



# Wesley Hall

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Wesley Hall is part of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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.

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**Today's service**    **10:30am**    **Preacher**    **Rev Catrin Harland**

The steward on duty is Pat Singleton

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**And next week**    **10:30am**    **Preacher**    **Mr David Lees**    **(All Age Worship)**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March**

*The stewards on duty will be Steve & Linda Wright*

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### THIS WEEK...

#### ❖ All Age Worship

In our 10:30 service next week, we will be celebrating Easter through All Age Worship. The church will be set out in a semicircle around a cross. We will begin the service by decorating the sanctuary with signs of new life, as we celebrate the world-changing events of the first Easter Sunday. If you can, please bring a spring flower with you (e.g. a daffodil) but don't worry if you can't, as we will have some spare on the day. Please join us for this interactive service; we hope the different style will not impede worship for anyone who prefers a traditional service.

#### ❖ Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

There will be an Agape Meal at Walkley Ebenezer on Thursday 28th March at 7:00pm. To help with catering, please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to share in this meal.

#### ❖ Easter Breakfast

On Easter Morning, we will be sharing breakfast together. If you would like to join us, please put your name on the list at the back of church. If you are able to help prepare the breakfast, serve or clear away, please speak to Steve Wright.

## Holy Week Services

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Dorothy White & Sue Chapman
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Suzanne White
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Wesley Hall	Service led by Louise Etherington
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm	Walkley Ebenezer	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	Wesley Hall	Prayer Walk
	11:00am	Walkley Ebenezer	Good Friday Service
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	8:15am	Wesley Hall	Holy Communion & Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Wesley Hall	All Age Easter Service

COMING SOON...

### ❖ Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May

Thank you to everyone who helped out last year, especially those of you who collected on the streets. Sheffield is one of the most successful areas for raising money with £76,303 being raised in 2012. This was mainly from Christian Aid Week, the May Day Trek and the Night Hike. Are you able to collect during this year's street collection 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May? I am also looking for volunteers to help count the money collected on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. I would like to offer a lunch event as usual on that day but can only do this if one or two people can help me in the kitchen.

If you do not like collecting on the streets, there will also be some supermarket collections this year on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Tesco on Abbeydale Road and on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at Sainsburys on Archer Road.

The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week is on hunger and is called 'Bite Back at Hunger'. Christian Aid is also supporting the 'Enough Food for Everyone IF' campaign. For more information about this see [www.enoughfoodif.org](http://www.enoughfoodif.org) or [www.christianaid.org.uk/if](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/if). As part of this, there will be a demonstration taking place in London on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, when representatives of the G8 countries meet. There will be buses going from Sheffield and if you want to go along see Andrea for more details.

As usual, the May Day Trek will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. This is a sponsored walk of 5, 10 or 15 miles. To get involved, see [www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk). There is also the Night Hike on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July (see [www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk)).

Please see Andrea Killingsworth about any of the above. Thanks!

### ❖ Christian Aid Concert

There will be a concert in aid of Christian Aid by the Endcliffe Orchestra & Vivacity Choir on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at St Luke's church, Lodge Moor. Tickets are £10 including refreshments and can be purchased by phoning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or e-mailing [REDACTED].

## AND FINALLY...

### ❖ **Action for Children**

Collection boxes are due for counting so please pass them to Dorothy at some point this month.

### ❖ **Broomhall Drop In Centre**

For many years, the Drop In Centre at Broomhall have provided needy families with food. They have seen a big increase in poverty, not only by homeless people but also young families who are desperate to feed their children. If you feel you could donate cans of food (ring-pull tops) to the organisation, they would be most grateful. (Poundland are good for beans, rice pudding, etc for 4 cans for £1). Dorothy will put a labelled box at the back of church for any donations.

### ❖ **Church Offering**

As you are aware, from September of this year the Sheffield West Circuit will merge with 7 other local Circuits to create a single Sheffield Circuit. The policy of the new Circuit is not to use money from Circuit Model Trust Funds (ie from sale of buildings) to subsidise Circuit Assessments for the churches.

The Sheffield West Circuit is fortunate to have over £1m in their Model Trust Fund and has been using some of this money to subsidise Circuit Assessment. Under the new Sheffield Circuit this will not be possible so this year the amount of money used to subsidise the Assessment has been reduced. This has resulted in an increase of £3,600 in the Assessment for Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church. The Church Council has therefore had to approve a budget for the year with a deficit of over £2,000. This means that unless we find the extra money, we will have to use church reserves to plug the gap which is not sustainable in the long term.

We are therefore asking that people prayerfully review their regular offering to the church with a view to increasing it, if possible. We are very aware of the generosity of the congregation especially during the 20 in 12 Challenge and the appointment of Liz, our Children and Families worker and fully understand that this may not be possible.

Popular methods of giving are by standing order or weekly offering envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, your gift can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself using Gift Aid. This is a scheme under which HMRC pay back the tax paid on money you give to charity.

If you have any questions about giving to church or would like to start, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

### ❖ **Gift Aid Declarations**

HMRC have changed the required wording for Gift Aid Declarations. All new declarations made after 31st December 2012 must be on the new forms but it is recommended that all declarations, even those signed before this deadline, are changed to use the new wording. If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration or would like to Wesley Hall to claim Gift Aid on your donations, please see our treasurer, Matt Irons.

### ❖ **Worship Stewards**

After much thought and prayer, Dorothy White has decided to retire from her role as Worship Steward and Senior Steward. She has done the job for the past 8 years so feels it is time to hand over the post. We offer our thanks to Dorothy for all her hard work over this time. Andrew Gray will be taking over the role of Senior Steward, with the support of the Leadership Team. Pat Singleton has also decided to step down from being a Worship Steward and our thanks go to her also. This means we have vacancies for two Worship Stewards. Worship Stewards are involved in preparing for the morning service by contacting the preacher and making sure everything is ready on Sunday morning. If you are interested in becoming a Worship Steward, or would like to know more about what it involves, please have a word with any of the current Worship Stewards or John Simms.

### ❖ **Church Council**

There is a space for a church member from Wesley Hall to join the Church Council. The Church Council is the Trustee body responsible for the running of Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church, discussing issues relating to both Wesley Hall and Walkley Ebenezer. It meets 4 times a year, usually on Thursday evenings. If you are interested in joining the Church Council or would like to know more about what it involves, please see John Simms.

### ❖ **8 into 1 does Go!**

Do you enjoy singing? Have you a gift for welcoming people at the door? Are you dramatic? Do you have a music group? Are you great with technology? Do you have a choir? Do you enjoy working with children or young people? Then your new circuit needs you! On Sunday 1st September at 3pm the new Sheffield Circuit will be inaugurated with a special service at the Octagon. Planning for the service is beginning now. Please see the flyers at the rear of church and let the Rev Mark Goodhand know if you are able to help in any way.

The editor for the month of March is Andrew Gray. Please place items for the newsletter in the pigeon hole, or send an e-mail to [newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@wesleyhall.org.uk) or call Andrew on [REDACTED] by Wednesday evening.