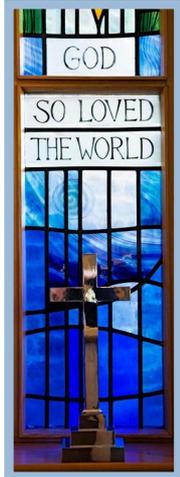


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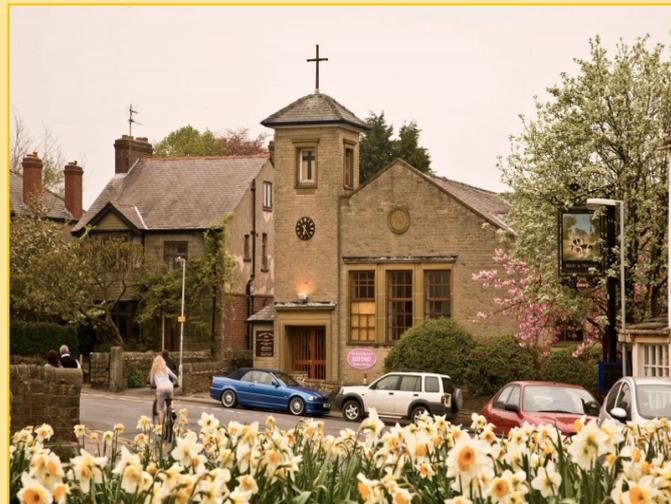
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We will be preparing for Easter during Holy Week—look inside on page 3 for details of our services and special events leading up to Easter Day.



We pray that we will all deepen our confidence in Christ, as we journey through the last part of Lent and Holy Week to the pain of the cross and the glory of the Resurrection. May it allow us to stay with the suffering of the world with irrepressible hope, and may it inspire our imaginations so we share in a thousand different ways the good news of Jesus, risen and alive.

HAPPY EASTER

Fairtrade Fortnight 26th February to 11th March

Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. This is done by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries.

The power is in your hands

Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark. One in three bananas bought in the UK is Fairtrade and it makes a huge difference to thousands of farmers, workers and their families.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves.



A message from The Rev. Dave Markay

Dear friends,

I feel privileged to have been asked to walk with you through these several months of transition between ministers. On a recent visit to Dore, I enquired about the beautiful cross in your church hall. My guide pointed out all the details (including the waddling ducks!) which portray the various ministries of the congregation. Unlike other crosses I've seen, yours is full of movement. Movement denotes energy, action, dynamism, but also change.



Right now we - you and I - find ourselves in the midst of movement and change. You have said goodbye to Deacon Meredith Evans and Rev. Tim Crome, are awaiting the arrival of Rev. Gail Hunt in September. I, in turn, am concluding 7 years of service in the Dronfield area and am preparing to move to the Southwark & Deptford Circuit in south London.

In times of change, we may experience sadness, disorientation, expectation, vulnerability, uneasiness, eagerness, concern... Like a trapeze artist who lets go of one firm set of hands, then pivots in mid-air to be caught by another set of hands, change can feel like that instant of suspension. In what we Christians might call moments of 'liminal space', all we can do is trust in God's sure hands.

In a few weeks we will begin our walk through Holy Week to Good Friday, then to Easter Sunday. Perhaps in this year full of movement, we can renew our trust in the God who keeps moving us from fear to trust, from despair to hope, from death to life.

Peace in Christ, Dave

Sheila Crowson

Sheila Crowson's funeral and service of thanksgiving, led by The Rev. Tim Crome took place on 10th January. Sheila will be missed by all at Dore Methodist Church. Our thoughts and prayers remain with her family and friends.



When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God, We praise you for the light of new life made possible
through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

Amen.

(The Revd Michaela Youngson)

Worship for the Easter Season

PALM SUNDAY - 25th March

Morning worship at 10-30 a.m. led by
Mrs Sylvia Runciman



Often the days immediately leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday - known as Holy Week - are ignored in our calendar. Last year we organised short acts of reflective worship each day. These were well received and supported, so we are organising a similar series this year. The arrangements are as follows:-



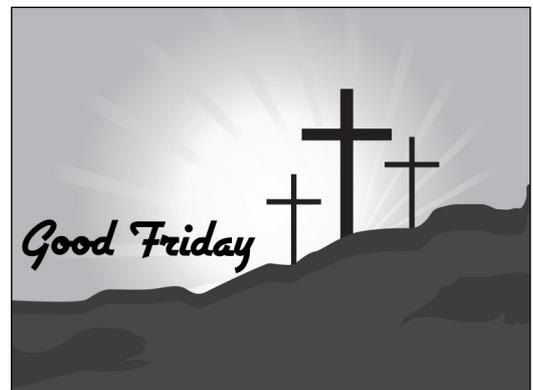
Monday to Thursday (26th - 29th March)

at 4-30 p.m.

Short, reflective worship will be held each day, organised by our Worship Group. Thursday's worship will be led by Rev David Willie and will include Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY - 30th March

Our worship at 6-00 p.m. will be led by
Rev David Markay.



EASTER SUNDAY - 1st April

Our Morning Communion service at
10-30 a.m. will be led by

Rev Di Williams. Di is a retired Anglican
Vicar who is associated with Christ Church.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend any of these special acts of worship

The Lunch Club

A warm welcome awaits elderly people every Wednesday, with coffee and lunch.

