



# Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 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 service**      **9:30 am: Breakfast Club**

**10:30 am: Preacher**

**Rev. Timothy Bradshaw**

**Worship Leader**

**Sarah Owen**

The steward on duty today is Pat Singleton

*And next week*  
*31<sup>st</sup> January*

*10:30 am: Preacher*

*Mr. Steve Sowerby*

*Worship Leader*

*Emma Irons*

*The steward will be Andrew Gray*

## THIS WEEK...

### ❖ Christ Exploded

This is a weekly 45-minute youth program designed to provide a forum of interaction for young people as they discover and develop gifts with Christ as the centre piece. We express ourselves through music, debates, dancing, poetry, quizzes, drama, games, crossword puzzles and many more as we study the Word and enjoy food, fun, fellowship. Our topic today is **Relationships with Parents**, we have also invited some parents to be with us today. Please do join us downstairs in the Emmaus Room every Sunday at 11:00am. For more information please talk to Silas or Louise.

### ❖ Taize Prayer

The next Taize style Prayer will be at Stannington Methodist Church this *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January* at 7:30pm. Come along and join us for a time of meditative singing and silent prayer. Refreshments will be served at the end.

## COMING SOON...

### ❖ Exhibition At Sheffield Cathedral

There will be an exhibition on 'Poverty and Inequality in Sheffield and the UK' at the Cathedral from *Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January* to *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February*, organised by Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield. The exhibition will be opened by Kate Plant, Director of Faith and Justice for the Anglican Diocese at 2:30pm on *Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January*, with a brief presentation by Sheffield CAP about the exhibition and its significance. All welcome.

### ❖ Visit To The Crossings

A visit has been arranged to go to the Crossings at Worksop for *Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January* at 7:30pm. The Crossing is a Methodist Church that operates in a similar way to Rawmarsh Methodist Church, which some of us visited recently. Both have established a separate organisation to run the building and bid for extra funding for renovations, but The Crossings operates as a faith based organisation. Please speak to Andrea or Steve Wright if you would like to come along and we will attempt to co-ordinate transport.

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer House will be on *Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The theme is God's Love and all are welcome to come along.

❖ **On Side Events For Men**

The next On Side Event will feature Gram Seed (from a 'Boro boot boy to the Bible) which details the amazing journey he has undergone. It will be on *Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February* at 7:30pm at the Sheffield Wednesday Football Stadium in Hillsborough. Entry is £5.00, pay on the door. If you would like to come along, please contact Peter Allen on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] with approximate numbers for catering purposes. For more information see [onsideevents.co.uk](http://onsideevents.co.uk).

❖ **Alice In Wonderland**

Walkley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatic Society (WEADS) present Alice In Wonderland at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February* to *Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February* at 7:15pm (with a 2:15pm matinee on Saturday). Tickets are £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for children and area available from Brian or Sue Mills on [REDACTED].

❖ **Equipped For Mission**

Equipped for mission is a programme of five workshops to equip individuals and local churches for mission. All workshops will be taking place on Monday evenings at 7:30pm (starting *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March*) at Broomhill Methodist church. If you would like more information please contact the Circuit Mission Enabler, Nel Shallow on [REDACTED] or [missionenabler@btconnect.com](mailto:missionenabler@btconnect.com).

## **AND FINALLY...**

❖ **Hosting Breakfast Club**

The Thursday Fellowship Group will be hosting the breakfast on *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February*. Would another group like to take the *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March* slot? Please don't feel that you have to put on the wonderful extravagant spread that we have become accustomed to from the Drost/McCallum family - Thursday Fellowship Group will probably be offering something simpler so please feel free to do the same! Thank you to all the Drost/McCallum family for all your hard work and wonderful food.

❖ **Toddler Group**

Toddler group is thriving with about 30-40 children attending each week with their parent, grandparent or carer/childminder. The children enjoy lots of fun activities, toys, crafts, and singing. Lesley does a wonderful job and works very hard, supported by Sue Chapman each week and Brian Mills. Simone and Claire have also been helping alternate weeks. Brian and Claire are unable to continue and we would like to thank them for all their help and support over the last few years.

We would love to have more help with serving refreshments (and washing up after!). The children all have a drink and selection of snacks, and the adults a hot drink and biscuit. Some of the parents help in the kitchen but when you have one or more young child to supervise it is not ideal.

So if you could spare an hour to come and help every Wednesday or alternate Wednesdays (or on a rota basis if a few people are able to help) between about 10:45am and 12:00pm we would be most grateful. Please speak to Lesley, Sue Chapman or Simone if you can spare some time. Even if you can only commit to an hour on alternate weeks that would still be much appreciated. Thank you.

