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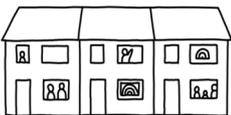
Stay Home

This edition of our magazine is quite different to the usual. Normally we include information about forthcoming services, events etc. But as we all know these are unprecedented times and our daily lives are very different and this magazine reflects that. We don't know when our church building will be open again but we do know that our doors will be flung open sometime in the future to welcome the people of Dore back in. In the meantime we are 'gathering' in different ways and this special edition is another way for us to keep in touch. Take care everyone.

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS,



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE,



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED,



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

Jottings from the Manse:



When I was young my grandmother was always cautious about me running around in shorts and t-shirts in the merry month of May, "Nair cast a clout till May is out" she would say. Meaning keep your vest and winter clothes on till June 1st. (Even if we were having a heat wave and the temperatures had reached over 70 degrees!) However I also remember my mother taking her to task over the saying. She had an alternative meaning and said it was about not throwing off your winter woollies till the blossom of the May tree was out, which of course happened from the end of April onward. Hooray I didn't have to boil in a sweater!

Despite the lockdown we have enjoyed some lovely weather in April and I for one really hope this continues. If you are able to manage a daily walk, the blossom on the trees which line many of the roads in this area certainly have been a delight to see as they burst into life.

In the calendar of the Church May is also a special month as we celebrate the amazing experience of Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. Fired with enthusiasm for sharing the good news after the resurrection, they too were certainly bursting out and the Christian Church was born. A Church not confined to an institute but a living Church alive to Christ and alive with Christ, showing the same marks of His love.

The Holy Spirit works in many ways, at times we can be fired with exuberant enthusiasm which bubbles out in our personalities and worship. At other times the Spirit is found quietly working through the sparkle of an eye, an infectious smile, the warmth of a word spoken gently, or the dependability of friendships in times of trouble. All these and many more speak eloquently of Gods Spirit and His love for each one of us.

This year we will celebrate Pentecost in a different way as we did Easter, but the Spirit of God will still be on the move, breathing life into our faith, love into our hearts and light into our witness.

Shalom, Gail

Be Joyful

Keep the Faith

Do the Little Things

I heard these words during a broadcast from St David's Cathedral in April.

The words are attributed to St David, known as 'Dewi Sant' in Wales. He died on March 1st 589 and this is the day that all Welsh people gather to remember their country and its patron saint.

I liked the fact that the new school surrounding St David's has adopted these words as their motto.

Val Edwards

Congratulations!

Mary Jackson was 90 in April

Margaret Vaughan will be 90 in May



CHURCH

by Hilary Jane Hughes

Gathering virtually

Serving locally

Praying incessantly

Loving intentionally

Our mission the same

Our methods a little changed.

Jesus loves best

To walk into our mess.

Again and again.

Mercy and grace.

Let's not get back to 'normal'

I mean, not the 'normal' we had.

Gathering - yes.

Serving - yes.

Praying - yes.

Loving - yes.

LIVING. Living again.

In Him.



The Grace Food Bank

is operating under the Government's Social Distancing Measures.

Food Banks have been classed as performing "Key Work" and volunteers as "Key Workers", an

interesting indictment on our 21st century society.

The food bank is still receiving donations of food but all Church and library collection points are currently closed, however, there is a permanent collection box in Sainsburys (Archer Road) and a trolley in Morrisons (Meadowhead) and there is a collection box in Tesco (Abbeydale Road) for Trussell Trust Foodbanks.

For those of us who are not venturing afar, but still want to support the food bank, we can donate money instead of food.

A donation of £2.00 will buy 3 packets of noodles or 2 tins of rice pudding or 2 tins of tomatoes or 2 tins of soup.

A donation of £5.00 will buy 2 boxes of cereal or 2 bags of white rice or 3 packets of instant mashed potato or 3 jars of jam or 2 UHT milk or 2 boxes of tea bags.

Donations can be made by going to the website at www.gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk and clicking on **Donations** for details.

Mental Health Support

Sheffield IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) are providing free NHS support over the phone or online.

