



Wesley Hall

Part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

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Sunday 2nd October 2011

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 services	10:30am	Preacher	Rev. John Simms (Parade Service)
		Worship Leader	Emma Irons
		The steward on duty today is Dorothy White	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Mr. Jeremy Sorsbie</i>
<i>9th October</i>		<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Louise Etherington</i>
	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Prayer Service)</i>
		<i>The steward on duty will be Dorothy White</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Congregational Meeting

The next Congregational Meeting will be this *Tuesday 4th October* at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

❖ Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group invites you to their meeting to be held in Wesley Hall at 7.30pm this *Wednesday 5th October*. The speaker will be Suzanne Bingham on 'The Story of the Sheffield Blitz'. All are welcome.

❖ Service at Mary Tozer House

Our next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 6th October* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast is this *Saturday 8th October* at 8:30am in the Church Hall. Please join us for a bacon and egg sandwich and a chat.

❖ Stay & Play Morning

Our Stay & Play morning is this *Saturday 8th October* from 10:00am. Please could you pray for this event as we welcome families who attend the toddler group, messy church or have some loose connections with Wesley Hall and build relationships with those of us in the church. If anyone would like to make a cake or come along to help, please see Emma.

❖ Messy Church Gathering & Resource Day

For Messy Church leaders, teams and volunteers there will be a Messy Church gathering this *Saturday 8th October* at St John's Park, Bernard Street, Sheffield S2 5PU from 9:30am to 1:00pm. For further details please see http://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/downloads/weeklymailing/MessyChurch_10102011.pdf

COMING SOON...

❖ Church Council

The next Church Council will be here at Wesley Hall on *Monday 10th October* at 7:30pm.

❖ Pastoral Service

Our Pastoral Service this year is on *Sunday 16th October*. As well as commissioning our pastoral leaders we will also be welcoming three new members into the church family. To celebrate this, there will be a faith lunch downstairs in the Church Hall after the service to which all are welcome.

❖ Rend Collective Experiment

Cliff College is developing its annual Festival to include two extra events each year. The Festival weekend (1st – 4th June 2012) will be preceded by a performance by Rend Collective Experiment on *Friday 21st October* (doors open 7pm), and another concert to be held in March (details TBA). Rend Collective are one of the UK's top Christian bands, having recently played Greenbelt and other events to great acclaim. From Northern Ireland, their music is passionate, God-infused, joyful and enjoyed by all ages. Festival Director, Piers Lane, said, 'We hope that lots of people will come along to the gigs, and have a great time. Of course, promoting Cliff College is one of the keys purposes, but as well as this, we hope that these events will be of use as a tool for mission to churches in the area'. Tickets for the Rend gig are available from Cliff College Reception or by phoning 01246 584200. The cost is £5.00.

❖ Church Away Day

Our Away Day this year will be on *Saturday 5th November* at Dungworth from 10:00am to around 3:00pm. The congregation from Walkley Ebenezer will be invited to join us as we take stock of where we are and where we are going. Please bring a packed lunch.

❖ Talking Of God

Talking of God is a new faith sharing course following on from the 2005 report to the Methodist Conference Time of Talk of God, which featured on the Church Times list of bestselling Christian books. It is designed to help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey and John will be running the course jointly for Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer over the four weeks leading up to Advent:

Starting the Conversation	Thursday 3 rd November	7:30pm at Wesley Hall
Conversation Stoppers	Tuesday 8 th November	7:30pm at Wesley Hall
Conversations in Context	Monday 14 th November	7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer
Living the Conversation	Wednesday 23 rd November	7:30pm at Walkley Ebenezer

❖ Celebration of Sport Service

There will be a Celebration of Sport Service at the Cathedral on *Monday 14th November* at 7:30pm. For more information contact Peter Allen (Chaplain for Sport in the Dioceses of Sheffield) on [REDACTED].

20 IN 12 CHALLENGE...

❖ Sheffield Accordion Band

The Sheffield Accordion Band will be performing here at 7:00pm on *Saturday 15th October*. Tickets cost £2.50 for adults and 50p for children (including refreshments) and are available from Pat Singleton or Matt Irons. We are very grateful to the band who are not charging for their performance to help us in our fundraising. For more information, please see Pat.

❖ Wesley Ebenezer's Got Talent

There will be a Wesley Ebenezer's Got Talent show here on *Saturday 19th November*. Please put the date in your diary and if you would like to perform and be involved in the show, please see Mandy Boyce.

OUTREACH...

❖ "space"

"space" is a café church at Wesley Hall and meets in the Church Hall on the third Sunday in the month between 6:30pm and 8.30pm (you can stay as little or as long as you want). There's coffee, hot chocolate, quiet places for prayer, a labyrinth, a chill out zone and good company. All are welcome. For more details phone Nell on [REDACTED].

❖ X:Site

X:site is for children in school years 3-6, where they can learn about Jesus, have fun and games, bring their mates and listen to live music. It's held at Wesley Hall from 6:00pm-8:00pm on the following Saturdays: 8th October, 3rd December, 21st January, 10th March, 28th April and 23rd June. Entry is £2.50 and you can get further information from <http://sheffield.xsiteuk.org> or by calling [REDACTED].

AND FINALLY...

❖ MRDF Collection

Our collection during harvest last week for MRDF raised over £350 and the gifts for the Archer project will be taken down this week. Thank you all for your generosity.

❖ Newsletter Rota

Now that Rob has moved churches we could do with another person to edit the newsletter. A small amount of skill with a computer is helpful but you do not need to be an expert. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Matt.

❖ Fairtrade

Money is "tight". It is even more important now to support the people in the world who have none. We agreed a long time ago as a church to support Fair Trade.

- Please look for the Fair Trade signs in the shops
- Support our Fair Trade agency by having a regular order from Audrey or Teresa and Scott (St Thomas's)
- Ask for the keys to see what we stock on church premises

Support us please. Audrey.

PLEASE PRAY...

The Fijian government has banned all Methodist Church meetings except for Sunday worship in an unprecedented crackdown on religious freedom. This includes house groups, women's prayer fellowships, choir practices, mid-week communion services and youth fellowships, as well as the Church's governance meetings.

Having withdrawn the permit for the Church's annual Conference the evening before the event was due to start, the interim government has now notified the Church in a letter from the Fiji Military Council that all other meetings of the Methodist Church are forbidden. All Methodist ministers are also forbidden from leaving the country for any meeting. The Church is responding with prayer and fasting. A planned press conference had to be cancelled because of the fear of further arrests. The Methodist Church is the largest faith group in Fiji and the only group to receive this treatment by the government.

"We are gravely concerned about how this situation is developing," said Michael King, World Church Relationships team leader for the Methodist Church in Britain. "Our brothers and sisters in Fiji are asking us to keep them in our prayers and to tell the world their story. We are worried for Fiji. We are not only worried about religious freedom, but also about what the loss of other freedoms might mean for all Fijians in this traditionally democratic island nation."

The Methodist Church in Britain is calling for prayer, particularly for the leaders of the Fijian Methodist Church, the Revd Ame Tugae (President), the Revd Tuillilakila Waqairatu (General Secretary) and the Revd Tevita Banivanua (Deputy General Secretary) as well as for the country's interim prime minister, Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama.

You may also want to consider writing to your MP or MEP about the situation, as well as contacting the Fijian Government.

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