



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Mothering Sunday 15th 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 service **10:30am** **Mrs. Sheila Lomas**
The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

Sunday 22nd March *10:30am* *Rev. Catrin Harland* *6:00pm* *Stay & Pray*
Sunday 29th March *10:30am* *Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 5th April *8:15am* *Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast*
10:30am *All Age Easter Celebration*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship that started before Christmas is back! The next meeting is this evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Committee Room with the 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 17th 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 18th March* at 7:30pm for a members evening.

❖ 3D: Faith in the Real World

Scripture Union are running this event for churches, parents, teachers and all who want to see the faith of children and young people thrive here at Wesley Hall on *Thursday 19th March* at 7:30pm.

Children and young people live life in many dimensions. How do we ensure that faith is thriving at home, school and church? Faith can easily be relegated to the back page of their story rather than being the theme that runs all the way through it. This practical training event with a dynamic mix of discussion, activity and teaching from experienced professionals from Scripture Union & Urban Saints, will help you

support, sustain and equip children and young people to live vibrant, faithful lives. It will be an opportunity to explore what we do at home, church and school to ensure that children and young people encounter, trust and live for Jesus.

The cost is £5 (if cost is an issue please get in touch). Please contact Barbara Revill on 01661 599 315 or BarbaraR@scriptureunion.org.uk for more information or to book.

❖ **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 rebuilt 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.

❖ **Silver Spectrum Concert**

The Award Winning Silver Spectrum Wind Band presents "Best of British". In preparation for their upcoming performance at the 30th Anniversary National Concert Band Festival Finals, the band offers a celebration of the music of British composers (with contributions from other nations!). The concert is here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 21st March* at 7:30pm and tickets cost £5 (£4 concessions) and are available on the door.

❖ **Gift Day 2015**

We have raised over £8,000 in each of our last three Gift Days to fund children's work but will need to raise more than this for the next three years to continue this work and also expand our youth provision. In order to help us unlock external grant funding, we need to show local financial support for the project, which we will be doing through pledges.

In order to enable us to meet grant funding deadlines, we will be holding our Gift Day next *Sunday 22nd March*. All money will be put into the Children, Families & Youth Fund and more details of our plans for work in these areas can be found later in the newsletter. To be confident that we are able to support this work across the whole three year period, and to help with grant applications, we are asking for pledges to cover the next two Gift Days, along with gifts for this year.

As you come in next week, you will be given a pledge form in an envelope. The pledge form can be used to indicate what you intend to give this year and on the Gift Days in 2016 and 2017. Pledging is not a binding agreement but just an indication of what you intend to give. Please seal completed pledge forms in their envelope and put them in the collection during any Sunday service. The details of this form will be kept confidential and all forms will be held by the treasurer, Matt Irons. Completed forms are welcome on any Sunday morning and not just on Gift Day.

You are welcome to include your gift for 2015 along with your completed pledge form. If you do this and 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 on 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.

❖ **Stations of the Cross at 35 Chapel Walk**

This Lent, instead of giving up something you love, visit community art space 35 Chapel Walk for their new exhibition Stations of the Cross. The exhibition, which will be on show at 35 Gallery from the *14th to 27th March* (Monday to Saturday, 10:30am to 5:30pm) portrays a series of scenes from the final hours of the life of Jesus, an ancient tradition that has over the centuries enabled people to reflect and meditate upon this powerful story.

We have commissioned local artists to produce work based on particular events including the Last Supper, Jesus bearing the cross and Jesus being crucified. Works in paint, installation, film and textiles

are brought together in a thought-provoking display which involves the viewer in a series of occurrences, some which they may be familiar with and others that may not be so familiar.

Artists exhibiting in show are Keith Barley, Naomi Gordon, Sue Griffiths, Tomas Harker, Iris Harris, Madeleine Kay, Foster Michiodiaa-Ayler, Jess Smedley, Ric Stott and Hijas Veerasan.

Holy Week Services

Monday 30 th March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Tuesday 31 st March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Wednesday 1 st April	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Mary Tozer House	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday	10:00am	Wesley Hall	Prayer Walk
	11:00am	Walkley Ebenezer	Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday	8:15am	Wesley Hall	Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Wesley Hall	All Age Easter Celebration

COMING SOON...

❖ 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 7:00pm. Tickets £4 (£3 concessions), Family Ticket £12.50, please call [REDACTED] or (0114) 272 1749 for more information.

❖ Easter breakfast

Thank you to those who have offered to help with breakfast on Easter morning. We will share in early morning communion at 8:15am and then proceed to breakfast around 9:00am. If you expect to come to the breakfast, please add your name to the list at the back of the sanctuary so that we have an approximate idea of numbers for catering purposes. With our 10:30am service being an all age celebration, we hope also with enough willing hands to be able to offer a bacon roll by way of hospitality to our uniformed organisations, their families and indeed anyone else until shortly before 10:30am.

❖ 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.

❖ Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year is from *10th – 16th May*; are you able to help in any way with this? Thanks to those of you involved last year when 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 fund raise in other ways. Emma came up with a great idea last year of getting the parents/carers from the Toddlers 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. The University Students Gospel choir also contributed to Christian Aid from funds raised at a concert during the Christian Aid period. Have you got any other fund raising 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 money for Christian Aid.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Children, Families & Youth Work

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 (see Gift Day above).

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.

❖ CLC Bookshops

At CLC Bookshops you can find ten brilliant children's books at just £1 each, new Rend Collective and Stuart Townend CDs, stacks of new titles, offers and always plenty of great resources, cards and gifts for every need. Plus you get a £10 reward with the CLC loyalty card. See you soon!

❖ 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.