



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. John Simms
www.wesleyhall.org.uk



Sunday 20th March 2011

2nd Sunday in Lent

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.

Today's service 10:30 am: Preacher
The steward on duty today is

Rev Tim Bradshaw
Dennis Kettlewell

Next week 10:30 am: Preacher
27th March The Worship Leader will be
The Steward on duty will be

Rev John Simms
Louise Etherington
Dorothy White

A prayer for Japan – from the national Methodist Church website. www.methodist.org.uk

God of love,
Be with the people of Japan as they cope with this earthquake,
God of peace
Be with those in fear of aftershocks and tsunamis,
God of hope
Be with those who grieve and those waiting for news
God of all
Be with the island nations at the mercy of the sea,
God of the Church
Be with your people as they show your love and care.



We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in the United Church of Christ in Japan,
For our Mission Partners, Daniel and Yasuko Dellming and their children, Momoko, Daisuke and Yoko and their relatives in Japan and also for Sheila Norris, currently on a brief visit to the UK. *Amen*



United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) has asked for our financial help as they seek to minister to people and if you wish to respond to this appeal please send your cheque, made payable to the World Mission Fund, to Steve Pearce, Japan Appeal, World Church Relationships, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR. Please mark the back of your cheque 'Japan'. If you are a taxpayer you might care to Gift Aid your donation, which allows us to reclaim the tax you have already paid. Just include a completed Gift Aid form with your donation. Thank you.

THIS WEEK...

- ❖ The front lobby roof has been fixed and is now water tight! We hope to redecorate & clean in the near future. If anyone wants the large Plant Pots and Plants please remove them as soon as possible. *Dorothy*



- ❖ **Messy Church**

How did Messy Church go on Thursday? Please ask and find out. How can we all play our part in this new children's ministry – ask if you can help at the next event, pray, bring your children / grandchildren, tell a neighbour.....Messy Church is running every Thursday from 4 to 5.15pm in the downstairs Hall

- ❖ **Lent Study – Dates, theme and times for “*The Whole Story*”**

The Bible is a remarkable book. If you open a Bible at random you could come across poetry, proverbs, history, love-songs, architectural details or a national legal code. This amazing collection of literature was drawn together by numerous authors over a period of hundreds of years, yet amazingly – miraculously, even – it still tells one consistent story.

This story is not like any other story you are likely to come across. The Bible story claims to be the ultimate story which explains why the universe exists, why the world is the way it is and where the whole of creation is heading. It is a story that makes a claim on your life: which says that you were created for a purpose and which tells you what that purpose is.

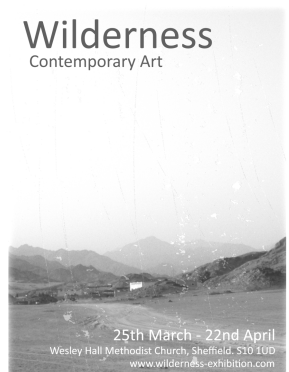
All meetings at 7:30 p.m.

Monday 21st March	Walkley	Act 1 – Creation
Monday 28th March	Wesley Hall	Act 2 – Israel
Monday 4th April	Walkley	Act 3 – Incarnation & Redemption
Monday 11th April	Wesley Hall	Act 4 – The Church
Monday 18th April	Walkley	Act 5 – The Future

COMING VERY SOON...

- ❖ **“Wilderness” - Lent Art Exhibition 25th March – 22nd April**

The “Wilderness Art Exhibition” has been organized by Rev Ric Stott our District Pioneer minister. Wesley Hall Church will act as a Gallery and Sacred Space over Lent, so the public can visit and spend time in the Worship Area. Please sign up on the rota at the back of church to cover time slots so the exhibition can be open as much as possible over the month and people can be made to feel welcome with refreshments. We would like at least 3 folk for each time slot. Posters and Cards are ready, with all the dates, to be given out.



- ❖ **Christians Against the Cuts** There will be a launch meeting of “Christians Against the Cuts” on Tuesday **29th March** 7.30-9pm at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church, Sheffield S11. We oppose the current public spending cuts on the grounds that they increase unemployment, poverty and social exclusion. Revd Canon Nick Jowett will speak on Christians and social justice and there will be a speaker from the Sheffield Anti Cuts Alliance. For further details contact Margaret Stone on margaret@stone103.plus.com.

