



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 30th March 2014

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	Preacher	Mrs. Helen Hind
		Worship Leader	Louise Etherington
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>Sunday 6th April</i>	<i>10:30am All Age Worship (led by the All Age Worship Team)</i>		
<i>Sunday 13th April</i>	<i>10:30am Mr. Rob Drost (Palm Sunday)</i>	<i>6:00pm Prayer Service</i>	
<i>Sunday 20th April</i>	<i>10:30am Rev. John Simms (Easter Day Holy Communion)</i>		

THIS WEEK...

❖ Whit Sing

The Sheffield West Branch Whit Sing will take place here at Wesley Hall at 2:45pm *Sunday 8th June*. A hymn sheet for the event is being compiled and the closing date for contributions is today! If you have a favourite song you would like included, please speak to Lesley Ingamells or Alan Glossop.

❖ Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group are meeting here at Wesley Hall this *Wednesday 2nd April* at 7:30pm for an evening with the Bents Green Singers.

❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 3rd April* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ Lent Course

John is running a short course during Lent this year on the subject: "Lord, teach us to pray". This is not only an opportunity to look at Prayer together, but also to put into practice what we talk about and to learn from each other. The course concludes (don't worry if you missed any) here at Wesley Hall this *Thursday 3rd April* from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

❖ Church Flowers

The money for the flowers this week was kindly donated by the Korean Church.

MRDF

❖ Partnership with MRDF in Mali

Towards the end of 2012, John ran MRDF's Iota course which focussed on the country of Mali. Following on from the course, we have committed to raise at least £1,000 over 2 years to support this work. Each Sunday through lent we will be sharing news about MRDF and their Malian partner, AMAPEF as part of our worship.

If you don't already have one, there are spare flat collection boxes available at the back of church. We would encourage you to assemble the box (there are some pre-assembled boxes if you prefer!) and use it to collect what you feel able to give during lent. Then we can all bring our boxes back to Wesley Hall on Easter Sunday and offer them to support MRDF's work in Mali.

❖ **Spring Newsletter**

You will find the latest Spring Newsletter from MRDF at the back of church. Please do have a look through it; the first page is dedicated to a project in Mali.

COMING SOON

❖ **Tapton Prayer Group**

The Tapton Prayer Group are meeting at 8:00pm on *Tuesday 8th April* at 29 Stumperlowe Park, S10 3QP.

❖ **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is here at Wesley Hall at 7:30pm on *Thursday 10th April*. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting but only members can vote. Please give any agenda items to John or Andrea.

❖ **Wesley Hall Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on *Sunday 13th 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!

During the meeting we will be discussing the remaining two areas from the Visions for Mission document, 'Building & Community' and 'Children & Families'. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this important meeting.

We are also looking for two 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 or Andrea.

❖ **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid Week this year is 11th to 17th May. Many thanks to those that helped out with the street collection last year. If anyone would like to collect on a street, or find out more about what's involved, please speak to Andrea.

The Christian Aid sponsored walk to raise money for the charity this year will be on *Monday 5th May*. It will only be a 5 mile circular walk from Bents Green Methodist Church through the Porter and Limb valleys. Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or visiting www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. There will also be a night hike of 17 miles (see www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk).

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Creche Update**

Just to let you know about the progress made in renovating our Crèche. Matt and Liz have scrapped off lots of paint, discovered a quite impressive crack (complete with big holes) down one wall, and cleaned the walls and radiators. The holes are now filled and skimming should be done next week, followed by the painting!

Also, many thanks to those to have blessed us with toys, names on rotas and the assembly of 'story sacks'. "The Caterpillar Creche" will hopefully be finished soon, and our big, bright, caterpillar beanbag can move in.

❖ Traffick Free Chocolate

Did you know that a child of 10 may have been trafficked to make the chocolate in your favourite Easter egg?

Over a third of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from the Cote D'Ivoire, Africa. It's highly likely that the beans that make your favourite chocolate Easter egg come from there. Cocoa harvesting is backbreaking and hazardous work. The shocking reality is that much of this work is done by children. Thousands of boys as young as 10 years old, from the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries, are trafficked to pick and harvest these beans. Their freedom is taken and they are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work. They are beaten and work in dangerous conditions.

This Easter, Stop the Traffick invite you to join their petition to call on Mondelēz to make a public commitment to reduce the risk of child trafficking in their cocoa supply chains. Mondelēz are the largest chocolate company in the world, owning some of the top chocolate brands such as Cadbury's, Milka and Toblerone. They have the ability to make a huge difference within the chocolate industry.

Other global chocolate companies such as Mars, Ferrero and Hershey have made commitments to certify their entire chocolate range by 2020. Mondelēz is lagging behind. This Easter Stop the Traffick want to ask Mondelēz to set a public deadline for certifying their entire chocolate range. They want to see a third party certification stamp (such as Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance) on all of their chocolate products.

This Easter show Mondelēz that you care by joining a petition by going on-line to www.stophetraffik.org and following the link to the petition. There are also resources on the website including a sample letter which you could send to your local supermarket encouraging them to stock more certified Easter Eggs.

❖ A Note from Dorothy

I'd love to say many, many thanks to so many of you for your prayers, flowers and gifts. At the moment, I feel as if the ending to this will never come but I am sure that with all your help and prayers I will get through it. I am out of the post operation (high dependency) unit and am to be transferred to the Hallamshire for intense physiotherapy. I really don't know how long that will take, but I am learning to be patient (!) and to follow the physio's instructions. Do come and visit if you have time, it would be good to see some friendly faces.

God bless you and I do miss you, Dorothy.

❖ Giving A Bit

Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church is now registered with 'giving a bit'. This is a website that allows charity supporters to generate income for their favourite charities as they shop online at **no cost to themselves**. If you would like to begin helping Wesley Hall, follow the instructions below:

1. Sign up at www.givingabit.com (it's completely free)
2. Select 'Find a charity or community'
3. Search for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church
4. Click 'Join this community'
5. Start generating income for Wesley Hall at **no cost to you!**

'Giving a bit' is supported by hundreds of popular online retailers such as Amazon, Argos, Boots, Debenhams, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more. If you are going to buy something from one of these websites, make sure you log into 'giving a bit' first, search for the retailer and then click through to their website from 'giving a bit'. Then, any purchases you make will be linked to your 'giving a bit' account and Wesley Hall will benefit. Many retailers have special offers for those who use 'giving a bit', so it is worth logging in and checking if you could save money before you make any purchases online. There is also a handy widget that you can download to quickly let you know if the website you are using supports 'giving a bit' without having to log back into the main website.

If you have any questions or would like some help getting set up, just talk to Matt Irons.