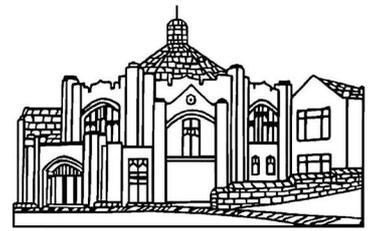




Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 9th March 2014

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	Preacher	Rev. Jonathan Haigh
		Worship Leader	Neil Harland
	6:00pm	Prayer Service	Rev. John Simms
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 16th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>	
<i>Sunday 23rd March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. Catrin Harland</i>	<i>6:00pm Stay & Pray</i>
<i>Sunday 30th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mrs. Helen Hind</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Lent Course

John is running a short course during Lent this year on the subject: "Lord, teach us to pray". This is not only an opportunity to look at Prayer together, but also to put into practice what we talk about and to learn from each other. The course continues (don't worry if you missed the first one) this Thursday evening from 8:00pm to 9:30pm, and details of the other dates and venues are as below:

Thursday 13 th March	Walkley	"I don't know what to say"
Thursday 20 th March	Wesley Hall	"Hands together, eyes closed"
Thursday 27 th March	Walkley	"When words are not enough"
Thursday 3 rd April	Wesley Hall	"If at first you don't succeed..."

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at these meetings.

❖ Prayer for Lydgate Schools

There are meetings taking place in local churches for anyone who would like to support the Lydgate schools through prayer. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings which all start at 7:45pm for refreshments, then prayer from 8:00 to 9:00pm. The dates are as follows:

Monday 10 th March	St Columba's, Crosspool
Monday 12 th May	St Thomas, Crookes
Monday 9 th June	St Columba's, Crosspool

❖ Church Flowers

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Dorothy Howson.

There are quite a lot of spare weeks in April and May on the flower rota which allows people to 'sponsor' the weekly flower arrangements in the worship area. If this is something you would like to do, please add your name to the rota at the back of church. If you have any queries, please speak to Sue Mills.

MRDF

❖ **Partnership with MRDF in Mali**

Towards the end of 2012, John ran MRDF's Iota course which focussed on the country of Mali. Following on from the course, we have committed to raise at least £1,000 over 2 years to support this work. Each Sunday through lent we will be sharing news about MRDF and their Malian partner, AMAPEF as part of our worship.

When you came in you should have been given a flat collection box. We would encourage you to assemble the box (there are some pre-assembled boxes if you prefer!) and use it to collect what you feel able to give during lent. Then we can all bring our boxes back to Wesley Hall at Easter and offer them to support MRDF's work in Mali.

❖ **Spring Newsletter**

You will find the latest Spring Newsletter from MRDF at the back of church. Please do have a look through it; the first page is dedicated to a project in Mali.

❖ **Past, Present & Future**

We have been invited by MRDF to an event to launch the charity's future plans, including the introducing of the charity's new name. This will take place on *Saturday 29th March* at Victoria Methodist Church, Stafford Road, S2 2SE from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The programme for the event includes a keynote address from MRDF's Chief Executive, a talk by the director of an MRDF partner organisation from India and opportunities for discussion and to pick up new resources. The event is free, but MRDF ask for those who intend to attend to register by calling 020 7467 5123 or visiting the website at www.mrdf.org.uk/future.

COMING SOON

❖ **Crookes Memories Day & Crookes Forum Open Meeting**

Bring along your memories, stories, photos or documents of bygone Crookes to chat about over tea or coffee on *Wednesday 19th March* from 10:00am to 4:00pm at St. Thomas, Crookes. Come along for the morning or afternoon - or both! There will be a free Pie and Peas lunch at 12:30pm.

