



Dore Methodist Church



Magazine of The Church on the High Street

We are Methodists

You will find many references to the world of Methodism in this issue. This is no surprise! Methodists are very proud of their heritage and the words of John Wesley, leader of the revival movement known as Methodism in the 1800s still ring very true...

*"Though I am always in haste,
I am never in a hurry".*

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

Everyone is invited to our Holy Week & Easter Services

Quiet, reflective service every day during Holy Week.

Easter Sunday 21st April Service of Celebration at 10:30 am .

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A small statue of John Wesley is placed on the window sill in our church at every service.

"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."

Please enjoy reading this latest magazine from the Methodists of Dore.



What does this symbol mean?

Why do we use it?

On most Methodist publications, including the front cover of this magazine and our weekly notice sheet you will find the Orb and Cross. It is not just a logo of the Methodist Church, but has been carefully chosen to express our deepest beliefs.

The Orb represents the world, and the colour red, the traditional colour of Pentecost, may be taken to symbolise the Methodist conviction that through the power of the Holy Spirit, all humanity may be saved.

The Orb is charged with a radiant Cross, which, like the field it is set on, is white, celebrating the glory of the risen Saviour. There is no boundary to the arms of the cross, just as there are no limits to the grace of God.

Ours is a faith that addresses the deepest longings of the heart, but it is always turned outwards to the world and its needs.

Methodist leaders and Archbishop of Canterbury call for end to anger and vitriol in public debate

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Michaela Youngson, and the Vice-President, Mr Bala Gnanapragasam, met with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday 9 January. The meeting discussed progress on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant and closer working and understanding in mission and evangelism between the two Churches.

As part of the conversation, those present reflected on the current political situation in Britain. Following this discussion, the Archbishop, the President and Vice-President have made the following joint statement:

"Jesus calls us to love one another, and even to love our enemies. In this time of political turmoil we have been shocked at the anger and vitriol that has surrounded so much public discourse, personally, online and via social media. Our Christian heritage, along with other global faith and non-faith traditions, calls for us to treat others as we would wish to be treated. This does not mean the absence of passionate difference, but it does call for respect for human dignity."

Dore Parish Church Hall

Many of our church members attended the recent public meeting in Christ Church regarding the future of the Parish Hall on Townhead Road. Following the meeting the PCC have made the following announcement:

'The Parish Church Council (PCC) met on 12th February to review comments, questions and suggestions which were received both verbally and in written form, at the recent open meeting. They are very grateful for the level of interest in the future of the hall.

The PCC reiterates that they wish to retain the hall for community use.

A working group has been formed which will evaluate different models of maintaining and developing the hall, and will report back to the PCC by the end of March. Following that we will communicate again, both with those individuals and groups who have expressed interest in the running of the hall, and with the community as a whole.'

Worship during Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday**, which this year falls on **6th March**. We felt that it would be helpful if we could arrange a themed preaching series for Lent, and our Worship Team decided to focus on "Characters in the Easter Story". So the plan is as follows:

10th March - service led by Jenny Bywaters - "The Woman who anoints Jesus"

17th March - service led by Rev. Gail Hunt - "Peter"

24th March - service led by Rev. Phil Borkett - "Judas"

31st March - service led by Rev. Gail Hunt - "Mary the mother of Jesus"

7th April - service led by John Freeman - "Pilate"

14th April - Palm Sunday - service led by Lawrie Ginn - "Caiaphas"



HOLY WEEK

After Palm Sunday we move into **Holy Week** and for the last two years we have held a short act of reflective worship each day. This has been well received by those attending, and we propose to continue the practice this year. The arrangements are:

Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April an act of quiet, reflective worship from **4:30 p.m.**— lasting no longer than half an hour.

We want to focus on key words from the story of Holy Week and Good Friday:

Monday "Forgiveness"

Tuesday "Suffering"

Wednesday "Kindness"

Thursday "Mystery" *this worship will include Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday*

Our **Good Friday** worship will be at **6:00 p.m.** with the theme of "Trust and Triumph".

