



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 1st March 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 services

10:30am All Age Worship

The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

Sunday 8th March

10:30am Mr. Luiz Montanheiro

6:00pm Prayer Service

Sunday 15th March

10:45am Mrs. Sheila Lomas

Sunday 22nd March

10:30am Rev. Catrin Harland

6:00pm Stay & Pray

THIS WEEK...

❖ Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship that started before Christmas is back! The next meeting is today from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Committee Room here at Wesley Hall with intention of meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month. The group is aimed at secondary school age young people (Y7 – Y11) and is open to all. If you would like more information (or need some help finding the room) please call Tim Jansen on [REDACTED].

It would also be really helpful to have another person involved in leading the group. There is no planning required, but we need another adult to come and help on the day.

❖ Lent Study

Our Lent Study Group continues this *Tuesday 3rd March* at 7:30pm here at Wesley Hall.

We are looking at a course produced jointly by Bible Society and the Biblical Studies Department of Sheffield University entitled 'Jesus the Jew'. The course explores the Jewish cultural setting of Jesus' life, ministry and teaching, how others in that context saw Jesus and how he saw himself, particularly what he and his disciples saw in the title 'Messiah'. We end with a look at the Lord's Prayer in its Jewish context. The venue is alternating between Walkley and Wesley Hall throughout the course.

❖ Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group will be meeting here at Wesley Hall this Wednesday 4th March for 'Days of sunshine, rain & rambling in the 20s' with Ann Beedham.

❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer House will be this *Thursday 5th March* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ **Craft Fair**

Following the repeated success of the Advent Fayre at Christmas time, we are holding a Craft Fair this *Saturday 7th March* from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We have already sold all 22 stalls but we would also like to offer refreshments to those who come to the fair. We are asking for donations of cakes etc. to sell on the day, so please dust off your oven gloves and get baking! If you are able to help the serving refreshments (for all or part of the time), please see Matt.

❖ **Stay & Play**

Stay & Play is back this *Saturday 7th March* from 10:00am to 12:00pm on the theme of 'Spring'. If anyone would like to make some cake or buy some for families to enjoy on the morning, that would be brilliant. You can bring it in on the morning or a few days before and leave it in the office.

❖ **St Matthew Passion**

The Sheffield Bach Choir, the St. Peter's Singers (from Leeds) and the National Festival Orchestra will be performing "The St. Matthew Passion" at Sheffield Cathedral this *Saturday 7th March* at 6:30pm. The tickets are £16; concessions are £13 and are available at: www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk or please see Alison MacFarlane

COMING SOON...

❖ **Leadership Team**

The Wesley Hall Leadership Team meet monthly to pray, share ideas and plan/ review church events and the next meeting is on *Monday 9th March*. Please pray for the meeting and let a member of the team know if there is anything that you would like to be discussed.

❖ **Amos Trust Benefit Gig**

There will be a benefit gig at Crookes Social Club on *Thursday 19th March* at 7:30pm to raise money to rebuild Palestinian homes. There will be great music, mostly from the 60s and 70s from the band Redback and the Socialist choir will drop in to sing two Palestinian songs. Tickets are £6 on the door. For more information see the Amos Trust website at www.amostrust.org/amos-palestine.

❖ **The Good, The Bad, and the Bible – It's a Mystery**

Presented by the Silhouette Theatre Company at Victoria Hall Methodist Church on *Wednesday 1st April* at 7pm. Tickets £4 (£3 concessions), Family Ticket £12.50, please call [REDACTED] or (0114) 272 1749 for more information.

❖ **Easter Breakfast**

We will be hosting breakfast and early morning Communion on Easter Sunday morning, jointly for Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. Whilst not attempting to emulate the kippers in John 21:9, Neil Harland is willing to organise a cooked breakfast in addition to the usual continental option if a few people can help out.

❖ **Songs from the Shows**

We will be holding an evening of 'Songs from the Shows' here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 25th April* at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £6 for adults (£4 concessions) and are available on the door or by calling [REDACTED]. All profits will go to the roof repair fund.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to everyone who gave generously to World Leprosy Mission Sunday. £125 has been sent towards the work of the Leprosy Mission. God bless you all. Sue Mills

❖ Donations for the Rucksack Project

Hello. Thank you all for your donations for The Rucksack project. We now have four rucksacks with which to bless homeless people in Sheffield. We need to fill them with soup and warm clothing and buy four sleeping bags. If anyone would like to donate some money buy these things, please put it in a labelled envelope in the offering plate. For more information about the project visit:

www.rucksackproject.org. Hopefully we will soon have a date for giving them away, and you can join us for that if you would like to. Many thanks, Liz and Louise.

❖ Frozen Sing-Along

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Frozen Sing-Along yesterday afternoon. The event was a huge success with over 240 people of all ages filling the Sanctuary to watch the film (and join in with the songs)! The kids all had a great time and most had dressed up for the occasion. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers, without whom community building events like this would not be possible.

❖ Children, Families & Youth Update

When the snow abated for long enough for Church Council to meet, it was agreed that we should seek funding for another three years for the children & families role currently undertaken by Liz. We will also be creating a new part time post of a pre-teen and youth 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. Please consider how you can support this wonderful opportunity through prayer, helping to plan recruitment (speak to Neil Harland), being ready to support the running of events for children and young people, or financial giving.

We have raised over £8,000 to fund children's work in each of our last three Gift Days, and will need to raise more than this for the next three years. If some people are able to pledge their intention to support financially this will help us to unlock external grant funding. Speak to Matt Irons in confidence for details.

Our half term Fun Day last week was full to capacity, so kids seem to be keen on what we offer. If you can help out at the next one on *Monday 30th March*, please speak to Liz.