



# Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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## Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### 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.

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<b>Today's service</b>	<b>10.30 am:</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)</b>
		<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Emma Irons</b>
		The steward on duty today is Pat Singleton	

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<i>And next week</i>	<i>10.30 am:</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Mandy Boyce</i>
		<i>The steward on duty will be Andrew Gray</i>	

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### THIS WEEK...

#### ❖ Spring Harvest 2010

A group of us from church will be travelling to Skegness on Tuesday afternoon to attend Spring Harvest. We will be on site for four full days from Wednesday through to Saturday. If anyone fancies coming to join us for a day, then day passes are available to purchase when you arrive at the gates of Butlins. An "All Day Pass" is valid from 8:30am to 11:30pm or alternatively you can purchase an "Evening Only" pass to cover 5:00pm to 11:30pm. Prices are on the Spring Harvest website [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org) and day passes sold while Spring Harvest is running are subject to availability, so perhaps it would be best to telephone ahead to check, before setting off. Ask either Emma, Simone, Andrea or Silas for their mobile numbers and we can make sure we meet up.

#### ❖ Men's Breakfast

A group of us continue to meet for a chat over a bacon and egg sandwich from 8:30 to 9:30am downstairs in the hall. Please join us for our next meeting on *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April*. If you have any queries, speak to Gareth or Jim.

#### ❖ Spring Fayre

The Spring Fayre is on *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April* from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please come along to support this effort as we need money to keep our church building habitable for the future.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

#### ❖ Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April*. We will start with a meal at 6:00pm followed by the meeting. There is a list on the notice board at the back of the Worship Area for you to sign up for your meal, cost £2.

#### ❖ Wesley Hall: The Way Forward

For a number of years we have been considering the future of our building. The current layout of our building is not particularly good and the age and size of the building mean that maintenance costs will continue to rise; the fact that the building is listed is an added complication. Additionally we are reliant on

volunteers to maintain and administer the building; an issue made more difficult because of increasing legislation on health and safety, fire regulations etc.

At the Church Meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February we discussed possible options for organising ourselves in order to lessen the burden on the congregation of maintaining the property. The meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February considered that we should form a Social Enterprise Company to administer the building. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March the Church Council agreed to progress the establishment of a Social Enterprise Company to manage our premises in order that the congregation can be freed to better take forward our Christian mission. Over the last few weeks we have had discussions with: Together for Regeneration, South Yorkshire Funding Advisory Bureau, Voluntary Action Sheffield, one of our local councillors, Freedom2Serve and a firm of architects.

Please come to the Annual Church Meeting on *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April* when we can discuss the implications of this in more detail.

#### ❖ **Representatives To The New Wesley Ebenezer Church Council**

At the AGM on *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April* we will need to elect representatives to the new combined church council for Wesley Hall & Walkley Ebenezer. We are entitled to elect 5 people, as well as 3 Stewards (who will most likely be Dorothy White, Simone Hardy & Sue Chapman as the members of the Leadership Team who don't have a seat in another capacity). Any church member is eligible to be considered for this, not just those who are currently members of our Church Council.

If you feel that this is something you would like to be considered for, could you let John Simms have your name either in my pigeon-hole, by post or by e-mail [minister@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:minister@wesleyhall.org.uk). Names need to be in by *Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April*.

#### ❖ **Worship Steward Required**

Our thanks to Bernard Newbound who is retiring as a Worship Steward at the AGM. The job of Steward is not time consuming as stewards are only on duty once every 5 weeks. Please ask Dorothy or one of the other Worship Stewards for more information about this ministry.

## COMING SOON...

#### ❖ **Fellowship Group Faith Meal**

This is an open invitation to those already in fellowship groups, those who may be interested in joining one or those who would just like to find out more, to join us for a faith meal on *Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April* starting at 6:00pm in the downstairs hall. We will enjoy sharing in fellowship over a meal and there will be an opportunity for discussion. For further details, please speak to either Silas or Gareth.