People stressed, anxious or worried about coronavirus are being urged to call IAPT on 0114 226 4380. The service is available to anyone living or working in the city. You do not need to have accessed mental health services in the past.

The team are available 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday and will help people calling them access mental health support which includes one-to-one support and group sessions.

For help with Sheffield City Council services you can phone the Council with your questions on 273 4567.

Safeguarding If you have safeguarding concerns consult Rev. Gail Hunt, minister or Bridget Ball, safeguarding officer.

SOW what are you doing during the lockdown?

An unofficial straw poll shows that many of you are gardening, reading, walking, sleeping, baking, knitting, bird watching, watching tv and so much more...

For those of us fortunate enough to have a garden to tend here are some tips for May (courtesy of the RHS):

- ◇ Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
- ◇ Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas & if you can buy any!)
- ◇ Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
- ◇ Regularly hoe off weeds

- ◇ Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- ◇ Mow lawns weekly
- ◇ Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges



An elderly woman had just returned home after attending a Church meeting when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home, she cried out "Stop - Acts 2 : 38". The burglar stopped dead in his tracks and the woman calmly called the police for assistance. As the man was being handcuffed the officer asked him "why on earth did you just stand there, all she did was yell a verse of scripture at you".

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "she said she had an AXE and two 38's"!!!!

Little Ben's mum was serving prunes for dessert, but Ben didn't like prunes one little bit! He grumbled and complained and absolutely refused to eat them. His mum was very cross and told Ben that God would be very angry if he didn't eat his prunes. Still he wouldn't eat them, so in desperation, his mum sent him to his room.

Later in the evening a fierce thunderstorm blew up. There was much thunder and lightning. Feeling somewhat sorry for little Ben and thinking that he might be afraid of the storm, his mum went up to his room.

When she opened the door, Ben was kneeling looking out the window. His mum heard him say, "Gee whiz, God, all this just for two measly prunes?"

Insects to look out for:



Brimstones are on the wing

Bee-flies are basking in sunny spots and nectaring at flowers

Hairy-footed flower-bees are whizzing around flowers

Orange-tip butterflies are on the wing flying past at speed.



New Penpal Scheme

A new penpal scheme has been set up by Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (SCCCC). They are currently looking for people to write letters to older isolated people living in Sheffield.



The first letters can be very simple, with just a few lines about yourself, your family or even your hobbies. Even a card to cheer someone up would be very much appreciated. **It's a great way to do some volunteering from home.**

Letters and card can be sent to: **Penpal Scheme, SCCC, Unit 19, President Buildings, Saville Street East, Sheffield, S4 7UQ.** They will then send the mail on to an isolated person who would appreciate a few friendly words.

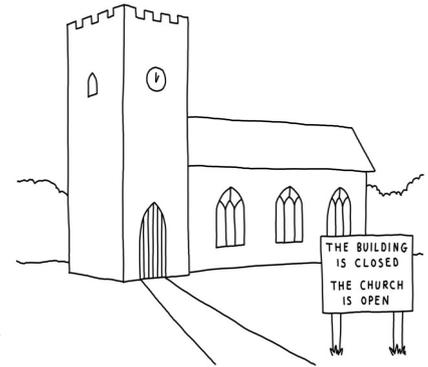


Changes to our Shops and Businesses

Many of our local shops and services are working their socks off to ensure we don't go without for which we are very grateful. Here is a list we have gathered together which you may find useful. Please note that the information below was correct at time of publication but is subject to change in these ever changing days.

