



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

Sunday 21st April 2013

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 services	10:30am	Preacher	Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington
	7:30pm – 9:00pm	SPACE	Drop in anytime
		The steward on duty is Andrew Gray	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Dr. Chris Sissions</i>
<i>28th April</i>		<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Emma Irons</i>
		<i>The stewards will be Steve & Linda Wright</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Crisis in Syria

More than three million people have been forced to flee their homes due to the ongoing conflict in Syria. Local infrastructure has been severely damaged, meaning food supplies are limited and many families lack access to water or basic medical care. A million people are estimated to have fled to neighbouring countries where they are finding supplies are stretched and refugee camps nearly filled to capacity.

MRDF have launched a Syria Appeal to help pay for essential supplies such as food, hygiene kits and warm clothes, as well as counselling for those who have experienced trauma, and remedial classes for children who are missing out on normal education. To donate to this appeal, please use the MRDF envelopes provided or visit www.charitycheckout.co.uk/291691/syria to give online.

❖ Wesley Hall AGM

Our AGM this year is today. After the morning service we will move downstairs for a faith lunch before starting the AGM at around 1:00pm. It would be great if as many people as possible are able to come along to review what we have been doing over the last 12 months and look forward to what is coming up in the next year.

❖ A Different Drum

Riding Lights Theatre Company is bringing one of its most inspirational plays to All Saints Ecclesall Parish Church on Ringinglow Road on Tuesday 23rd April 7:30pm. The play has been recreated for 2013 and is touring nationally. Riding Lights Theatre Company is a charity; its work is informed by the Christian faith and the performance has been booked by local residents. Full of life and colourful music, a different drum imagines how different the world could be if we responded unwaveringly to the call to 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Please visit www.ridinglights.org/drum or call 01904 613000 for further information or to book tickets.

❖ **Tapton Prayer Group**

We are meeting this Tuesday 23rd April at 8:00pm at [REDACTED]. All parents, staff and anyone else interested in the school welcome. If anyone has any issues they would like us to pray for, or for further details contact Wendy on [REDACTED].

❖ **Church Council**

The next meeting of the Wesley Ebenezer Church Council will be here at Wesley Hall on Thursday 25th April at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting but only members can vote.

❖ **Open House**

On Tuesday 23rd April John & Judith are celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary. As part of the jollities, they are holding an Open House on Saturday 27th April. There will be tea and cakes from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, and then drinks and nibbles from 7:30pm. Do feel free to pop in and join them for either or both of these events.

❖ **X:Site**

The next X:Site is on Saturday 27th April from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for all Y3 to Y6s. X:Site is an evening full of fun and games, loud singing of songs to God and an exciting look at the Bible. Entry is £2.50 and for more information or to register please email xsitesheffield@gmail.com.

❖ **Joint Service at Walkley**

A large proportion of the Sunday morning congregation are out of Sheffield on Sunday 5th May, either at the Church Weekend Away or other events. Rather than ask a preacher to prepare a service for what we know will be a reduced number, we will be holding a joint service at Walkley Ebenezer on that day. This means that there will be no service here on Sunday 5th May but there will be lifts available from the Wesley Hall car park for those who would like one. The joint service starts at 10:45am so if you would like a lift (or you have a car and are able to give a lift) please come to the Wesley Hall car park for the usual time of 10:30am to make sure that we can get everyone down the hill.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Gift Day 2013**

We have committed our Gift Days for 2012, 2013 and 2014 to supporting the employment of a Children and Families Worker at Wesley Hall. From October 2012, this post has been filled by Liz Harding who is doing a great job working with the children as well as running and raising the profile of our various family friendly events.

Our Gift Day this year will be on Sunday 12th May and special envelopes will be available in which to make your gift. If you completed a pledge form last year and are not sure what you wrote on it, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons, who will give you a copy of your form.

If you 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 as a one off on or around 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.

❖ **Wedding Invitation**

Beth Crome and Tim Jansen are getting married on Friday 9th August at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Psalter Lane. They have sent an open invitation (which is on the notice board at the back of church) to all at Wesley Hall to join them for the service and reception afterwards at the same venue. If are intending to go to the reception, please RSVP by 1st July by emailing [REDACTED].

❖ **Fun Day**

Just to let you know that after the success of our last Fun Day (The Fairtrade Festival), we will be running another on Friday 31st May. More details to follow shortly...

❖ **Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God**

Care for the Family are coming to Sheffield to run their popular event, 'Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God'. With passion and humour, international speaker and best-selling author, Rob Parsons, will help us understand what we can change in our homes, our churches, our hearts, which will make it less likely that a generation will be lost to the church.

The event will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 18th June at the MegaCentre on Bernard Road, S2 5BQ. Ticket are £5 and are available online at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/gyktc/ or by calling 029 2081 0800.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (12th to 18th MAY)

❖ **May Day Trek**

As usual, the May Day Trek will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. This is a sponsored walk of 5, 10 or 15 miles. To get involved, see www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. There is also the Night Hike on Saturday 6th July (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

❖ **Concert**

There will be a concert in aid of Christian Aid by the Endcliffe Orchestra & Vivacity Choir on Saturday 11th May at 7:30pm at St Luke's Church in Lodge Moor. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be purchased by phoning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or e-mailing [REDACTED].

❖ **Street Collections**

Thank you to everyone who helped out last year, especially those of you who collected on the streets. Sheffield is one of the most successful areas for raising money with £76,303 being raised in 2012. This was mainly from Christian Aid Week, the May Day Trek and the Night Hike. Are you able to collect during this year's street collection 12th to 18th May? I am also looking for volunteers to help count the money collected on Saturday 18th May. If you do not like collecting on the streets, there will also be some supermarket collections this year on Thursday 20th June at Tesco on Abbeydale Road and on Tuesday 9th July at Sainsbury's on Archer Road. Please see Andrea for more details about street collections.

❖ **Lunches & Cake Stall**

I would like to offer a morning coffee and lunch event as usual on Saturday 18th May but can only do this if one or two people can help me in the kitchen. Please see Andrea if you are able to help out in the kitchen. There will also be a cake stall, Margaret & Pat would be pleased to receive buns, cakes etc. for this.

AND FINALLY

❖ **Archives Request**

The church archives hold records of events held at Wesley Hall going back over 100 years but there is little information about more recent events. If you have any photographs or records from events held over the last few years (weekends away, trips out, flower festivals etc.) then please give them to Louise Etherington to include in the archives.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2012 Audio Recordings**

If you didn't make it to Spring Harvest this year, don't forget that we still have the audio recordings from Spring Harvest last year (2012). This includes all talks and Bible studies from the main venues as well as the majority of seminars held throughout the week. Over the next few weeks we will be suggesting a particular recording which you may be interested in listening to either as an MP3 or on a CD. This week it is the morning Bible Study by Ness Wilson on the passage John 7:1-53 with the theme 'Give them power'. If you would like to listen to this Bible study or want a list of all the available recordings, please see Matt.

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