



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 15th June 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 service	10:30am	Preacher	Deacon Meredith Evans
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 22nd June</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms</i>	<i>6:00pm Stay & Pray</i>
<i>Sunday 29th June</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mr. John Harding</i>	
<i>Sunday 6th July</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>All Age Worship</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Church Council

The next Church Council Meeting will be at 7:30pm on *Thursday 19th June* at Walkley Ebenezer. Any agenda items to John or Andrea please.

❖ An American Celebration

As part of the Broomhill Festival, Sheffield Bach Choir will be singing popular choral music by Rutter, Lauridsen and Hunt, traditional spirituals, an Anglo-Latin requiem and hits from the Broadway musicals including *Summertime*, *Ol' Man River*, *I Got Rhythm* and *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*. At St Mark's Broomhill at 7:30pm on *Saturday 21st June*, tickets £15 (concessions £12). See Alison for more details.

❖ Liz is Looking for Plastic Bottles

Do you have any plastic bottles lying around? Our next messy church (this *Saturday 21st June*) is all about God providing for us and we will be looking at the story of Elijah and the ravens. One of the crafts will be making model ravens out of plastic bottles, normal 500ml water/ coke ones. If you could save your bottles (with lids) and give them to Liz, she would appreciate it. Many thanks and God Bless, Liz.

❖ Lydia's Christening

Lydia Irons' Christening will take place during the service next week. All are welcome to join us in celebrating and to share some cake after the service! Matt, Emma & Rebekah.

COMING SOON...

❖ Flower Festival at Walkley

Our sister Church at Walkley Ebenezer is holding a Flower Festival on *Saturday 28th June* from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on *Sunday 29th June* from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The theme is "Wheels in Walkley". The Festival is part of the Walkley Festival, it will also be very close to the Tour de France and refreshments will also be available both days. Anyone who would like to submit an arrangement would be very welcome. The Church will be open on the afternoon of *Friday 27th June* and if you would more details please speak to Freda at Walkley. There is a £10 allowance towards the flowers and if you wish

Freda is willing to purchase the flowers from the market. Also, given the theme of the festival Freda is appealing for any spare wheels you may have, please let her know. Thank you, Pat Wright.

❖ **Songs for Summer**

Methodist Women in Britain present the City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir, with soloists from the David Glover Festival of Singing, at 7:30pm on *Saturday 28th June* at Nether Green. Tickets cost £6 (including refreshments) and are available by calling [REDACTED].

❖ **BEVOX & Sooper Troopers Concert**

BEVOX Community Choir is performing with Sooper Troopers Love2Sing, a choir for people with learning disabilities. Come and enjoy an evening of uplifting and popular music here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 5th July* at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 on the door with all proceeds to Super Troopers. For more information call Elizabeth on [REDACTED].

❖ **Anne and Neil's Wedding**

Anne and Neil would like to invite people from Wesley Hall to their Wedding Service at St. John's Church Deepcar (near Stocksbridge) at 1:00pm on *Saturday 12th July*.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **A Big (Lunch) Thank You!**

A big thank you to everyone who helped at or came along to the Big Lunch last week. We fed around 200 people and the event was a great success. We do have some frozen burgers and sausages left over and if you can make use of them, please see Matt Irons.

PLEASE PRAY FOR IRAQ

Up to 1,000 Christian families have fled Iraq's second largest city of Mosul after it was taken over by militant jihadists. Taking only what they could carry, Christians fled to the relatively safe 'Kurdish' region or to the Christian Nineveh district in the countryside.

The militant army, called the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIS), took control of Mosul early on 10 June, prompting a mass exodus of citizens. Reports from the BBC indicate that up to 500,000 people have now fled the city.

The situation in and around Mosul is becoming much worse, said Open Doors' representative for Iraq. "Mosul soon will be emptied of Christians. This could be the last migration of Christians from Mosul."

Open Doors sources report that some 200 Christian families are sheltering in the monastery of Mar Mattai some 12 miles from Mosul. A further 50 families are sheltering in a monastery in Alqosh. Others have fled further afield to Erbil, capital of the Kurdish autonomous region of Kurdistan, where they are taking refuge in local churches.

"We left the food and ran," said one mother of four. "We didn't even stop for our shoes, we fled in our sandals! We just made sure to take our IDs and important papers. The children were very scared."

A church leader shared: "Pray that we can return quickly to Mosul, because the future is unknown for us all. How can we live, find work for an income? Pray for peace in Iraq," he added. "We have had enough of wars. Nowhere is safe here."

Please Pray:

- That those who have had to flee their homes will find a safe place to stay
- For protection for the few Christians who still remain in Mosul
- That the Iraqi government and other international leaders will have wisdom in handling the crisis. Pray for an end to all bloodshed and instability in Iraq and the wider region.

With many thanks for your prayers, **Open Door Prayer Team.**