**All the church family are warmly invited.**

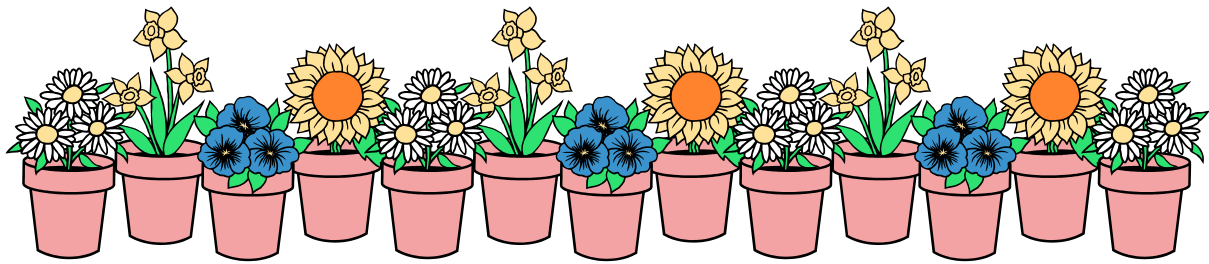
#### ❖ **Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid Week will be from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May. The main focus of the week is the door to door street collection which I am organising for a number of streets in Crookes. I would welcome offers from any of you who feel able to collect on one of these streets, it will involve delivering the envelopes on one day and returning later in the week to collect them. There will be the usual event at church on the *Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May* partly to count the envelopes but there will also be lunches available which will be home made soup. Would appreciate any offers to make a soup and/or help in the kitchen on the day. Thanks, Andrea.

#### ❖ **Sheffield Half Marathon**

The Sheffield Half Marathon will take place on *Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April*. Rachel McCallam is running the *Sheffield Half* this year in order to raise money for new Chef Uniforms for the students in our joint project with Barnardo's. Sponsor forms are at the back of Church or in the Café in the Church Hall. Having proper uniforms is one of the points the recent volunteer meeting raised as a way of getting the students to feel like 'real' chefs. Please help if you can.

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



### *Mission Enabler ~ Spring Newsletter 2010*

Dear Friends,

How lovely to see the sun shining, the flowers blooming and to feel the temperature rise a little ☺ I am reminded of these words from Song of Songs;

*'Look around you: Winter is over; the winter rains are over, gone!*

*Spring flowers are in blossom all over.*

*The whole world's a choir ~ and singing!'*

Chapter 2 The Message

### **Equipped For Mission**

Thank you so much to everyone for sharing in our first session together ~ I really enjoyed spending the evening with you ☺ Our next date is April 12<sup>th</sup> when we will be looking at the story of the early church ~ please come along and join with us. We meet from 7.30pm to 9pm at Broomhill Methodist Church and as it's my birthday I can promise you cake!

### **Circuit Stories Day**

This event is planned for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 1pm to 4pm at Broomhill Methodist Church. If you would like your church family to share in this day do please let me know ~ we are hoping that each church will contribute something of their own story to the day. The theme for the day is '**Tell Out My Soul**' ~ this theme can be expressed in any number of ways, inc; song, drama, readings, photography, artwork etc.





### **Cre8**

Cre8 (Create) is a new outreach initiative at Stannington Methodist meeting twice monthly; once a month at Knowle Top and once a month at the Hall Park Head Community Centre.

Our first session is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ Knowle Top from 4pm-5pm

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**We would love to welcome you as a volunteer for this outreach opportunity!**

Please give me a call if you feel able to support us by talking to people; helping the children; making drinks; cleaning up; being welcoming etc



### **Hallam Prayer Path**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April I will be creating an indoor prayer path at Hallam Methodist Church. Following the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm this will be an opportunity to meditate upon the images portrayed in this Psalm and to prayerfully journey with God through meditation, readings, pictures, responses etc. Starting at 10am and finishing at 4pm you are invited to come along for five minutes or five hours to share in this reflective Easter activity.



Please contact me for further details about anything mentioned in this newsletter; [missionenabler@btconnect.com](mailto:missionenabler@btconnect.com) or [REDACTED]