REMEMBER

- * Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- * If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- * Wash your hands as soon as you get home



Dore Co-op—open 8 am to 8 pm, limiting number of customers in shop at any time and you have to use a trolley—so you have to wait outside for a trolley to get in & shop

Dore Newsagent—opens every morning around 7 am and locks up at noon but note it sometimes closes earlier

Village Greens—Dore green grocer deliver to your door or you can collect from outside the shop (from a distance) email orders at orders@villagegreensdore.co.uk

Scrivens—Totley green grocer— collect or deliver phone orders 0114 2367116 or email Scrivenstoyou@gmail.com

Hartleys Fruit Cabin & Florist—Bradway, open 8 am to 2.30 pm includes compost, planters and plants

Tesco Express on Abbeydale Road closing at 10 pm

Dore Pharmacy—Open Monday to Wednesday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm & Thursday to Friday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm & Saturday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm



Dore Moor garden centre—doing some local deliveries email info@doremoor.co.uk

Dore Dental care— if you have a dental emergency phone 0114 236 8402

Valerie of Dore—shop closed but doing online orders via their website www.valerieofdore.co.uk

Totley Rise Post Office—open usual hours

IF YOU NEED HELP COLLECTING YOUR MEDICINES RING THE SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL HELP LINE ON 0114 205 7120. MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 am to 5 pm.

Police patrols to support Sheffield city centre rough sleepers

Over the last few weeks, the Sheffield City Centre Neighbourhood Team has been working hard to support rough sleepers and homeless people as the Covid-19 situation has developed. Police officers, along with the charity Framework, have been carrying out daily outreach patrols so they can ensure these members of our communities have the information they need to keep themselves safe.

Inspector John Mallows said: "My team have been taking to the streets every single morning for the past month, to carry out dedicated patrols aimed at those who are sleeping rough. "Officers and PCSOs are speaking to individuals, delivering leaflets and information about Covid-19 and crucially, they are making sure these people know exactly where they can get support, even making contact with authorities on their behalf.

"Some of them have complex vulnerabilities and it is vital that they accept the help and accommodation being offered by the local authority and support organisations. Our focus has been ensuring they understand the risks posed by the current public health crises and the danger they could be putting themselves in. The priority has been to engage, educate and have proper conversations, which has been the approach adopted right across the force."

Jazmine Douglas, Street Outreach Worker with Framework, said: "The patrols are important at all times, but they're absolutely vital at the moment to ensure people are getting the help they need in the face of Covid-19. Working alongside officers is effective for us because it means we can engage with and offer help to some of the most vulnerable people in society, whilst the police have a clearer picture of the situation on the streets."

Sheffield Library Service

Did you know that the Sheffield eLibrary is free to use for Sheffield Libraries members. Simply register for the services using your library card number.



Available any time of day or night on your computer, smartphone and tablet, the library service offer something of appeal to all ages and interests.

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MAPPIN GALLERY	SHOWROOM	VICTORIA HALL	TOWN HALL SUFC
MEADOWHALL	THE MOOR	BARKERS POOL	CATHEDRAL FARGATE
COLES CORNER	CRUCIBLE	LYCEUM	PEACE GARDENS SWFC CITY HALL

How well do you know Sheffield? *(Answers on back page)*

1. Who once said "Sheffield, I suppose, could justly claim to be called the ugliest town in the Old World"?
2. When was Sheffield's iconic Police Box by the Town Hall built?
3. What is the first name of Mr Henderson who created Henderson's Relish?
4. When was the first Supertram open?
5. When did Sheffield become a city?
6. If someone in Sheffield said they are 'laking', what are they doing?
7. Sheffield born Charles Boot went on to found which famous British Film Studio?
8. Sheffield has more what per person than any other European city?

We're on the web!

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We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in July 2020.

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Answers to Quiz on page 7

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| 8. | Trees |
| 7. | Pinewood Studios |
| 6. | Playing out with friends |
| 5. | 1893 |
| 4. | 1994 |
| 3. | Henry |
| 2. | 1928 |
| 1. | George Orwell |

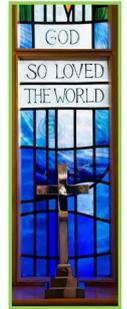
You will find Dore Methodist Church a place of **WELCOME, BELONGING** and **BELIEVING, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, LOVE, FORGIVENESS** and a place of **COMMUNITY** with caring people who will help you discover more of God's love and purpose for your own life.

WHEN WE ARE OPEN AGAIN

Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church
Sunday mornings at 10.30 am



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



Regular Church Activities— WHEN WE ARE OPEN AGAIN

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.

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