



Wesley Hall

Crookes, Sheffield



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Sunday 3rd May 2015

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** **Rev. John Simms (All Age Worship)**

The steward on duty today is Jenny Jones

Sunday 10th May *10:30am Rev. Joy Adams* *6:00pm Rev. John Simms (Prayer Service)*
Sunday 17th May *10:30am Rev. Phillip Borkett*
Sunday 24th May *10:30am Rev. John Simms (Holy Communion & United Service)*

THIS WEEK...

❖ **Mary Tozer**

The next service at Mary Tozer will be this Thursday, 7th May from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us.

❖ **X:Site**

X:Site is back this Saturday, 9th May from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for all Y3s to Y6s. X:Site is an evening full of fun and games, loud singing of songs to God and an exciting look at the Bible. Entry is £2.50. For more information or to register please call 07412 124 310.

❖ **Christian Aid May Day Trek**

This year is the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid's May Day Trek. (It started in 1964 but missed a year due to the foot and mouth disease outbreak). This year's trek will be tomorrow, Monday 4th May. This is a sponsored walk to raise money for Christian Aid and you have the choice of a 5, 11 or 17 mile walk, with all walks starting from St Luke's Church at Lodge Moor. For those wanting a more challenging walk, there is also a 17 mile dusk-to-dawn walk on Saturday 28th June which goes out to Hathersage via Padley Gorge and then returns via Stanage. Application forms for both events can be obtained by contacting Bridget Kellett on [REDACTED] or maydaywalk@gmail.com or can be found on www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk where you can also register for the walks.

COMING SOON...

❖ Youth Fellowship Group (Yeast)

Youth Fellowship Group (otherwise known as 'Yeast') is a group for those between 11 and 16 years old who want to have fun and talk about God. Or in the words of the young people themselves: "Fun, Food, Friendship and Following Jesus" (the food being just a light snack!). We try to meet every fortnight here at Wesley Hall from 18:30 to 20:00. The next meeting will be next Sunday, 10th May. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Jansen: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]. We hope to meet you soon!

❖ Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year is 10th-16th May. On Saturday 16th May there will be an event here at Wesley Hall. As usual we will be counting the money raised by the door-to-door street collections and having a cake stall in the morning. So if you are able to bake cakes or buns for this, please give your donations to Margaret Gray or Pat Wright. However, things will be a little different this year as Messy Church will take place from 10am-11:30am and then we will be serving lunches from 12-2pm, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. Thanks to everyone who has offered help this year and helped in previous years; it's always a great team effort, which last year raised £1,486.

❖ "Brighter Day" - University of Sheffield Gospel Choir Concert

The gospel choir is returning to Wesley Hall for their end of year concert. They're delighted to invite you to an evening of uplifting music on Wednesday 13th May, at 6:30pm. There won't be tickets but any donations will go to Christian Aid.

❖ Noah

Last year at Spring Harvest, some of the group from Wesley Ebenezer saw a short performance taken from the touring production of Noah, a musical for all the family by Doug Horley and the Saltmine Theatre Company. Last year's tour dates didn't include a visit to Sheffield but this year they are at the Montgomery Theatre on 22nd May at 7pm. Tickets are £14 for adults, £10 for children or £40 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). If anyone is interested in going, please see Carole Gray or text/call her on [REDACTED] and she will get tickets.

❖ Wesley Hall Festival

At the General Church Meeting last year we agreed to organise a 'mini-festival' at Wesley Hall, with the Bible Society's "Creation: A Celebration" exhibition panels as the centrepiece. This will take place in June this year, with the exhibition open 10.00am-4.00pm, every Wednesday-Saturday, from 10th to 27th June. Running alongside this will be several afternoon craft workshops and evening concerts. Judith Simms is doing most of the organising of the events but, as requested at the meeting last year, we will need volunteers to help during the event. Each day is divided into two 3-hour sessions: 10.00am-1.00pm and 1.00-4.00pm. We need 2 or 3 people to be here for each session to welcome visitors, chat, serve refreshments (drinks and cake), and to generally keep an eye on things. If you can offer your time in this way, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church for as many sessions as you feel able to offer. We would also appreciate fresh home-made cakes to serve, so if that's your skill, there's room to sign up for that too. If you need any further information, please talk to Judith at church, or on the phone - 266 0010.

❖ **Whitsun Celebration (Whit Sing) - Sunday 24th May 2015**

This year the West Branch has decided to have an outdoor gathering at Hampton View Church instead of our usual service at Wesley Hall. The reason for this change is because the very first Pentecost started in an upper room but then after the Church had received the Holy Spirit they went outside and preached the gospel to those who had gathered; people from all over the known world, who heard the Gospel in their own tongues. We feel the current format of the Whit Sing, although enjoyable to us, has become just another service, inside another building, serving people who already go to church. The original Whit Sings were held outside in a park, involving many Sunday school children and uniformed organisations. Then in the afternoon they met for games and picnics around the S6 area. So if anything, we want to return back to our original roots. We are exploring the opportunity of inviting Hillsborough Tabernacle and Langsett Road Salvation Army. If it rains we are hoping to go indoors at St Barts Church on Primrose Hill. For future years, if this experiment works well, we would like to explore other possible places to meet, nearer to the other churches in the fellowship.

What will happen and when? (a very rough guide)

- 12.30pm Start
- 1.00pm Picnic
- 1.30pm Games and Crafts
- 2.45pm Singing and Devotion

❖ **The Big Lunch**

Following the success of previous years, we will be hosting our 2015 Big Lunch after our All Age Worship on Sunday 7th June from 12 noon. The Big Lunch is an Eden Project initiative partnered by the Halifax. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually on the first Sunday in June, in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Here at Wesley Hall, we will be providing a free Big Lunch barbecue. In addition, Avril Clark and her colleague Alice Jacobs from the Halifax will be fundraising for the Sheffield S6 Foodbank. Stalls in our foyer will include a tombola and a nail-painting stand. Please can you dig out any unwanted Christmas presents, toiletry sets, chocolates, etc that could be used as prizes for the tombola stall and pass these to Avril or Matt between now and the start of June. Thanks.

AND FINALLY...

❖ **Children, Families & Youth Update**

Our Gift Days for this and the next two years are for Liz's successor as Children and Families Worker and a new part-time post of Pre-teen & Youth Development Worker. Thank you to all from Wesley Hall and Walkley who have already given or pledged money. We have already received gifts and pledges totalling £10,700 for this year and £8,900 for the next two years! If you have not yet done so, it's still not too late. Pledge forms are available at the back of the church or speak to our treasurer, Matt Irons, in confidence for further details.

We have now submitted applications to four funding bodies, including Sheffield Circuit and Sheffield Methodist District. Please pray for clarity of thought for those reading our applications and for those who will read and respond to the job advertisements we expect to publish around June.

We wish Liz every success in her Master's degree, which will start in September, and celebrate the foundations which have been built over the last three years.