



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 28th April 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 service	10:30am	Preacher	Dr. Chris Sissons
		Worship Leader	Emma Irons
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Stay & Pray	Prayer at Home (see below)
		The stewards on duty are Steve & Linda Wright	

And next week *10:45am At Walkley Ebenezer* *(see below)*
5th May

THIS WEEK...

❖ Crisis in Syria

More than three million people have been forced to flee their homes due to the ongoing conflict in Syria. Local infrastructure has been severely damaged, meaning food supplies are limited and many families lack access to water or basic medical care. A million people are estimated to have fled to neighbouring countries where they are finding supplies are stretched and refugee camps nearly filled to capacity.

MRDF have launched a Syria Appeal to help pay for essential supplies such as food, hygiene kits and warm clothes, as well as counselling for those who have experienced trauma, and remedial classes for children who are missing out on normal education. To donate to this appeal, please use the MRDF envelopes provided or visit www.charitycheckout.co.uk/291691/syria to give online.

❖ 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 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.

❖ Student Coffee & Cake

All students welcome to shelter from the wind/ keep warm/ enjoy the balmy spring evening (delete as appropriate) at [REDACTED] from 8pm onwards this evening. Plenty of cake whatever the weather! Contact Rev. Cat Harland on 07597 673106 for details.

❖ 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 30th April.

❖ **Wednesday Group**

Wednesday Group is meeting here at Wesley Hall this Wednesday 1st May at 7:30pm for an evening with the Townwomen's Guild Singers.

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this Thursday 2nd May from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ **Joint Service at Walkley**

A large proportion of the Sunday morning congregation are out of Sheffield on Sunday 5th May, either at the Church Weekend Away or other events. Rather than ask a preacher to prepare a service for what we know will be a reduced number, we will be holding a joint service at Walkley Ebenezer on that day. This means that there will be no service here on Sunday 5th May but there will be lifts available from the Wesley Hall car park for those who would like one. The joint service starts at 10:45am so if you would like a lift (or you have a car and are able to give a lift) please come to the Wesley Hall car park for the usual time of 10:30am to make sure that we can get everyone down the hill.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Prayer8**

The next Prayer8 is being hosted by the Sheffield North Circuit on Wednesday 8th May from 11am – 7pm at The Cross at Yew Lane (the Quiet Garden), Yew Lane, Sheffield S5 9AS. There will be space for personal prayer as well as suggestions for reflection on the theme of 'Hopes, Fears & Transformation'. Soup will be available from 12pm – 1pm and 5pm – 6pm.

There will also be an outdoor 'Prayer Trail' focussed on food and environment from 2pm – 3pm at LEAF Community Allotments, Herries Road, S5 7HA.

All are welcome to both events.

❖ **Sheffield University Gospel Choir**

The Sheffield University Gospel Choir present 'Brighter Day 2013', an evening of uplifting music, with a mixture of gospel, film, worship and stage songs, guaranteed to get you clapping and dancing! This will be held at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th May. Tickets cost £4 (£2 concessions) and are available on the door or from Liz. Money raised will be donated to a number of charities.

❖ **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 will be on Sunday 12th May and special envelopes will be available in which to make your gift. 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 previously signed a Gift Aid declaration, please include the date and your Gift Aid number on the outside of the envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer and have not completed a Gift Aid declaration, or have completed a declaration but do not know your Gift Aid number, please see Matt Irons.

We are very happy to accept gifts by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order. Gifts are welcome as a one off on or around the Gift Days or spread-over the year on a quarterly, monthly or weekly basis. If you have any questions about Gift Day or pledging, please see Matt Irons.

❖ **Wedding Invitation**

Beth Crome and Tim Jansen are getting married on Friday 9th August at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Psalter Lane. They have sent an open invitation (which is on the notice board at the back of church) to all at Wesley Hall to join them for the service and reception afterwards at the same venue. If are intending to go to the reception, please RSVP by 1st July by emailing [REDACTED].

❖ **Messy Church**

Join us on Saturday 18th May at 10:00am for our next Messy Church where we will be exploring the theme of 'Creation'.

❖ **Fun Day**

Just to let you know that after the success of our last Fun Day (The Fairtrade Festival), we will be running another on Friday 31st May. More details to follow shortly...

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (12th to 18th MAY)

❖ **May Day Trek**

As usual, the May Day Trek will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. This is a sponsored walk of 5, 10 or 15 miles. To get involved, see www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. There is also the Night Hike on Saturday 6th July (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

❖ **Concert**

There will be a concert in aid of Christian Aid by the Endcliffe Orchestra & Vivacity Choir on Saturday 11th May at 7:30pm at St Luke's Church in Lodge Moor. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be purchased by phoning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or e-mailing [REDACTED].

❖ **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. Are you able to collect during this year's street collection 12th to 18th May? I am also looking for volunteers to help count the money collected on Saturday 18th May. 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 about street collections.

❖ **Lunches & Cake Stall**

I would like to offer a morning coffee and lunch event as usual on Saturday 18th May but can only do this if one or two people can help me in the kitchen. Please see Andrea if you are able to help out in the kitchen. There will also be a cake stall, Margaret & Pat would be pleased to receive buns, cakes etc. for this.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Wesley Hall T-shirts**

The Wesley Hall T-shirts have arrived so if you asked for one, please collect it from Matt. We do have spares of most sizes so if you would like one but did not put your name on the list there should still be some available. A donation of £10 on receipt of each T-Shirt would help us meet costs.

❖ **Archives Request**

The church archives hold records of events held at Wesley Hall going back over 100 years but there is little information about more recent events. If you have any photographs or records from events held over the last few years (weekends away, trips out, flower festivals etc.) then please give them to Louise Etherington to include in the archives.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2012 Audio Recordings**

If you didn't make it to Spring Harvest this year, don't forget that we still have the audio recordings from Spring Harvest last year (2012). Our feature recording this week is the morning Bible Study by Ness Wilson on the passage John 13:1-36 with the theme 'Help them love'. If you would like to listen to this Bible study or want a list of all the available recordings, please see Matt.

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.