



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church



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Sunday 20th November 2011

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.

Today's service 10:30am Service to be led by the Wednesday Fellowship Group

The stewards on duty are Linda & Steve Wright

*And next week 10:30am Preacher Rev John Simms
27th November*

The steward on duty will be Andrew Gray

THIS WEEK...

❖ Talking Of God

Talking of God is a new faith sharing course following on from the 2005 report to the Methodist Conference 'Time to Talk of God', which featured on the Church Times list of bestselling Christian books. It is designed to help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey, and is being led by John for both congregations at Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. We've done three of the four sessions but everyone is more than welcome to join us for the final session:

Living the Conversation Wednesday 23rd November 7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer

❖ "space"

"space" is a café church here at Wesley Hall. It meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6.30pm in the Church Hall. There is a Labyrinth, quiet places, coffee and good company. All are welcome. The next meeting will be held this evening, *Sunday 20th November*.

❖ **Coffee and Crafts**

A group of ladies meet in the Church Hall for a craft afternoon, fortnightly on Tuesdays from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. As part of the craft work they are looking to produce banners for the Sanctuary and also for Advent. All are welcome and there is a charge of £1.50 to cover refreshments and materials. The next meeting is this *Tuesday 22nd November*.

❖ **St Vincent's Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday 26th November, 1pm – 4pm; St Vincent's Hall, Pickmere Road. Cakes, crafts, bottle stall, tombola, toiletries, 'surprize' gifts, Fair Trade, Christmas choristers, refreshments, winter barbecue, raffle. Father Christmas will be paying a visit and children can also join in the fun by guessing the name of the teddy and icing Christmas biscuits.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Advent Fayre – Saturday 3rd December**

Our Advent Fayre takes place on *Saturday 3rd December* from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please start to sort out any unwanted gifts, jewellery, books, etc and pass them on to Dorothy.

❖ **Sheffield Folk Chorale at Stephen Hill**

On *Saturday 3rd December* at 7:30pm, Sheffield Folk Chorale will be performing at Stephen Hill. Sheffield Folk Chorale is a large choir, singing traditional and modern folk, and ballads in unaccompanied four part harmony. They are very polished and produce a wonderful sound. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Bob Hodges: [REDACTED].

❖ **Fairtrade**

Audrey Bellamy usually opens the 'shop' in the corner of the Church Hall on Friday lunchtimes but she sells so little after one or two customers from CBS have been, she is not staying around as long as formerly. However, there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods after church on Sunday 27th November at St Thomas's. She is hoping to have a table out in Wesley Hall foyer after church on Sunday 18th December for anyone wanting any last minute items. If you would like Divine Chocolate Advent Calendars this year, please let her know as there were problems with surplus stock last year.

❖ **Saints Alive**

The Saints Alive puppet team present their Christmas show 'A Christmas Party' which will be held at the Montgomery Theatre on *Friday 2nd December* at 7.00pm. The show will also feature the Christian magician Steve Macbeth. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £2 for children and are available by calling the SCEC office (0114) 272 0455 or Glyn Jones [REDACTED]. All profits will go towards the redevelopment of Montgomery Hall.

❖ **Sheffield Carol Service**

Please join us for Breast Cancer Care's carol service on *Wednesday 7th December* at 7:30pm. The Carols by Candlelight evening will be a truly magical event and will be the highlight of our Christmas festivities. Located in the heart of Sheffield City Centre at the prestigious Cathedral of St Peter & St Paul, there will be a selection of readings and carols, along with performers on the night. All money raised from this special event will help Breast Cancer Care continue to support more than 500,000 people currently living with breast cancer in the UK. Tickets for the service are £10 for adults and £4 for under 16s. Please call 0114 2636471 to book. Thanks.

❖ **Nativity Play at Stephen Hill**

A nativity play "Joe Carpenter and Son" will be performed by adults as part of the 6:30pm Sunday evening service at Stephen Hill on *11th December*.

"Betrothed we are and yet to marry.

Now you say a child you carry.

I must admit it tests my love

When you say it's a gift from the Lord above."

❖ **Love Sheffield At Christmas**

When is it taking place? Saturday 10th December from 10.00am to 2.00pm outside the Cathedral.

How does it work? Lots of small teams of Christians go out from the Cathedral onto the city streets and give away free mince pies, to show that we care – and God cares – about our city. There are no strings attached: the gifts really are free and we just hope it brightens people's day to know that someone cares. Each mince pie is accompanied by a small Love Sheffield card. It's as simple as that! We don't advertise individual church services and we don't get into debates – but if people want to chat further or ask for prayer that is fine.

Who can get involved? Anyone! Children, teenagers and adults all enjoy putting a smile on someone's face by giving them a free gift and telling them "God loves you". Love Sheffield isn't linked to any particular church or denomination. The initiative evolved from a meeting of city centre churches and ministries where we realised we could all work together to bless our city.

For more information see www.lovesheffieldatchristmas.org.uk.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **New Songs**

If you would like to learn some new songs so that you feel more able and confident to sing them during worship, then you would be very welcome to gather around the piano from 10:15am on a Sunday morning to learn together. Beth & Emma.

❖ **Methodist World Mission**

Please bring in your collection box for counting to Gill Packett as soon as possible. Thanks.

❖ **JMA**

Following last week's presentation of certificates, Carole Gray would like to say a big "thank you" once again to Sue Mills, the four collectors and all those who give to this worthy cause. If anyone else would like to collect, donate or take a collecting pot, please see Carole.

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

The Leprosy Mission Christmas Catalogue is on the table in the foyer. If anyone would like to order cards, gifts, etc, please see Sue Mills.

❖ **Evenings@ the CLC Bookshop**

On a first-come first-served basis, and by appointment only, CLC is opening its doors after hours to groups of between 6 and 15 people in the run-up to Christmas. If you are in a group, or can get a group together, you are included. And there will be special prices to be had on the night. Please contact the bookshop for more information. Pop in, phone 0114 2724663 or email sheffield@clcbookshops.com.

❖ **Update From Janti**

An update from Janti, our sponsored child in India, through Compassion UK (written in the summer):

"First may I convey my respect and greetings to you in the name of Lord Jesus. I am fine here by your valuable prayers and help. I hope and believe that you are also fine there by the grace of God. Thank you for your beautiful letter. The weather in India is so hot I cannot bear this heat at times. Thank you for your photograph of 2 of your boys. I pray for you and your family and all the children in Sunday School. I like eating fruit like mango, pineapple and jalk fruit. My school will be closing for the summer soon. Please pray for my studies and family. Yours Janti."

The children in TRIBE have sent Janti a Christmas card that they have all signed and as a church we have made a gift to Compassion UK for a suitable Christmas gift to be purchased for Janti. Thank you for remembering Janti in your prayers and thank you for the financial support.

The editor for the month of November is Andrew Gray. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole (by Wednesday), send an e-mail to newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk or call Andrew on [REDACTED].