On **Saturday Morning, 20th April**, the church will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 12 noon** for quiet reflection. Coffee, teas and biscuits will be available in the Church Hall.

Our **Easter Morning Celebration at 10:30 a.m.** will be led by Rev Gail Hunt and will include Holy Communion. It will also be the final service in the "Breaking Bread" series.

Our Worship Team will be leading the service on **Sunday 28th April** and in that service we hope to pick up on points from our worship during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Tuesday Group

At our Annual General Meeting in October, it was agreed that a shrub should be planted in the church flowerbed at the front of the church in memory of past members who are no longer with us.



The plant was a Skimmia, chosen with some help and advice from the Gardening Club.

The Tuesday Group has been running since 1973 and we remember, with affection, those who were loyal members and for the contribution they made over the years.



**Everyone is welcome on
Saturday 13th April
10.00 am to 12 noon
in the Hall**

Donations of cakes, books, bric-a-brac will be gratefully received

Action for Children helps disadvantaged children and young people from before they are born until they are into their twenties across the UK.

Update from Operation Christmas Child Shoe box appeal

Some of our members made their donation to Operation Christmas Child on-line and some have received the message below to say where their boxes went.

'Your shoebox gift was sent to Ukraine!



In 2018, together you packed an amazing 511,200 shoebox gifts and equipped thousands of churches and groups in Eastern Europe, Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East to reach out generously to children in need, with the joy of a shoebox gift and the good news of the Christmas story. Every shoebox, packed with love and fueled by prayer, has the potential to impact a child's life in a very special way!

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan in 2018 and part of a global family that enabled 10.6 million precious children, in over 100 countries, to receive a shoebox gift.'

Nadia's Story

Nadia explains how living in a war zone has impacted her family, 'It was 4 o'clock in the morning and as we all slept an explosion took place. The glass in the kitchen window was broken into small pieces. I called my son, screaming his name, "Dima! Dima!" We hugged one another and sat. Then my husband ran in crying, "Missiles! Missiles," and pushed us out to the stair way. Then another explosion took place. The light went out. It was completely dark. We all were suddenly covered by dust and could feel it between our teeth.'

'Before the war I had a good job in city Dzhertzinsky regional electrical department. I got regular payments and we always had food to eat. When the war started everything changed. When I wake up in the morning I wonder if all my friends are still alive, or perhaps there was shooting, and somebody was killed. After the war started, I realized that I needed God and I came to the church. The most important thing is to believe that you are saved. When I come home after the service, I feel that I am filled with the energy and strength that I do not even think about shooting anymore; I have stopped fearing it.'

'Through our church my children were able to receive shoebox gifts. Those pencils, markers, socks and toys - they all are so nice. And it is something we really cannot afford to buy at present situation. It was a great holiday for the children and for us too. We had a wonderful celebration. They told the children about Jesus and they learned what the meaning of Christmas is.' Nadia's daughter Carina said, 'We sang a lot of songs and danced. I liked the pencils. I can use them at school.'

Pastor Anatoliy supports Nadia's family and said, 'The frontline means poverty, means destitution and hopelessness, and a shoebox gift is a real joy, real happiness for a child. Then he realizes, "somebody loves me, somebody cares about him, somebody thinks about me." I would like to thank everybody who takes part in this ministry, those who buys gifts and gathers the gift boxes, ships them here and pays for that. You all are making priceless investment into lives of children. Thank you very much! Keep doing it!'

Dore Methodist Heritage: Ministers

If you have any skeletons in the family cupboard, that's probably where you'll want to keep them. But if you have any Methodist ancestors, you are likely to be happy to see as much of them as possible on your family tree. Recently some very good resources have come online. First we'll look for ministers and next time for lay people.

Go—or get someone else to go—to www.mymethodisthistory.org.uk or google 'my Methodist history'. Next click Research Resources. I suggest you start with Who's Who in Methodism 1933 at the bottom. Click and scroll down to the pages you want.

