



Wesley Hall Methodist Church

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Sunday 3rd 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 (Parade Service)
	Worship Leader	Silas Owiti
	The steward on duty today is Gareth Hardy	

<i>And next week</i>	<i>10:30 am: Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion)</i>
<i>10th January</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Louise Etherington</i>
	<i>The steward will be Dorothy White</i>	

THIS WEEK...

❖ Mary Tozer

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this *Thursday 7th January* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to 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 this *Saturday 9th January*. If you have any queries, speak to Gareth or Jim.

❖ Alpha

The Alpha course is nearly upon us – please see the attached sheet for details of how you can help us to prepare.

COMING SOON...

❖ Christ Exploded: Sundays At 11:00am

Christ Exploded 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 much more as we study the Word and enjoy food, fun, fellowship. We shall resume next *Sunday 10th January* and our focus for the month of January will be on Relationships in four dimensions. Please join us downstairs in the Damascus / Committee room every Sunday at 11:00am. For more information please talk to Silas or Louise.

❖ Dreams & Visions

The idea behind 'Dreams & Visions' is to set aside time to think about the mission and vision of Wesley Hall and invite anyone from the church to attend. We hope that many of you will be able to come along and share any ideas you have or support the discussions. The first 'Dreams & Visions' meeting will be on *Monday 11th January* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room.

❖ Exploring The Trust Model Of Church

There will be a meeting on *Tuesday 19th January* at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room where we will be discussing our future as a church at Wesley Hall. A number of us recently visited Rawmarsh Methodist Church who have set up a charitable trust to run the church building thus freeing the congregation from the burdens and responsibilities of doing so themselves. Like us, they have a large building which is costly to run and maintain. Setting up a charitable trust has enabled a significant amount of funding to be brought in through grants and has enabled them to renovate parts of the building. We are also hoping to visit another church which has gone down a similar different route but operates as a faith based organisation.

If we grasp the opportunity of using the time that is freed up from looking after the building we could devote more time to mission. Also, our financial position is very precarious (this year we have made a loss of £9,000 and during the current year we are anticipating a loss of about £6,000) and on top of this we are faced with having to raise money to carry out essential renovations highlighted in our quinquennial report.

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.

❖ Sunday Breakfast Club

The dates for Sunday Breakfast Club up to summer 2010 can be found below. If you would like to be responsible for one of the vacant Sundays, please see Rachel, Rob or Silas:

- Sunday 24th January (Rob & Rachel)
- Sunday 28th February (Vacant)
- Sunday 28th March (Vacant)
- Sunday 25th April (Rob & Rachel)
- Sunday 23rd May (Rob & Rachel)
- Sunday 27th June (Vacant)
- Sunday 18th July (Vacant)

AND FINALLY...

❖ Messages From Silas

- I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Wesley Hall family for your love and concern since I came to Sheffield. My last four months have been great because of the love that I have experienced among you. Special gratitude also goes to everyone who contributed financially towards my Christmas gift, I have been thrilled by your generosity. Thanks again
- I would like to let everyone know that my day off is Friday afternoon and Saturday. Initially it was Saturday and Sunday afternoon but that has since changed with effect from this January. Thanks for your cooperation.

❖ Message From Jenks

John's excellent carol service on the 20th December was marred by the fact of our running out of mince pies. I envisaged (being on tea duty) that extra milk and biscuits would be needed for afterwards, and catered accordingly. This may seem trivial and luckily no new people at church that morning failed to get their refreshments. However, it is small things like this which new folk will notice, if we are to run a successful Alpha course. So let's make sure we don't slip up and next Christmas; 150 – 200 mince pies please!

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 or call Matt on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening

Alpha Course: Does God exist?



Alpha

Alpha 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 the main aspects of 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 that;

- Today we shall handover leaflets to those who offered to distribute leaflets to the various streets in Crookes, to do so by next Sunday, 10th Jan 2010. We are asking for more people who can deliver leaflets to Tasker Road, Carson Road, Truswell Road, Forres Road, Pickmere Road, Sackville Road, Churchill Road, Nairn Street and Fitzgerald Road. Please see Silas
- The leaflets are accompanied by a response slip which you are asked to encourage the people to fill in and return to Wesley Hall, a box is available at the foyer for the same.
- Everyone is asked to remember to pray for Alpha on a regular basis. Prayer cards have also been availed to aid you in prayer.
- We encourage all church members to invite a friend, a relative, a neighbour or workmate to this Alpha Course
- It starts on Monday, 25th January 2010 and runs Monday evening from 06:30pm, for 10 weeks
- There will be training for the group leaders and other volunteers on Tuesday 12th Jan 2010 at 07:30pm in the Emmaus Room. Please do attend.
- The next planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, 05th Jan 2010 at 07:30pm in the Emmaus Room, all the volunteers are welcome.