



Dore Methodist Church



Magazine of The Church on the High Street

Rosemary Memory Café.

At the Annual church Meeting last November it was agreed that one of our aims for the forthcoming year was to enhance the activities for elderly people in the local community. We were considering how to do this when, unexpectedly, we were approached by Sheffield Age UK who were exploring the possibility of establishing dementia memory cafés in both Dore and Totley.

Meetings were held with Sheffield Age UK to learn more of their ideas, and the practicalities involved. At the March Church Council Meeting it was agreed that we will be providing the venue, and also recruiting volunteers. The representative of Christ Church present at our meeting indicated that they would be delighted to become involved and as a result of advertising in both churches we now have 20 volunteers.

Following a dementia awareness and induction session for the volunteers, Sheffield AgeUK will be starting the café in our hall, on Tuesday 7th May at 2-00 p.m.. Thereafter it will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

What makes a memory café different? - we want to encourage people experiencing some memory loss, or people who have a diagnosis of mild to moderate dementia, their carers and their friends to come along and join us. There will be activities to engage, inform, stimulate and entertain everyone. Plus, it is an opportunity to make new friends, keep active and feel more confident.

Everyone is welcome and the sessions are free to attend, but there will be a small charge for refreshments (£1 per person). Sheffield AgeUK do ask that those wishing to attend tell them in advance by phoning (0114) 2502850. In addition transport by Transport 17 will be available, if needed, for a small charge of £1-50 per person.

The café at Totley will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at All Saints Church.



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Do you recognise this photo? Does the building look familiar?

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Jottings from the minister:

Our grandchildren are a great delight in our lives and one of the most special times is when we pick them up from school.

The walk home takes us past the local shop, where we often have to pop in' to see if there is a comic or some sweets which are 'just waiting to be bought!' However, along with the 'treats' on the journey home, also come the conversations and it's amazing what interesting questions they ask as we saunter along:

"Grandma, Granddad, how ... why ... where ... when...?" ... ageless questions which address many situations; in them we can hear echoes of their mother, thirty years earlier, asking the same things! This kind of inquiring nature is a great way in which we learn.

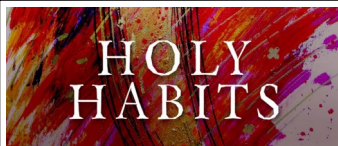
Last month took us to the wonderful celebrations of the resurrection morning and now May and June leads us on into the post Easter period, when, in those early days, many questions were being asked. None less famous of course than the one raised by the disciple Thomas. Dismissing the joyfulness of the others, Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus is alive; his questions deserve to be heard, a quick and glib answer won't do. How true that is, - superficial, hasty answers can often do a lot of harm and the best questions are usually the ones which require a lot of wrestling with to find the answer.

Sometimes there may be of course, no answers, but that doesn't mean we should avoid asking; every now and again when doubts are voiced and honest feelings are expressed, we find another step of faith has been taken.

Shalom

Gail

Please pray with me: Lord like your disciple Thomas, we don't always recognise you. We pray that in the weeks ahead we will make a special effort to look for you in world around us. Thank you that no question is too big or too small to bring to you. Amen



We drew the first Holy Habits "breaking bread" to a close on Easter Sunday and our next focus will be **Fellowship**.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship." Acts 2:42

Fellowship invokes images of close, supportive, personal relationships. Our Christian faith is not simply a private, personal affair; it unites us to one another through Christ and is at its most enriching and life-giving when experienced in fellowship.

Services:

May 12th The vine and the branches The Rev Gail Hunt

June 2nd United in Christ and serving together The Rev Gail Hunt

Prayer: Teach us Lord, to respect others, to work together in ways of justice & peace, always to be ready with arms outstretched to welcome in your name. Amen

On 28th April John Dunstan contributed to Sunday worship with a reflection on our stained glass window.



Before we find out more about the installation of the window lets find out about the earlier days of our church (as written in a photo album created by David Heslop).

'In the early 1950's the trustees of the church realising that the village was about to expand, purchased a piece of land on the north side of Rushley Road for a new church. The development never progressed. One reason was the concern of the trustees that the church would no longer be in the heart of the village.