My first guinea pig was Bridget's grandpa, Robertson Ballard. I scrolled down to Who's Who - Ministers Bab-Bon, clicked and went down three pages. This is what I found:

BALLARD, Robertson. b. 1892 at Brighton. ed. Kingswood. T. Coll. Headingley. e.m. 1916 (W.) m. Dorothy Mabel Cuss, three d. Circuits: Crosshill [sic]; London Miss., Poplar; Sydenham; London Miss., East Bethnal Green. Publications: Brand New Addresses to Children, And with the Morn. Sp. Int. Music and Journalism. Son of Rev. Dr. Frank Ballard (dec.). Address: 61 Cawley Road, S. Hackney, London. Tel. Amhurst 4017.



Rev. Dr Frank Ballard & Rev. Robertson Ballard, Bridget's Great Grandfather and Grandfather.

The abbreviations are fairly obvious, though e.m. 1916 (W.) means that RB entered the Wesleyan ministry in 1916. His publications are interesting. He was clearly one of the sources of Bridget's educational genes. *And with the Morn: is this about bereavement?* It comes from 'Lead, kindly Light': And with the morn those angel faces smile...

Back at Research Resources I clicked Ministers and Probationers of the Methodist Church...1932. At Alphabetical Arrangement -B- I found more dates in RB's career: 1916 Cross Hills; 1917 London Mis., Poplar, &c; 1922 London, Syden.; 1927 London Mis., E.



Rev. William Tennant, Ann's father.

My second guinea pig was Ann Oakes's dad. She told me her maiden name was Tennant. Scrolling down this time to Who's Who - Ministers T-V and going through the pages, I found TENNANT, William Alfred, born in 1903 at Gainsborough, attended Hartley Training College, entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1924, married Annie Hannah Emmeney of Ipswich and served in Leighton Buzzard, Wisbech and Diss circuits. His manse was at 88 Victoria Road, Diss. As yet there was no sign of Ann!

Ministers and Probationers then showed that Ann's father spent two years in the Leighton Buzzard circuit before training for three at Hartley, going next to Wisbech for two years in 1929, and then to Diss. Short stays were usual at the start of ministry.

These online books are great for lucky finds. Just above William Tennant I noticed TEMPLE, John R. Many will remember his son David from Fairthorn. After service in China JRT spent four years in Truro. One of the last things he did before leaving in 1930 was to marry my father and mother!

John Dunstan

March 2019

Monday 4th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 4th	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Sid Burgin, 'City of York'
Monday 11th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 11th	2:30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 12th	6:30 pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday 12th	7:30 pm	Tuesday Group—'A Twist in the Tale', Tony Hallam talks about Chesterfield's unusual spire, with illustrations
Monday 18th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 18th	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Sheffield Theatres
Monday 25th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 25th	2:30 pm	Crafty Club

April 2019

Monday 1st	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 1st	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—'Those Foolish Things'
Monday 8th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 8th	2:30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 9th	7:30 pm	'Around the World Clipper Race'. Martin Greenshields tells about this arduous sailing adventure, with illustrations. OPEN MEETING
Monday 15th	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 15th	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship
Tuesday 16th	6:30 pm	Men's Steak Night
Monday 22nd	2:30 pm	Crafty Club
Monday 29th	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship

Just for a laugh A delightful, angelic young boy was waiting for his mum as she loaded up the car with the weekly shopping. As he stood there, he was approached by a man who asked "Excuse me, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The boy replied, " Yes, just go straight down the street , turn right, you'll see it on the left."

The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how polite he had been and said, "I'm the new vicar in town. If you and your mum come to church on Sunday I'll show you how to get to heaven". The boy quickly replied "You're kidding me, you can't even find the Post Office."

We're on the web!

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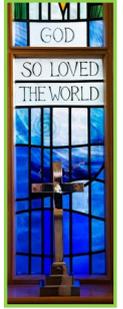
You will find Dore Methodist Church a place of **WELCOME, BELONGING** and **BELIEVING, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, LOVE, FORGIVENESS** and a place of **COMMUNITY** with caring people who will help you discover more of God's love and purpose for your own life.

Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

All are invited on

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am

Followed by coffee or tea 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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