❖ **Community Ceilidh Saturday 22nd March, 5:00-7:00pm**

The Ceilidh is fast approaching where we shall be clearing the Sanctuary and dancing round the church! A ceilidh is a Scottish country dance, similar to a barn dance. The moves are simple and repeated through the dance to tunes, which will be provided by a Crookes band. They also provide a caller to tell you what to do, so don't worry if you have never ceilidh-ed before. Dancers aged 1 to 99 are very welcome and the evening includes a pizza dinner. The cost is just £3 for adults and free for children.

Liz now has tickets for this event. If you have any children, grandchildren, friends or neighbours who you think would enjoy the Ceilidh, please take some tickets from Liz so that you have some to sell. If you think that you would enjoy it yourself, please buy your ticket now!

❖ **Evangelism Workshop**

There will be an evangelism workshop on *Thursday 27th March* from 7:30pm at Carterknowle Methodist Church, Edgedale Road, S7 2BQ. This is a free event, with a range of workshops to choose from:

- How to run a Holiday at Home with an evangelistic emphasis
- How to run a children's holiday club at your church
- Working with unchurched young people
- How to run a Community Festival with an evangelistic emphasis
- How does Chaplaincy help us in mission?

The aim of is to choose just one workshop in an area of work that you are involved in at your local church – or that you and your church would like to be involved in. You will then have a 90 minute workshop to

resource you with ideas and enable you to be more effective; to be able to share ideas and gain support from others; and to connect with other people in the circuit doing similar work. Contact Jonathan Haigh on [REDACTED] or email: [REDACTED] to book your place or just turn up.

❖ **X:Site**

X:Site is back on *Saturday 29th March* from 6:00 to 8:00pm for all Y3 to Y6s. X:Site is an evening full of fun and games, loud singing of songs to God and an exciting look at the Bible. Entry is £2.50 and for more information or to register please call Liz on 07412 124 310.

❖ **Whit Sing**

The Sheffield West Branch Whit Sing will take place here at Wesley Hall at 2:45pm *Sunday 8th June*. A hymn sheet for the event is being compiled and the closing date for contributions is *Sunday 30th March*. If you have a favourite song you would like included, please speak to Lesley Ingamells or Alan Glossop.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **A Note from Dorothy**

I'd love to say many, many thanks to so many of you for your prayers, flowers and gifts. At the moment, I feel as if the ending to this will never come but I am sure that with all your help and prayers I will get through it. I am out of the post operation (high dependency) unit and am to be transferred to the Hallamshire for intense physiotherapy. I really don't know how long that will take, but I am learning to be patient (!) and to follow the physio's instructions. Do come and visit if you have time, it would be good to see some friendly faces.

God bless you and I do miss you,

Love Dorothy

❖ **Giving A Bit**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now registered with 'giving a bit'. This is a website that allows charity supporters to generate income for their favourite charities as they shop online at **no cost to themselves**. If you would like to begin helping Wesley Hall, follow the instructions below:

1. Sign up at www.givingabit.com (it's completely free)
2. Select 'Find a charity or community'
3. Search for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church
4. Click 'Join this community'
5. Start generating income for Wesley Hall at **no cost to you!**

'Giving a bit' is supported by hundreds of popular online retailers such as Amazon, Argos, Boots, Debenhams, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more. If you are going to buy something from one of these websites, make sure you log into 'giving a bit' first, search for the retailer and then click through to their website from 'giving a bit'. Then, any purchases you make will be linked to your 'giving a bit' account and Wesley Hall will benefit. Many retailers have special offers for those who use 'giving a bit', so it is worth logging in and checking if you could save money before you make any purchases online. There is also a handy widget that you can download to quickly let you know if the website you are using supports 'giving a bit' without having to log back into the main website.

If you have any questions or would like some help getting set up, just talk to Matt Irons.

❖ **Church Offering for February**

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now a registered charity number 1150284. As a registered charity, we are now publishing the amount given in the church offering both on Sunday morning and via standing order. The amount given in February was £1,550.16; thank you for your generosity. If you would like to give regularly to Wesley Hall, please see Matt Irons.