❖ **Church Flowers**

There is a new flower list for 2010 at the back of church. Please fill in a date if you wish to contribute to the church flowers. Thank you to everyone who for your donation in 2009. *The flower team*.

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

**Matt Irons**

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**From:** Nell Shallow [missionenabler@btconnect.com]

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**Subject:** January Newsletter



*Happy New Year!*

**Circuit Mission Enabler ~ January Newsletter**

We have certainly started 2010 on a chilly note! ~ I thought that I had lost our dog Snooie out walking in the fields one day only to realise that he was happily leaping around in the snow and simply merging with the landscape! ☺ (He is a West Highland White!)

In the field at the back of our house a flock of sheep have been residing in their winter home ~ no doubt soon to be accompanied by new lambs.

These two seasonal pictures remind me of Isaiah's words in Chapter One:

‘though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.’ V18

What warming news of forgiveness and hope as we begin this new year. One of my favourite things about beginning the new year is filling in a pristine diary. I try to write really neatly and to keep it looking smart and ordered. However, within just a few days there are mistakes, crossings out and ink splots!! (Especially with so many dates being re-scheduled due to the weather!) Like the ‘scarlet’ and ‘crimson’ in Isaiah these errors and messes are indelible ~ even though I do try to transform some of the splodges into flowers! Despite all of our good intentions and resolutions we are not perfect. (So sorry if that comes as a shock ☺) How wonderful to know that even the snow holds a message of good news ~ we are made clean .. even the seemingly indelible is miraculously purified. Our sins are ‘lost’ in His magnificent mercy ~ experienced again in our late winter journey through Lent and in our coming Easter remembrance of the Lamb of God.

How about sharing this seasonal thought with someone else? Maybe over a mug of hot chocolate or a cup of tea. How lovely to ‘gossip the gospel’ over a cuppa!





### ***'Equipped' for Mission***

Engaging in Mission as an individual or as a local church is a challenging task ~ especially when we look around at our contemporary society and read tales of decline within our Christian churches. How can we respond and move forward hopefully?

'Equipped' will take us on a journey of exploration through history, the Bible and our current situation. The five workshops will be relaxed, informative and inter-active ... using a variety of activities to explore Mission within a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

The workshops will be held at Broomhill Methodist Church from 7.30pm to 9pm on;

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March ~ 'What is Mission?'

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April ~ 'Looking back at the Early Church'

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May ~ 'John Wesley & His Story'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ 'Spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July ~ 'Contemporary Church'

If you are interested in booking a free place or would like to know more details about 'Equipped' then please contact me on; 07809320986 or [missionenabler@btconnect.com](mailto:missionenabler@btconnect.com)

### **The Inn of the Sixth Happiness**

This is one of my favourite films and an excellent tool for exploring the theme of Mission. In fact I used some thoughts drawn from the film in my interview presentation for this job! The first evening workshop for 'Equipped' will draw heavily from this movie but whether you plan to come along or not I would recommend a home movie night one winter evening. See what Mission themes you discover whilst watching it; maybe you could discuss your thoughts at a housegroup or fellowship. (The movie is available at a reasonable price from a well known internet 'shop' 😊)

I look forward to sharing with you in the work of Mission over the coming year.

With love in Jesus, Nel

## ALPHA is finally here...



Alpha is starting tomorrow here at Wesley Hall. This is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is suitable for people who are either curious about the Christian faith or seeking and those who are Christians but feel they would benefit from a refresher or the opportunity to find out more about Christianity.

Each session begins with a meal - a chance to get to know others in the small group. There is then a short talk, which looks at different aspects of the Christian faith. This is followed by a time of discussion in the small groups, where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion, ask questions and discuss with the rest of the group.

### Please note;

- There will be a meal at the start of each Alpha session and we are reminded that the meal is **free** for our visitors but it will cost the church members **£2 per plate**. A collection tray will be left at the door and we are asked to drop the money in there as you come in or go out.
- Our speaker tomorrow is Nell Shallow, the Mission Enabler for Sheffield West Circuit, and she will be speaking on **Who is Jesus?** Understanding this is the bedrock of the Christian faith.
- Everyone is asked to remember to pray for Alpha on a regular basis. **Prayer cards** have been availed to aid you in prayer. More prayer cards are available at the back of the worship area.
- Alpha starts tomorrow, **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010** and runs on every Monday evening from 06:30pm, for 10 weeks. It is not too late to invite somebody or want to come along yourself...WELCOME!