



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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Sunday 27th May 2012

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 leaflet.

All song words are projected onto the wall 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 United Service with the Korean Church

The steward on duty is Dorothy White

And next week 10:30am Preacher Rev John Simms

The stewards on duty will be Steve & Linda Wright

THIS WEEK...

❖ West Branch Whit Sing 2012

The Whit Sing is an all age service of celebration and will be held here at Wesley Hall this afternoon at 2.45pm. The speaker this year will be our own minister Rev. John Simms. This united event is always a very uplifting occasion and a great opportunity to sing the Whitsuntide hymns.

❖ Alpha

Wesley Ebenezer are running an Alpha course at Walkley. It will run mainly on Thursday evenings during May and June, the next session being this Thursday at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to talk to others, and to ourselves, about what's important to us about the Christian faith. The course is designed so that we eat together, listen together, talk together and pray together as we explore the basics of our beliefs: who was Jesus and why did he die?; why is it important to pray and read the Bible?; how does the Holy Spirit help us to be followers of Jesus? The course is being run for two groups of people: those within the life of the church who want to know more about Jesus or to refresh themselves in the core beliefs and values of Christianity; and those who aren't yet a part of the church – our neighbours, friends or colleagues, whom we could invite to join us. Now is the time to start thinking about who you could invite along and to start praying for them. The good news of Jesus isn't just for the church: "The promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far off—for all that the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:39). If there is someone you would like to invite, please pick up a flyer for them from the back of church giving details and dates.

❖ Lifepath schools visit – volunteers required

“Lifepath” is a Scripture Union project building links between churches and local schools. It aims to give Junior School pupils the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through the lifepath of a well-known historic Christian with a link to the location and to use this as a springboard to encourage them to reflect on their own lifepath. Children from local schools will be visiting Wesley Hall on *Tuesday 29th May* to explore the life of Eric Liddell, including an interview with a lady who was in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp.

To make this a success, volunteers are required on:

- Monday 28th May – preparing the building (including moving chairs) - 2.00pm-4.00pm.
- Tuesday 29th May – four or more hosts (no preparation or leading of groups required) – meet at 8:30am, with children onsite 8.30am-2:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to make local children and their teachers feel at home in Wesley Hall and is guaranteed to be a fun day. Contact Nel Shallow ([REDACTED]) for more details.

❖ Bible Basics

Join us for Bible Basics, an informal gathering where we study and discuss key passages through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. We meet on Wednesdays at [REDACTED] starting at 7:30pm and finishing by 9:30pm. If you're interested, or want to know more, please talk to John or Judith Simms (266 0010), Louise Etherington or just come along.

❖ Wednesday Group

This week, *30th May*, Wednesday Group will be having a Holy Beetle Drive.

❖ Testimony & Ordination Services

Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman's testimony service will be held on Thursday 31st May at 7:30pm at Stanwood and all are welcome to come along. His ordination is on Sunday 1st July at Newton Abbot at 5:00pm. Tickets for the ordination are free and are available by contacting Trevor Williams on [REDACTED].

❖ Cliff College Festival “Therefore Go”: 1st–4th June

This year's Cliff Festival will explore the nature of evangelism in the local church and across the world. It will feature a fantastic line up of guest speakers, including Joel Edwards of Micah Challenge, Wendy Strachan of Scripture Union, Andy and Jo Frost of Share Jesus International, plus a full programme of children's and youth activities. See www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/page/festival for more details. As this is a nationally recognised festival, is on our doorstep and is at minimal cost, we would encourage people to go along and pop back to Wesley Hall for our Jubilee weekend events!

COMING SOON...

❖ Big Jubilee Lunch

We are holding our Big Jubilee Lunch on *Sunday 3rd June* to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It will take place in the church car park (weather permitting) at 12:30pm and we have invited our neighbours from the Crookes community to join us. The idea of the Big Jubilee Lunch is to get as many people as possible to sit down and have lunch together on the first Sunday in June. The Big Lunch is all about community, friendship and fun! We have also got some commemorative Diamond Jubilee New Testaments which we will be giving out to those who come along. Please come and join us.

❖ **Men's Breakfast**

A group of us continue to meet for a chat over a bacon and egg sandwich from 8:30 to 9:30am downstairs in the hall. Please join us for our next meeting on *Saturday 9th June*. If you have any queries, speak to Jim.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Christian Aid**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid Week, especially those that braved the streets to do the door-to-door collecting. The total so far is £1,267. This includes the monies raised by the street collections, the cake stall and the lunches. This is already a £100 higher than last year, which is encouraging. God bless, Andrea.

❖ **Spring Harvest 2013**

A group of us will be going to Spring Harvest at Butlins, Skegness again next year (Tuesday 2 April to Sunday 7 April). The theme will be 'The Source – Encountering Jesus Today', focusing on what Jesus being the Good News means in today's world. If you're interested in joining us, please see Carole or Andrew Gray today as we'll be away after Tuesday until the booking lines open. Alternatively, please e-mail us at [REDACTED] before Sunday 10th June and we'll contact you as soon as we get back.

❖ **Update - Children & Families Worker**

Our Gift Days for the next three years are supporting employment of a children and families worker for Wesley Hall. Thank you to all who have already contributed generously to the Gift Day. At the time of going to press, £18,000 of our three year target of £21,000 has already been donated or pledged, with money still coming in. This is fantastic news from only the first 10 days of fundraising! If you have not yet received a pledge/gift form, these can be found at the back of church and give further details. If you have any questions about this, please speak to Matt Irons.

We hope to raise the other half of the funding required in grants from the local Methodist Circuit and other bodies. We expect to be in a position to begin advertising by the end of June, with the children and families worker in post by early autumn.

We now need a small management team to recruit and then support, encourage and guide our new member of staff, and at a later date think about how this area of our mission will continue beyond the three years of funding being secured now. This team will between them need experience of working with children/families and line management. Please speak to Neil Harland to volunteer or for more information.

Please continue to pray for this important and growing part of our mission.

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