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Dore Methodist Church



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WORSHIP THROUGH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

ADVENT—Sunday morning services

Sunday 1st 10:30 am - "Waiting" *Simeon*

Sunday 8th 10:30 am- " Blessing and honour" *Zechariah and Elizabeth* Service will include Communion

Sunday 15th 10:30 am- "The Magnificat" *Mary*

Sunday 22nd 10:30 am - "A night to remember" *Everyman and everywoman*



Sunday 15th 6:00pm **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** "Come Lord Jesus come"



CHRISTMAS DAY

"Light stepped down into the world."

FAMILY CELEBRATION

9:30 am The Rev. Gail Hunt

Sunday 29th December 10:30 am - "Journeying on" A joint service at Totle Rise

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Jottings from the minister:



Dear Friends,

This edition of our church magazine covers the eight weeks leading up to Christmas. By the time it is published at the beginning of November the shops will already be telling us that Christmas is on its way and excited children will be eagerly awaiting Santa's arrival in the shopping malls.

Here in our fellowship these months are also full of preparation and expectation. During November we will be busy planning our seasonal activities and services. Then on December 1st we move into Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

For children of course the lead up to Christmas can seem a long one, while for adults perhaps it doesn't seem long enough as we organise all that needs to be done. However whatever age we are I invite you not to be overwhelmed by the secular pressures of this time of waiting, but to embrace this season and all that it means. To help you, here are three things you may like to consider doing.

1: Sow a seed: Now is the time to sow sweet peas for the flower bed or broad beans for the vegetable patch. As you plant a seed take time to pray, bringing before God all that you long to see flower and bear fruit in your life and in the lives of those you love.

2: Light a candle: (make sure it's in a safe place!) The dark evenings offer perfect opportunities to sit in a more subdued light. Take time to watch the beauty of a flickering candle flame and as you do this invite Christ who is our light, into the dark places of life. Wait upon him in hope and quiet trust.

3: Make a cake: It could be a Christmas cake. As you blend the ingredients, pop it in the oven and wait for it to cook, let this time speak to you about hospitality - Jesus offers us radical hospitality. Maybe your cake will be eaten by family or friends over the Christmas period, or perhaps you might like to make one for an elderly neighbour or member of our church family. Let this cake be a happy reminder that serving is not burdensome.

Then comes the time we have all been waiting for, a celebration like none other; "Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made man."

Christmas blessings to you all. Shalom

Gail

Remembrance Sunday



Join us to commemorate the Centenary of Remembrance at our service on Sunday 10th November at **9.45 am** before we walk down to the Village Green to pay tribute with the rest of the village at 11:00 am. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in our hall after the service.

Christmas Cards for Good Causes

Have you heard? The Christmas Card shop which raises money for local and national charities has moved! For the last few years it has been on Chapel Walk but you won't find it there now—it's relocated to Orchard Square, opposite Waterstones. It's open Monday to Saturday from 10:15 am to 4:15 pm.

Thank you for the Harvest

On Harvest Sunday we celebrated God's goodness by giving thanks for our food but were also asked:

'How does climate change fit into Harvest?'

The Rev David Willie with the assistance of John Doornkamp gave us lots of food for thought! Many questions arose from this thought provoking service and we were left to consider global and local effects of climate change.

As we heard about dominant greenhouse gases, increased energy levels, rise of temperatures and much more one question stood out: **'Have we as people failed the partnership we have with God?'**

We are more part of the solution than part of the problem... We heard about how we can make adjustments such as offsetting costs of carbon footprint, changing to more sustainable energy providers, reducing energy, using local produce, reusing and recycling etc.

Many churches are now Eco Churches, at the moment we are not but listening to conversations after the harvest service and many days later Dore Methodist is much nearer to taking on the *ten conditions*:

1. Special Sundays relating to caring for God's earth (e.g. Creation Time, Environment Sunday, Rogation Sunday etc.) are celebrated in our church:
2. The hymns and songs in our church services enable us to celebrate God's creation
3. Our church prays for environmental issues
4. Caring for God's earth is preached in our church
5. Our church hosts guest speakers from A Rocha UK or other Christian environmental organisations (e.g. Christian Aid, Tearfund, Green Christian, The John Ray Initiative) to talk about environmental issues
6. Caring for God's earth features as a teaching theme in our church's youth work
7. Caring for God's earth features as a teaching theme in our church's children's work
8. Caring for God's earth features as a focus of small group study in our church
9. Our church's communications (e.g. newsletters, service sheets, magazines, social media etc.) include items relating to the theme of caring for God's earth
10. The leadership have made a formal commitment to improving the environmental credentials of our church by endorsing the undertaking of work towards an Eco Church Award

In partnership with God are we up to the challenge?

