



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 22nd March 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. Catrin Harland**
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Stay & Pray** **Prayer at home (see below)**
The steward on duty today is Judith Simms

Sunday 29th March *10:30am* *Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)*
Sunday 5th April *8:15am* *Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast*
10:30am *All Age Easter Celebration*
Sunday 12th April *10:45am* *United Service at Walkley* *6:00pm* *Prayer Service*

THIS WEEK...

❖ Lent Study

Our Lent Study Group continues this *Tuesday 24th March* at 7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer.

We are looking at a course produced jointly by Bible Society and the Biblical Studies Department of Sheffield University entitled 'Jesus the Jew'. The course explores the Jewish cultural setting of Jesus' life, ministry and teaching, how others in that context saw Jesus and how he saw himself, particularly what he and his disciples saw in the title 'Messiah'. We end with a look at the Lord's Prayer in its Jewish context. The venue is alternating between Walkley and Wesley Hall throughout the course.

❖ Gift Day 2015

We have raised over £8,000 in each of our last three Gift Days to fund children's work but will need to raise more than this for the next three years to continue this work and also expand our youth provision. In order to help us unlock external grant funding, we need to show local financial support for the project, which we will be doing through pledges.

In order to enable us to meet grant funding deadlines, we will be holding our Gift Day today. All money will be put into the Children, Families & Youth Fund and more details of our plans for work in these areas can be found later in the newsletter. To be confident that we are able to support this work across the whole three year period, and to help with grant applications, we are asking for pledges for our next three Gift Days.

As you came in, you will be given a pledge form in an envelope. The pledge form can be used to indicate what you intend to give this year and on the Gift Days in 2016 and 2017. Pledging is not a binding agreement but just an indication of what you intend to give. Please seal completed pledge forms in their envelopes and put them in the collection during any Sunday service. The details of this form will be kept confidential and all forms will be held by the treasurer, Matt Irons. Completed forms are welcome on any Sunday morning and not just on Gift Day.

You are welcome to include your gift for 2015 along with your completed pledge form. If you do this and 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 on 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.

❖ **Tapton Prayer Group**

The next Tapton prayer evening is this *Thursday 26th March* at 8:00pm at [REDACTED].

❖ **Stations of the Cross at 35 Chapel Walk**

This Lent, instead of giving up something you love, visit community art space 35 Chapel Walk for their new exhibition Stations of the Cross. The exhibition, which will be on show at 35 Gallery from the 14th to 27th March (Monday to Saturday, 10:30am to 5:30pm) portrays a series of scenes from the final hours of the life of Jesus, an ancient tradition that has over the centuries enabled people to reflect and meditate upon this powerful story.

We have commissioned local artists to produce work based on particular events including the Last Supper, Jesus bearing the cross and Jesus being crucified. Works in paint, installation, film and textiles are brought together in a thought-provoking display which involves the viewer in a series of occurrences, some which they may be familiar with and others that may not be so familiar.

❖ **Church Flowers**

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by Jack Riley.

COMING SOON...

❖ **The Good, The Bad, and the Bible – It's a Mystery**

Presented by the Silhouette Theatre Company at Victoria Hall Methodist Church on *Wednesday 1st April* at 7:00pm. Tickets £4 (£3 concessions), Family Ticket £12.50, please call [REDACTED] or (0114) 272 1749 for more information.

❖ **Easter breakfast**

Thank you to those who have offered to help with breakfast on Easter morning. We will share in early morning communion at 8:15am and then proceed to breakfast around 9:00am. If you expect to come to the breakfast, please add your name to the list at the back of the sanctuary so that we have an approximate idea of numbers for catering purposes. With our 10:30am service being an all age celebration, we hope also with enough willing hands to be able to offer a bacon roll by way of hospitality to our uniformed organisations, their families and indeed anyone else until shortly before 10:30am.

❖ **Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on *Sunday 26th April*. In the same way as our last congregational meeting, the AGM will be held in the Emmaus Room soon after the service has finished (please feel free to bring your tea and coffee in with you), and will last no more than one hour so there will still be time to get home for lunch afterwards! This meeting is open to everyone.

We are looking for more representatives from Wesley Hall to sit on the Church Council, which meets four times a year. If you are interesting in putting your name forward or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to John Simms or Andrea Killingsworth.