❖ Agape Meal/Service

Walkley Ebenezer have invited us to join them on *Maundy Thursday 21st April* at 7:00pm for a shared meal (provided by them). We need to sign the sheet on the notice board to let them know how many of us will be going so please do so as soon as possible. Thanks, Dorothy.

❖ Network Easter Offering Service

This will take place on **Sunday 8th May** at 3:00pm at Wesley Ebenezer at Walkley. The speaker is Judith Simms and the theme is "Seeds of Life – Harvest, Hope and Wholeness for all God's Children" written by Judith.

- ❖ **Fairtrade Fashion Show** – A "Fashion Show" is coming up next month - April 27th and 28th at The Blue Shed, 410 Brightside Lane, Sheffield S9 2SP. Tickets £5.00 from [REDACTED].



- ❖ **Space at Spring Harvest Week 1 Skegness (9-14th April)** - A party from Brunswick Circuit and beyond is going to Spring Harvest in April and owing to a last-minute cancellation they have a standard twin room (BB and evening meal) available. If you are aware of anyone who might be interested in taking this up please contact Rev Phillip Borkett [REDACTED] or email phillip.borkett@methodist.org.uk

AND FINALLY...

❖ 2012 Fund Raising

To help raise funds for this, we would like to have your **Family Favourite Recipes** to compile a new Wesley Hall Recipe Book. Categories could include World Foods, Vegetarian, Special Dietary needs e.g. gluten free, diabetic, also quick tea time Starters, Sweet Treats, Granny's favourites etc We would like to pass them on just like the TV PROGRAMME "Hairy Bikers Mum's Knows Best", where Mom's cook their favourite recipes then they are invited to cook them at a fair where everyone can taste them.



Then using some ideas from the New Book we will be having a Food Fair where we can sell some of the food and also the New Book and share in a time of fellowship together. So please let Tina & John Owen or Andrea have your recipes just after Easter so we can compile them into a book. Please pray for this idea because I believe it can be a fruitful and a blessing for this community. Thanks Tina, John

❖ Leprosy Mission

From the *Leprosy Sunday Envelopes* and the Collecting Boxes a total of £80 was sent to "Gifts for Life". This was made up of: £35 for Eye Surgery, £20 for Bandages, £15 for Medicines and £10 for Sandals or Prosthesis. Thank you all, God Bless, Sue Mills

STOP PRESS....

The Recent Congregational Meeting agreed that as a Church, we would seek to raise £20,000 over the next 12 months to put towards work needed on the building and to funding the post of a "Buildings Manager." This Challenge will be officially launched on Sunday Apr 3rd. More information about how to give and any future events will be in this Newsletter.

Please turn over for the advert

The **Methodist Church** 

WESLEY HALL BUILDING MANAGER

Location: Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD
Part Time: 3 days per week
Salary: £20,000 per annum pro rata (£12,000 actual)



Brief Description

Wesley Hall are looking for a Building Manager to organise ongoing works required to the building, maximise income from lettings, increase community use and apply for grant assistance towards the maintenance and running of the building.

Funding has been secured for one year after which the employment is dependent upon continued funding from grants and/or other sources.

Main Duties

- To develop the property in order to better serve the neighbourhood and to promote social action and community engagement.
- To build on and develop partnerships with both secular and ecumenical partners.
- To source funding from grant making bodies in order to support existing mission; identify and initiate new projects which will benefit the community and ensure the post is self-sustaining.
- To enable the continued proper use of resources by looking after room bookings, keeping the booking diary up to date, dealing with requests from those hiring rooms and ensuring all used space is invoiced.
- To engage and manage architects and contractors to keep the building in a good state of repair.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation applicable to a public building.
- To keep the Church accounts and associated duties.
- To provide a quarterly summary of church finances and report to the Church Council.
- To prepare a budget and enable the Church to have a sound financial policy.

Closing date for applications is Friday 1st April 2011.

Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 4th April 2011.

For an application pack, please contact Rev. John Simms

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The editor for the month of March is Rob. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Rob on XXXXXXXXXX by Wednesday evening