



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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Sunday 31st 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	10:30 am:	Preacher	Mr. Steve Sowerby
		Worship Leader	Emma Irons
		The steward on duty today is Andrew Gray	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30 am:</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Parade Service)</i>
<i>7th February</i>		<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Silas Owiti</i>
		<i>The steward will be Dorothy White</i>	

WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2010...

Today is World Leprosy Day. In 2010 The Leprosy Mission is focusing on Nepal to celebrate World Leprosy Day. At Anandaban hospital, patients not only receive medical care, but staff also help them begin the slow process of emotional healing and release. The hospital's projects include medical treatment and surgery, counselling, education support, housing support and small business loans. Please use the following prayer as a guide to help you support and remember the work of the Leprosy Mission throughout 2010:

*God our loving heavenly Father,
because of Your compassion and
faithfulness, Your will for all people is health
and salvation. We thank You and worship
You, O Lord.*

*Grant Your healing grace to all those
affected by leprosy, that they may be
made whole.*

*Bless the leprosy work in Nepal we pray. We
ask for good access to services, especially
for those living in very rural areas.*

*We pray for Your blessing on the staff and
programmes of The Leprosy Mission. Please
give them success in combating the causes
and consequences of leprosy and may they
glorify Your name through the work.*

In Jesus' name, Amen

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 centrepiece. 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 **Love Relationships**, we have also invited a friend to be with us today. Please do join us in the Emmaus Room today and every Sunday at 11:00am. For more information please talk to Silas or Louise

❖ Mary Tozer

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

❖ **Exhibition At Sheffield Cathedral**

There is an exhibition on 'Poverty and Inequality in Sheffield and the UK' at the Cathedral open now until next *Friday 12th February*, organised by Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield. All welcome.

COMING SOON...

❖ **Exploring Our Future**

There is a meeting next *Tuesday 9th February* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room where we will be continuing to discuss our future as a church at Wesley Hall. A number of us recently visited The Crossing which is a Methodist/URC LEP that has set up a Social Enterprise Company (SEC) who they then employ to manage the building on their behalf. Any revenue generated from lettings then goes back to the church, and not the SEC, so they are able to use the building to generate funds for the church. This is a different approach to that adopted by Rawmarsh and we will be looking at whether either of these models is appropriate for Wesley Hall, and what our next step should be.

This is a really important meeting which could have a significant effect on the future of worship at Wesley Hall so please do your best to attend.

❖ **Disciple Taster Evening**

There will be a taster evening on *Tuesday 9th February* at Broomhill providing an opportunity to find out more about the Disciple course in an informal setting. Come any time between 7:00pm and 9:00pm to look at the material, see parts of the video and chat to those who have done Disciple. Refreshments will be provided.

❖ **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 13th February*. If you have any queries, speak to Gareth or Jim.

❖ **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 19th 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.

❖ **Alice In Wonderland**

Walkley Ebenezer Amateur Dramatic Society (WEADS) present Alice In Wonderland at Walkley Ebenezer from *Wednesday 17th February* to *Saturday 20th 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].

❖ **Hosting Breakfast Club**

The Thursday Fellowship Group will be hosting the next Breakfast Club on *Sunday 28th February*. Would another group like to take the *Sunday 28th 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/McCallam family - Thursday Fellowship Group will probably be offering something simpler so please feel free to do the same! Thank you to all the Drost/McCallam family for all your hard work and wonderful food.

❖ **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 8th 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.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Some Sad News**

An old and very valued member of Wesley Hall, Jean Hunt, died on *Saturday 20th January 2010*. Older members will remember her many years of service and devotion. She was living in a care home near Hull. She had Alzheimer's disease for sometime before her death.

❖ 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.

❖ Musical Fun

Come and join us for musical fun for pre-school children with parent/carer. The emphasis is on enjoyment and fun in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The basics of music are taught through singing, playing of percussion instruments, listening, musical games and short musical stories. Suitable for children from 2 to 4 years old. A series of lessons to be paid in advance for each half-term (£3.50 per lesson). Younger children are welcome to stay free of charge with parent/carer. The classes are at St. Timothy's Church on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am, Wednesday afternoons at 2:00pm, Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm. If you are interested please contact: Rev. Sarah Walsh CT (ABRSM), LLCM (TD) on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Second week of ALPHA...

The Alpha Course started successfully last Monday 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, 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;

- Our speaker tomorrow is our minister Rev. John Simms; he will be speaking on "**Why did Jesus die?**" It is always lovely to examine the foundation of the Christian faith.
- Much thanks goes to all those who have volunteered to help with the **catering, welcoming** and **group discussion** on various days, your input is really valued. Please continue to help as much as you can.
- We are all asked to remember to pray in regard to Alpha in our houses, and especially during the **fellowship group** meetings that we attend.
- Alpha runs on **Monday evenings** from 06:30pm, for 10 weeks. It is not too late to invite a friend or if you want to come along yourself...WELCOME!



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