Val Edwards coordinates the Club with many volunteer helpers throughout the year.



The Club enjoyed their Christmas Party and the entertainment provided by Dore Primary School.



Margaret Millican retired last year as their very able and professional Treasurer. One of the volunteers, Christine Hodgskin has kindly taken on that role.

Monthly chairrobics session



This popular Club does not have the problem of recruiting new members, but are governed by the numbers able to travel on the T17 bus. For example one wheelchair user can be on the bus at any given time.

The Lunch Club has been providing hospitality for many, many years and provides a very welcoming lunch and company to local people.

To all of the volunteers who help at this thriving Lunch Club, thank you.

HOW
ACTION FOR
CHILDREN
WORKS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Action for Children Coffee Morning in our hall on Saturday 3rd February. We raised an amazing £366.60 THANK YOU.

After many years of coordinating Action for Children (formerly National Children's Home, NCH) services and fundraising events in our church **Ann Oakes** has stepped down. She will still be involved in the events

but she felt it was time to share the workload with Bridget Ball.

We all want to thank Ann for her commitment to the work and support of Action for Children. She has given a great deal of her time and talents to this important work with dedication and commitment. Thank you Ann.

Meetings in March and April

Monday Fellowship at 2.30 pm

March 12th "Goin' Courtin' "

March 26th Easter Talk with The Rev. David Willie

April 9th Sid Burgin

April 23rd

Crafty Club at 2.30 pm

March 5th, March 19th & 2nd April

Tuesday Group at 7.30 pm

March 13th 'The NHS Then & Now', Andrew Raftery

April 10th 'Palestine—Food for Thought'. A Presentation

Services at Fairthorn, Townhead Road start at 10.30 am—all welcome

Thursday 8th March and Wednesday 11th April

Quiz about Methodists and Methodism

1. Let's start at the very beginning. Who was the founder of Methodism? During which century did he live and die?
1. What was the name of John Wesley's hymn-writing brother and how many hymns did he write?
2. When and how did the Methodist Church OFFICIALLY split from the Anglican Church?
3. Which is NOT a tip for good health from John Wesley?
 - Take cold baths
 - Go to bed at 9 p.m. and rise at 4 or 5 a.m.
 - Stand while reading and writing
 - Exercise to the point of weariness

(ANSWERS BELOW)

4. Exercise to the point of weariness

3. The Methodist Church has never FORMALLY split from the Church of England. During John Wesley's life-time he resisted any talk of forming a separate Church although many argue that some of his actions meant that separation became inevitable. Likewise, decisions taken by the Methodists after his death, as they began to meet more and more in their own Meeting Houses and less in the local Parish Church, resulted in an unofficial split. It rather surprisingly remains the fact, however, that there is no formal moment when Methodism either walked away from or was expelled by the Anglican Church.

1. John Wesley, 1700s 2. Charles, 9,000

Methodist Quiz Answers

The recent fall of snow led to the cancellation of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum meeting in February

The meeting had been arranged for local people to hear more about the Consultation Draft of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan. If approved in a local Referendum later this year, the plan will become part of the Development Plans of Sheffield Council and the Peak District National Park Authority and will have legal force.

The plan recognises:

8.10 The Village Centre is the heart of the community and is a place where members of the community of all ages and conditions can meet and community activities take place. There is a need to encourage and enhance the development of the centre as a meeting place.

*8.8 The locally defined Village Centre includes valued community facilities: Christ Church Parish Church and Church Hall, **Dore Methodist Church and Hall**, Dore Club, Dore Scout Headquarters and Dore Old School. These community facilities should be retained to support the viability and vitality of the Village Centre and provide for the community's day-to-day needs, social wellbeing and social, recreational, cultural and sporting interests*

8.9 Loss of community uses in the Village Centre would erode the Centre's vitality and viability and the sense of community identity as the heart of the village. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment that would diminish the range of facilities should be resisted and opportunities for new community facilities should be encouraged.

Community facilities which provide a community's day to day needs or which further the community's well-being or social, recreational, cultural and sporting interests will be protected from development which would result in the loss of a valued community facility.

DN POLICY 9 (In Consultation Draft) proposes : Community Uses in Dore Village Centre.

Community facilities which provide a community's day to day needs or which further the community's well-being or social, recreational, cultural and sporting interests will be protected from development which would result in the loss of a valued community facility.

For more information visit www.dorevillage.co.uk

Sheffield Donations for Refugees sort and send essentials to displaced people seeking refuge in Europe.

What they need:

- new pants and socks
- Sturdy boots and trainers
- Clean small/medium men's clothes
- Warm fleece blankets, sleeping bags
- Working phones and chargers



If you have any of the above items Bridget Ball will happily take them for you to the collection point at Meersbrook Hall.

Thank you.

We're on the web!

www.doremethodist.org.uk

We support Grace Food Bank

Please drop any food, toiletry items into the box in our hall.



Church Stewards:

Nigel Thomas
Janet Barraclough
Jackie Bailey
Daphne Willie

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in May. If you would like to include any thing in a future magazine please contact Bridget Ball or John Bailey in person or email b.c.b@btinternet.com or john.bailey23a@btinternet.com

You will find Dore Methodist Church a place of **WELCOME, BELONGING** and **BELIEVING, ACCEPTANCE, 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 and 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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