***'For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.'***



Our harvest gifts were taken to the Grace Food Bank

How a Food Bank Works



Our donations go to the Grace Food Bank which set up in 2012 and is one of 15 food banks in Sheffield. It is based at the Michael Church in Lowedges and its aim is to relieve financial hardship among people living in the Sheffield 8 postcode area, Lowedges, Norton, Batemoor and Jordanthorpe, mainly by providing people with food they could not otherwise afford.

What is a Food Bank? A food bank is a registered charity which collects donated food and then working with social services and other healthcare organisations

distributes the food to those in need. The Charity has a management structure (chair, treasurer, secretary, etc) and a large number of trustees. Over 100 volunteers are involved in its food bank activities.

Who is helped? Food parcels are provided to families and individuals who find themselves in short term financial crisis and are referred by health and social care professionals. If an individual self refers, they would be given a one-off food parcel and advised how to get a formal referral. Initially food parcels are provided for up to three weeks. If help is still needed after that then the referrer will get in touch with the Food Bank so that any underlying problems can be tackled.

How is help provided? Clients usually receive bags at weekly intervals designed to feed two people for one week (adjusted depending on the size of the family). Families are encouraged to collect their own food. They will also be offered fresh fruit, bread, toiletries, nappies, and baby food as well as a hot drink, a biscuit and a chance to chat. Time spent chatting often helps to direct clients to other agencies or local services that might be of benefit to them. Teams of volunteer drivers deliver food to clients who are not able to collect their own food.

Why do people need help? The main reason why people are referred to the food bank continues to be problems with the benefits system. Three years into the benefit freeze people's incomes have shrunk in real terms. Small items of unexpected expenditure are pushing people into debt. Cold winters squeeze people's incomes and the current barriers set for accessing benefits or other support have been set so high that people can't get the benefits they are entitled to.

What else do Food Banks do? People can attend cooking sessions on Tuesday lunchtimes to learn to prepare a two-course meal together. They cook a traditional Christmas dinner together in December, the only Christmas meal that some of the participants would have. Extra parcels of food, and clothing are given out over the Christmas period along with toys and books for children. Advice workers are available in foodbanks to work with food bank clients.

What can we do? Keep donating. The current requirement is for rice, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, jam, biscuits and snacks, but there is always a need for tins of meat, fish, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, soup, fruit, custard, jars of pasta sauce, instant mashed potato, coffee, and tea.

*Donations boxes for the
Grace Food Bank
are in our hall and
front vestibule
Thank-you.*

DORE METHODIST TUESDAY GROUP

We are a group of ladies who meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and have enjoyed hearing various speakers covering a range of interesting topics.



Each year, we elect to support a local charity and this year our chosen charity is TRANSPORT 17. This is a small community organisation which has existed since 1984 to provide transport to lunch and social clubs for those who would otherwise find it difficult to leave their homes. The Drivers are all local volunteers and currently make over 200 trips each week to thirteen clubs in the S17 and neighbouring areas from Monday to Friday.

We are indebted once again to Tesco who have kindly donated 40 tubes of Smarties which members of the Tuesday Group will be using as charity money boxes to save twenty pence pieces! This is such an easy way to help our charity - did you know a full tube will contain approximately £12.00?

If you feel you would like to be a "Smartie Saver" please see Joy Depledge. You don't have to be a member of the Tuesday Group to help this very worthwhile cause.

All donations would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou. Joy

Church Council meeting - 16th October.

The meeting was chaired by our Minister, and we welcomed Susan Ashton representing our friends at Christ Church.

The Sheffield Circuit were asking each church in the Circuit to submit a report, based on the 4 headings of "Our Calling" (Learning and Caring, Service, Evangelism and Worship) indicating actions taken under each heading and development plans for the forthcoming 12 months. These would guide the Circuit in how best to use the resources of people and money available. So to facilitate our reply the meeting agenda was arranged around these four headings, and members of the meeting were able to contribute towards our reply.