We are also looking for more worship stewards to look after the practical side of our Sunday worship. This involves liaising with preachers during the week, finding readers for the service and welcoming the preacher on Sunday morning. If you like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Andrew Gray.

Holy Week Services

Monday 30 th March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Tuesday 31 st March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Wednesday 1 st April	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Devotional Service
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Mary Tozer House	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday	10:00am	Wesley Hall	Prayer Walk
	11:00am	Walkley Ebenezer	Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday	8:15am	Wesley Hall	Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Wesley Hall	All Age Easter Celebration

❖ The Alzheimer's Society - Old Jewellery Appeal

At their annual conference event at Swanwick in April, Methodist Women in Britain will be launching their new Dementia Friendly campaign for social action on behalf of those living with dementia and those who care for them. During the weekend we will be collecting items for The Alzheimer's Society's Old Jewellery Appeal, which has already raised £900,000 towards their research and support work. If you or your friends or family have any unwanted items of jewellery, Judith Simms would be happy to accept any donated items - not only gold and silver, but also costume jewellery, beads and watches, and even odd ear-rings and cuff-links. These will be recycled, re-modelled and re-sold to raise valuable funds. Please give any unwanted items to Judith, or pop in an envelope and leave in the 'S' pigeon-hole for her to collect, by 15 April. Thanks.

❖ Songs from the Shows

We will be holding an evening of 'Songs from the Shows' here at Wesley Hall on *Saturday 25th April* at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £6 for adults (£4 concessions) and are available on the door or by calling [REDACTED]. All profits will go to the roof repair fund.

❖ Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year is from *10th – 16th May*, are you able to help in any way with this? Thanks to those of you involved last year when together we raised a total of £1,486! The main part of this event has always been the door to door collecting but we can fundraise in other ways. Emma came up with a great idea last year of getting the parents/carers from the Toddlers group to bake cakes to sell which they were very happy to do and raised £75. It was a great way of giving people a chance to contribute to a good cause. The University Students Gospel choir also contributed to Christian Aid from funds raised at a concert during the Christian Aid period. Have you got any other fundraising ideas? If so please talk to Andrea Killingsworth.

Please let Andrea know if you would be prepared to collect on a street, help with the counting on *Saturday 16th May* or with the lunch we usually do on this day to raise money for Christian Aid.

AND FINALLY...

❖ Children, Families & Youth Work

When the snow abated for long enough for Church Council to meet, it was agreed that we should seek funding for another three years for the children & families role currently undertaken by Liz. We will also be creating a new part time post of a pre-teen and youth worker. This person will work primarily with the 9 to 16 age range; building community, sharing faith and nurturing young people. We already have many links with those at the lower end of this age range through our children's activities developed in recent years, not to mention those within our Sunday congregation and uniformed organisations. They will give us the opportunity to create a coherent programme of activities for young people, mirroring what we have seen blossom with the younger age.

Please consider how you can support this wonderful opportunity through prayer, helping to plan recruitment (speak to Neil Harland), being ready to support the running of events for children and young people, or financial giving (see Gift Day above).

Our half term Fun Day last week was full to capacity, so kids seem to be keen on what we offer. If you can help out at the next one on *Monday 30th March*, please speak to Liz.

❖ **CLC Bookshops**

Visit CLC Bookshops for your Easter cards, gifts, books, Real Easter Eggs and Palm Crosses. For children, you'll find verse stickers, craft and activity books, story books, gifts and DVDs. Just in: Stuart Townend's latest double CD and it has £1 off. Special offer until 31st March: choose from ten children's titles at just £1 each. Stock up for birthdays, prize-givings and camps.

❖ **Leprosy Mission**

A big thank you to everyone who gave generously to World Leprosy Mission Sunday. £125 has been sent towards the work of the Leprosy Mission. God bless you all. Sue Mills

❖ **Donations for the Rucksack Project**

Hello. Thank you all for your donations for The Rucksack project. We now have four rucksacks with which to bless homeless people in Sheffield. We need to fill them with soup and warm clothing and buy four sleeping bags. If anyone would like to donate some money buy these things, please put it in a labelled envelope in the offering plate. For more information about the project visit: www.rucksackproject.org. Hopefully we will soon have a date for giving them away, and you can join us for that if you would like to. Many thanks, Liz and Louise.