



# Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 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**    **Rev. Phillip Borkett**  
The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May*      10.45 am *Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion and United Service)*  
6.00pm-7.00pm *Stay and Pray*

*Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May*      10.30am *Rev. Graham Wassell*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June*      10.30am *Rev. John Simms-All Age Worship*

## THIS WEEK...

### ❖ **Big Plant Sale at Walkley Ebenezer**

Our friends at Walkley Ebenezer are holding a plant sale from 10am to 1pm on **Saturday 23rd May**. The sale is open to anyone who wants to sell their own plants at a small charge per table or bring them along to be sold to raise money for church funds. Tea and coffee will be served during the morning.

### ❖ **United Service at Wesley Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Please note that the United Service here at Wesley Hall next **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** will start at 10.45am, and not our usual time.

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ **Robert and Annabel's Christening**

Robert and Annabel Clark's Christening will take place during the service on **Sunday 14th June**. All are welcome to join us in the celebration and to share some cake after the service! Avril and Martin.

### ❖ **Wesley Hall Festival**

At the General Church Meeting last year we agreed to organise a 'mini-festival' at Wesley Hall, with the Bible Society's "Creation: A Celebration" exhibition panels as the centrepiece. This will take place in June this year, with the exhibition open 10.00am-4.00pm, every Wednesday-Saturday, from **10th to 27th June**. Running alongside this will be several afternoon craft workshops and evening concerts. Judith Simms is doing most of the organising of the events but, as requested at the meeting last year, we will need volunteers to help during the event. Each day is divided into two 3-hour sessions: 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00-4.00pm. We need 2 or 3 people to be here for each session to welcome

visitors, chat, serve refreshments (drinks and cake), and to generally keep an eye on things. If you can offer your time in this way, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church for as many sessions as you feel able to offer. We would also appreciate fresh home-made cakes to serve, so if that's your skill, there's room to sign up for that too. If you need any further information, please talk to Judith at church, or on the phone - 266 0010.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2016 - 28th March - 1st April**

A number of us from Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer went to Spring Harvest this year. We enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshment, great teaching and worship, fellowship and fun! Many of us plan to go again next Easter and would love more of both congregations to join us. As the Skegness venue was fully booked this year, we will be booking for next year as soon as the lines open in June. If you are interested in coming along, or just want more information, please see Andrew or Carole Gray (or call them on [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]).

❖ **Whitsun Celebration (Whit Sing) - Sunday 24th May 2015**

This year the West Branch has decided to have an outdoor gathering at Hampton View Church instead of our usual service at Wesley Hall. The reason for this change is because the very first Pentecost started in an upper room but then after the Church had received the Holy Spirit they went outside and preached the gospel to those who had gathered; people from all over the known world, who heard the Gospel in their own tongues. We feel the current format of the Whit Sing, although enjoyable to us, has become just another service, inside another building, serving people who already go to church. The original Whit Sings were held outside in a park, involving many Sunday school children and uniformed organisations. Then in the afternoon they met for games and picnics around the S6 area. So if anything, we want to return back to our original roots. We are exploring the opportunity of inviting Hillsborough Tabernacle and Langsett Road Salvation Army. If it rains we are hoping to go indoors at St Barts Church on Primrose Hill. For future years, if this experiment works well, we would like to explore other possible places to meet, nearer to the other churches in the fellowship.

What will happen and when? (a very rough guide): 12.30pm Start; 1.00pm Picnic; 1.30pm Games and Crafts; 2.45pm Singing and Devotion.

❖ **Cliff College Festival**

Our annual Festival will take place over the bank holiday weekend (**22–25 May**). This year we are exploring the theme of 'All', looking at what it means to be a church shaped by God's mission, that is, a church which demonstrates genuine community and is radically open to all as an expression of God's grace and welcome. Please join us for the weekend (£30 for a weekend pass), a day (£12 for a day pass) or an evening (free from 7pm onwards). For more details – and the programme – please visit [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/festival](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/festival) or email Cathi Thacker at: [c.thacker@cliffcollege.ac.uk](mailto:c.thacker@cliffcollege.ac.uk)

❖ **“School of Prayer”**

Some of you may remember that I ran a 'School of Prayer' during Lent 2014. Some people were not able to attend at the time, and have asked for me to repeat the course. This will be taking place on the following **Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m.** at Walkley:

3rd June – A Few Questions;

10th June – I Don't Know What To Say;

24th June – Hands Together, Eyes Closed;

1st July – When Words Are Not Enough;

15th July – If At First You Don't Succeed

It would be great to see you there! John

### ❖ The Big Lunch

Following the success of previous years, we will be hosting our 2015 Big Lunch after our All Age Worship on **Sunday 7th June from 12 noon**. The Big Lunch is an Eden Project initiative partnered by the Halifax. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually on the first Sunday in June, in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Here at Wesley Hall, we will be providing a free Big Lunch barbecue. In addition, Avril Clark and her colleague Alice Jacobs from the Halifax will be fundraising for the Sheffield S6 Foodbank. Stalls in our foyer will include tombola and nail-painting. Please can you dig out any unwanted Christmas presents, toiletry sets, chocolates, etc. that could be used as prizes for the tombola stall and pass these to Avril or Matt between now and the start of June. Thanks.

### ❖ Curry Night to raise funds for Hope for Justice

Modern Day slavery both exists and is much more widespread than is often known; financially it is very lucrative for the Traffickers. People and children are trafficked for both sexual exploitation and domestic servitude and it is estimated there are 35.8 million slaves worldwide. A Government analysis in 2014 said that there are as many as 13,000 people in Britain that are victims of slavery. On **Saturday 20th June** there will be a Curry night at Wesley Hall starting at 7pm to raise funds for Hope for Justice a Christian Charity that identifies and rescues victims, advocates on their behalf, provides restorative care which rebuilds lives and trains front line professionals to tackle slavery. Please see Andrea, Sue or Joan for details of the menu and to purchase a ticket.

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ Can you please help and sponsor Bethan

I'm going to have my beautiful, long hair cut short, and donate it to a charity called 'Little Princess Trust', to be made into a wig for children who have hair loss due to cancer treatment and other causes. But I'd also like to raise money for Breast Cancer Campaign, for research into prevention and treatment for breast cancer. So please sponsor me to cut my hair short! My Gran has breast cancer and has faced it with real bravery. For her and for others in my family and so many others who have had breast cancer, I am giving my hair. Please give your money! You can donate on: [www.justgiving.com/Bethan-Harland](http://www.justgiving.com/Bethan-Harland)  
Thank you Bethan

### ❖ Whirlow Spirituality Centre

At last Sunday morning's service a lot of people were interested in the courses run by Rev Joy Adams at the Whirlow Spirituality Centre and she ran out of leaflets giving her contact details. Further information about the centre can be found at: [www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org](http://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org)

### ❖ Tea and Coffee Rota-Can you help please?

Judith Simms will be stepping down from the tea and coffee rota and we thank her for all she has done. This means that Andrea will be without a partner to help serve tea and coffee after morning worship. Refreshments after the service and the opportunity for a chat are important to many people. If you would be willing to help please speak to Andrea or Steve Wright.

### ❖ Retiring collection for Nepal

The recent retiring collection for Nepal raised £50 which Sue Mills has sent off through the Leprosy Mission. Thank you.