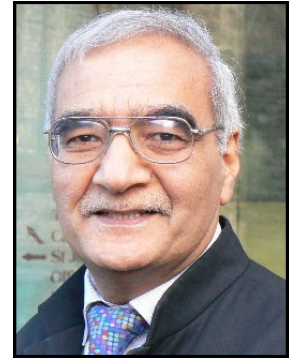
Specific issues discussed included:

- Holy Habits - topics had generally been well received. There would be a break over Advent and Christmas.
- Our membership is now 57. Mary Burgin stood down as a Pastoral Visitor and was thanked for her service in this role.
- An updated Safeguarding Policy was adopted.
- Sessions will be arranged shortly to consider a response to the Methodist Conference report "God in love unites us", which deals with marriage and relationships.
- Our financial accounts for the past year were accepted.
- It was agreed to replace the troublesome light fittings in the church with modern, eco-friendly fittings. Also the Church Hall and ancillary rooms will be redecorated next August.
- Each quarter we will make a donation of £50 from our Sunday Coffee proceeds, split between Transport 17 and All We Can.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Inderjit Bhogal to receive WMC Peace Award

It has been announced that Past President of the Methodist Conference Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal is to receive the World Methodist Council Peace Award for 2018. The annual award goes to individuals or groups "who have made significant contributions to peace, reconciliation and justice."



Inderjit, now a supernumerary minister in the Sheffield circuit, has been a tireless supporter of refugees and has worked to foster interfaith relations and multicultural communities, peace and reconciliation. One of the peace-related movements initiated by Inderjit was City of Sanctuary, a grassroots, movement to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and safety for asylum seekers, refugees and other vulnerable people. Inderjit is President of the Methodist Peace Fellowship.

The citation of the award describes Inderjit as a "central figure" in inter-faith relations in Britain and Ireland.

On hearing news of the award, Inderjit commented: "I am surprised but deeply honoured. My whole life has been inspired by people around the world who have held up the witness to peace-making, challenging war, violence and killing. I am more persuaded than ever that non-violent resolution of conflict is the way forward at all levels and in all human relationships.

"The most challenging issue facing human beings is how to live with those who are different from you."

City of Sanctuary Clothing Appeal



City of Sanctuary Sheffield runs a Clothes Bank which is open every week for asylum seekers and refugees. It is a vital resource - some people arrive with only the clothes they stand up in, which may not be suitable for a Sheffield winter - and others are surviving on very low incomes or are destitute.

The Clothes Bank wants clothes, boots and shoes for men, women and children. They must be clean and in good condition (no missing buttons or broken zips, for example). Most of all they need men's winter clothes, shoes and boots - they are always short of these.

Please bring along any donations to church and Bridget or Jackie will ensure they are taken to the Sanctuary on Chapel Walk, thank-you.



But Whom Do You Say That I Am? (Scrambled Words—answers from last magazine)

1. Advocate
2. Almighty
3. Beloved Son
4. Bread
5. Captain
6. Chosen
7. Carpenter
8. Christ
9. Deliverer
10. Everlasting
11. Faithful and True
12. Governor
13. Life
14. Messiah
15. Mediator
16. Prince of Peace

November 2019

Monday 4th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 5th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 11th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Shora Hall
Tuesday 12th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group - "A Teacher's Tale" - Richard Scholey
Monday 18th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 19th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 25th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Talk Time
Saturday 30th	8-45 for 9-00 am	Men's Breakfast

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Monday 2nd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 3rd	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 9th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 10th	7.00 pm	Tuesday Group - Christmas Party
Monday 16th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 17th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café - Christmas Celebrations

Safeguarding If you have concerns about possible abuse consult Rev. Gail Hunt, minister or Bridget Ball, Safeguarding Officer. If you believe there is a risk of immediate harm contact statutory authorities such as the police. Keep a record of what happened, the names of those concerned & your actions. Do not contact the person about whom allegations have been made.

For more details please see the notices in our church hall

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We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

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You will find Dore Methodist Church a place of WELCOME, BELONGING and BELIEVING, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, LOVE, FORGIVENESS and a place of COMMUNITY with caring people who will help you discover more of God's love and purpose for your own life.

Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

All are invited on

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am



Followed by coffee or tea & a time to chat in the hall



Regular Church Activities

Monday

Tea, Talk and Tunes for Toddlers (4Ts) from 10.00 am to 11.30 am during term time in our hall. For pre-school children with their carers.

The Monday Fellowship meets in the church hall on alternate Mondays at 2.30 pm with a variety of talks and occasional outings.

The Crafty Club meets alternate Mondays 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm for those who enjoy making things over a cup of tea and a chat.

Tuesday

The Tuesday Group meets once a month at 7.30 pm with a varied programme of speakers. Ladies of all ages welcome.

Men's Steak Night meets on the third Tuesday of each month for church members and guests.

Wednesday

Senior Citizens Luncheon Club provides a warm welcome with coffee and lunch.

Thursday

A bible discussion group known as the Focus Group meets fortnightly. These friendly informal meetings are held in the homes of the members of the group.

Our premises are also used by various other local groups including: Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild; Dore Probus Club; Rainbows; Brownies; Dore Village Society and Dore Gardening Club.

To book the church hall please phone 0114 2365043

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