the All Age Worship team*
Sunday 10th May *10:30am Rev. Joy Adams* *6:00pm Rev. John Simms (Prayer Service)*
Sunday 17th May *10:30am Rev. Phillip Borkett*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting

After this morning's service, we will be having our AGM. In the same way as our last congregational meeting, the meeting will be held in the Emmaus Room soon after the service has finished (please feel free to bring your tea and coffee in with you), and will last no more than an hour, so there will still be time to get home for lunch afterwards! This meeting is open to everyone so please try to join us.

We are looking for more representatives from Wesley Hall to sit on the Church Council, which meets four times a year. If you are interesting in putting your name forward or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to John Simms or Andrea Killingsworth.

As Judith will be leaving us in a few months, we will have only three Worship Stewards so need more people to fill this role and look after the practical side of our Sunday worship. This involves liaising with preachers during the week, finding readers for the service and looking after the preacher on Sunday morning. If you would like to know more, please see Andrew Gray.

❖ Stay & Pray

To complement our Prayer Service on the second Sunday of each month, we continue with our 'Stay & Pray' on the fourth Sunday of the month. 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.

❖ Flowers

The money for today's flowers was kindly donated by Dorothy White in celebration of her 70th birthday.

❖ Youth Fellowship Group (Yeast)

Youth Fellowship Group (otherwise known as 'Yeast') is a group for those between 11 and 16 years old who want to have fun and talk about God. Or in the words of the young people themselves: "Fun, Food, Friendship and Following Jesus" (the food being just a light snack!). We try to meet every fortnight here at Wesley Hall from 18:30 to 20:00. We will be meeting this evening and then again on 10th May. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Jansen: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]. We hope to meet you soon!

❖ Wednesday Group

This week, Wednesday Group will be welcoming the Townswomen's Guild Singers.

❖ Church Away Day

We have not been able to find a venue that is available and suits our usual budget for our Weekend Away this year. So instead of a weekend away, we will be returning to the Peveril Centre (Castleton Methodist Church, Buxton Road, S33 8WP) for a longer Away Day next Saturday 2nd May. The current plan for the day (subject to change) is as follows:

9:45	Meet at Peveril Centre for coffee for a start at...
10:00	Worship
10:30	Talk led by John
11:00	Coffee
11:15	Group discussions
12:30	Lunch (please bring your own packed lunch)
13:00	Free time in Castleton
16:00	Meet back at Peveril Centre
16:15	Worship/presentation by the children
17:00	Fish & chip tea (we'll order this from a local chip shop)
18:00	Social (please bring an item of 'entertainment' to share)
19:30	End

Please feel free to join us for any part of the day. Don't forget your packed lunch and something to share for our social. If you need a lift or can provide one, please be at Wesley Hall for 9:00-9:15.

COMING SOON...

❖ Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year is 10th-16th May; are you able to help with this in any way? Thanks to those of you who were involved last year. Together we raised a total of £1,486! The main part of this event has always been the door-to-door collecting but we can fundraise in other ways. Emma came up with a great idea last year of getting the parents/carers from the Toddler group to bake cakes to sell, which they were very happy to do and raised £75. It was a great way of giving people a chance to contribute to a good cause. Sheffield University Gospel Choir also contributed to Christian Aid from funds raised at a concert during the Christian Aid period. Do you have any other fundraising ideas? If so, please talk to Andrea Killingsworth.

Please let Andrea know if you would be prepared to collect on a street, help with the counting on Saturday 16th May or with the lunch we usually do on this day to raise more money.

At the moment, if we are to do the lunch on 16th May, we need someone to volunteer to help in the kitchen.

❖ **Christian Aid May Day Trek**

This year is the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid's May Day Trek. (It started in 1964 but missed a year due to the foot and mouth disease outbreak). This year's trek will be on Monday 4th May. This is a sponsored walk to raise money for Christian Aid and you have the choice of a 5, 11 or 17 mile walk, with all walks starting from St Luke's Church at Lodge Moor. For those wanting a more challenging walk, there is also a 17 mile dusk-to-dawn walk on Saturday 28th June which goes out to Hathersage via Padley Gorge and then returns via Stanage. Application forms for both events can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or can be found on www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk where you can also register for the walks.

