



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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Sunday 21st November 2010

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 services 10.30 am: Preacher Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)
The stewards on duty is Dennis Kettlewell

And next week 10.30 am: Preacher *Mrs. Judith Simms*
The steward on duty will be Dorothy White

THIS WEEK...

❖ Puppets Power Perform Joseph

Churches in Parson Cross have together organised a spectacular treat for local families in the run up to Advent and Christmas, with a two free performances of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat to be held at Southey Green School today *Sunday 21st November*.

The show which boasts a cast entirely of puppets will be performed by the nationally and internationally recognised Puppets Power team. Nick Waterfield, from the Parson Cross Churches Initiative, and one of the organisers of the event said: "We hope that this will be a great way for families to start the run up to Advent and Christmas – it's a great story and a great show....."

There will be two performances starting at 2:00pm, and 6:00pm, entry is free so people are encouraged to get there early to avoid missing out. There will be refreshments, and a voluntary collection made for local projects. Parking will be available at the school. Contact Nick on [REDACTED] for further information.

COMING SOON...

❖ Advent Fayre

Our Advent Fayre will be held from 11:00am to 2:00pm on *Saturday 4th December*. Lots of items are needed to make the Fayre a success so please dig deep into your drawers for:

- New unused gifts
- Books
- Crafts
- Jewellery
- Toys
- Cakes
- Small prizes for tombola
- Raffle prizes
- Bric-a-brac
- Help on the day

The Church Hall will be open to bring in items from 3:00pm on Friday 3rd December or please contact Dorothy if you have items that need to be collected.

Concord All Stars will be playing in the car park and Santa will be encouraging customers to come in. Please do come and support this event, Wesley Hall needs money to continue to be an outreach in Crookes.

❖ **Mission At Wesley Hall**

There will be a meeting next *Tuesday 30th November* at 7:30pm with the Circuit Mission Enabler Nel Shadlow to discuss Mission opportunities at Wesley Hall, including running a Messy church. This is an open meeting so please do come along if you are at all interested in being involved even if this is to quite a small level.

❖ **Christian Aid Big Christmas Sing**

There will be a concert at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church on *Saturday 11th December* from 7:30 pm to 9:00pm. Come and sing your heart out and support Christian Aid in its work with the world's poorest communities. To request your favourite carols and Christmas songs, contact John (████████) or Jan (████████). There will be refreshments, and admission is free - but generous donations are requested.

❖ **Candlelit Carol Service**

There will be a Candlelit Carol Service together with the Korean Church on *Sunday 19th December* here at Wesley Hall followed by coffee and mince pies. Please put this date in your diary as it would be lovely if we could fill the church on that evening.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

If anyone would like to order Christmas cards or gifts, see the Leprosy Mission catalogue on the table in the church entrance. Thank you, Sue Mills.

❖ **Janti, Compassion UK**

The children continue to correspond with Janti in India through Compassion UK. Janti's updated photo is displayed on the freestanding notice board at the back of church. He is now 7 years old.

In his latest letter he writes, "Dear Sponsor, I convey my heartfelt good news from here in India. I am fine and I hope you will be fine there. It is my last trimester in this year. I have learnt many new things this year. I got good marks in my annual exam. Now I have joined a new class. It is the summer season here so it is very hot. How are you there? I thank you for your help and support to be a good student. I thank you for your prayer and guidance. Thank you, Janti."

If you would like to make a specific gift towards our support for Janti through Compassion UK then please label your gift envelop accordingly and place it in with the collection. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR IRAN...

House church leaders fear an increased wave of persecution following a speech by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Addressing a crowd in Qom last month, Ayatollah Khamenei warned against the 'network of house churches' that 'threaten Islamic faith and deceive young Muslims'.

"Speeches like this often have far reaching consequences in the country. Not that the people of Iran react with violence against Christians, but behind the scenes, the security services and religious police will take measures. That is what leaders of house churches fear the most at this moment."

However, many Iranian Christians hope that the speech will attract more Iranians to Christ. "To mention an upside of this," the church leader added, "now Khamenei has acknowledged that there is a house church movement, this may encourage secret believers or motivate seekers of the Christian faith to find out if strands of these networks are available in their city or neighbourhood."

Please pray:

- For the safety of Iranian house churches and their leaders. Please pray that plans to penetrate their networks and stop them from meeting would fail.
- That the current numerical growth of the church in Iran would continue and those searching for God would find Him despite the threat of persecution.
- For Christians in prison because of their faith - that God would strengthen them and reassure them of their salvation.

The editor for the month of November 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 ██████████ by Wednesday evening