❖ **"Brighter Day" - University of Sheffield Gospel Choir Concert**

The gospel choir is returning to Wesley Hall for their end of year concert. They're delighted to invite you to an evening of uplifting music on Wednesday 13th May, at 6:30pm. There won't be tickets but any donations will go to Christian Aid.

❖ **Noah**

Last year at Spring Harvest, some of the group from Wesley Ebenezer saw a short performance taken from the touring production of Noah, a musical for all the family by Doug Horley and the Saltmine Theatre Company. Last year's tour dates didn't include a visit to Sheffield but this year they are at the Montgomery Theatre on 22nd May at 7pm. Tickets are £14 for adults, £10 for children or £40 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). If anyone is interested in going, please see Carole Gray or text/call her on [REDACTED] and she will get tickets.

❖ **Wesley Hall Festival**

At the General Church Meeting last year we agreed to organise a 'mini-festival' at Wesley Hall, with the Bible Society's "Creation: A Celebration" exhibition panels as the centrepiece. This will take place in June this year, with the exhibition open 10.00am-4.00pm, every Wednesday-Saturday, from 10th to 27th June. Running alongside this will be several afternoon craft workshops and evening concerts. Judith Simms is doing most of the organising of the events but, as requested at the meeting last year, we will need volunteers to help during the event. Each day is divided into two 3-hour sessions: 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00-4.00pm. We need 2 or 3 people to be here for each session to welcome visitors, chat, serve refreshments (drinks and cake), and to generally keep an eye on things. If you can offer your time in this way, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church for as many sessions as you feel able to offer. We would also appreciate fresh home-made cakes to serve, so if that's your skill, there's room to sign up for that too. If you need any further information, please talk to Judith at church, or on the phone - 266 0010.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Roof Works Update**

We have heard back from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair fund that was announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and then added to in the Budget last month. Our application was successful and we were awarded the maximum grant possible of £100,000. This takes the total raised to just over £265,000 which is enough to complete all of the works identified by our architect, which is really great news. Since the project went out to tender last year and we have chosen our main contractor, work should start in the next few months. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this project over the last 5 years; we have finally got there!

❖ **Children, Families & Youth Work - Update**

Our Gift Days for this year and the next two years will be used to continue the part-time Children and Families Worker role, which has made such a difference to the life and outreach of our church for the past three years, and also to create a new part-time post of Pre-teen & Youth Development Worker. This person will work primarily with the 9 to 16 age range; building community, sharing faith and nurturing young people. We already have many links with those at the lower end of this age range through our children's activities developed in recent years, not to mention those within our Sunday congregation and uniformed organisations. They will give us the opportunity to create a coherent programme of activities for young people, mirroring what we have seen blossom with the younger age.

Thank you to all who have already given or pledged money through our Gift Day appeal. We have already received gifts and pledges totalling £9,000 per year! If you have not yet done so already, it's still not too late. Pledge forms are available at the back of the church or speak to our treasurer, Matt Irons, in confidence for further details.

During April we will be submitting various grant applications to various parties, including Sheffield Circuit and Sheffield Methodist District, and hope to hear responses to most of these by June. Money pledged already will greatly strengthen these applications. Please pray that we would be able to clearly articulate the opportunities that we believe are opening up before us to these funding bodies. We expect to be in a position to start advertising for these roles in June.

❖ **CLC – Used Books**

CLC Bookshops receives and recycles Christian books and Bibles. This month, used books are 3 for 2. Fresh stock is added daily, so check the shelves as often as you can! Go to <http://eepurl.com/biYP0T> for more information on used books. What we can't display is passed on to Book Aid for sending overseas. Our details: CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, SHEFFIELD S1 4EQ; 0114 2724663; sheffield@clcbookshops.com; and find us on Facebook & Twitter.