In the late 1950's it was decided to rebuild and completely remodel the church within the existing site. The Rushley Road land was sold for housing (the bungalow development on Rushley Close). That money was the basis of the funding of the new project.

The redevelopment progressed and the rebuilt church was reopened in 1962. It was a success and the membership grew immediately to over 80. In the next twenty years the trustees purchased the land at the rear and ultimately formed the car park.



It was realised that there were a number of operational problems with the accommodation and in 1996 it was decided to undertake refurbishment of the church. Schemes and plans were formed, a budget was set of £100,000 and the funds were raised.

Building works were started in December 1997 and the work was finished (within budget) for the opening on 21st March 1998.

John Dunstan produced a leaflet on the Memorial Window:

'The apse with its seven windows was part of David Heslop's original design, but the glazing was to be opaque to match the others. This gave Graham and Joan Thorpe the idea of commemorating their son John, who had died the previous August, in stained glass. In particular they wanted a memorial that would give people hope.

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Ros Jones, the artist who designed the window asked about John's interests and heard that he loved the sea and the countryside. Back at the church the project committee suggested including a Cross. Ros put these ideas together, she had recently done a montage for a hospice in Staffordshire, using the words *God so loved the world*. Joan and Graham agreed that this could not be bettered, as did the committee.

Ros added her own little details. You have to get close to the window to see the shells, Wesley's

emblem, and the fish. She went to a lot of trouble to get the right glass; the blue was brought specially from London.

What we may see in the window

We may see different things with our mind's eye, new to others. Others may see things new to us. While the main message of our window is hope, peace and love are here



too.

With fancy flowing free, some might see Jesus' bowed head at the centre of the Cross, and his arms stretched against his arms. Indeed the arms of the Cross are conventional symbols of Jesus' arms, wide open to all who come to him, and perhaps holding back the evil forces for whom his rising marked the beginning of the end. But see here how the architecture adds to the art. These arms are not straight, they curve round the apse, they are standing to embrace anyone and everyone who comes. They are arms of love. For *God so loved the world...*



Circuit Meeting News

For many months now we have been hearing that from September thirteen churches in our Circuit will not have a minister/presbyter. This is situation shared nationally which Sheffield needs to address. The Circuit meeting have spent many hours on it and I am sure there are many more to come. During the last meeting we had to consider key points:

- The agreed budget last year was not met. How to set future budgets.
- The need for training, equipping and appointing people to lead Church Councils to be addressed for September 2019.
- The hard questions about church sustainability—look properly and soberly at the potential lifespan of a church.
- A process of appointing local preachers and church stewards to serve in a wider capacity could be established.
- Broomhill Church closing as a place of worship and equipping it as a Circuit hub.
- Re-imagining of the Circuit structures to reduce meetings.

As one of your two Dore reps at the Circuit meeting I will keep you as best informed as possible and please ask me for any further questions which I will try to answer. *Bridget Ball*



Two Christmas trees transformed into One Cross

At the start of each service during Lent items and characters relating to the build up to Holy Week were added to the cross in church, culminating with the crown of thorns.

Acts of quiet, reflective worship took place during Holy Week focussing on key words from the story of Holy Week and Good Friday. Questions were posed including:

Forgiveness—*Forgiveness is also about forgetting: What can you do to forget and forgive?*

Suffering—*Why do you think Jesus refused the offer of medicated wine?*

Kindness—*What do we learn from the way Jesus reached out to his mother from the cross?*

On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Risen Christ, and the cross was transformed.

Church Council Meeting - 13th March

The meeting was chaired by our Minister and she warmly welcomed Anita Campbell who was attending as a representative of Christ Church, Dore. The business of the meeting included:

- Holy Habits - it was felt that the programme "Holy Habits" had been well received so far. The next chapter, starting in May, would be "Fellowship".
- New Opportunities - Gail reported on an approach which had been received from Sheffield AgeUK, who wished to start a Dementia Café in Dore and had asked if we would be interested in partnering with them. The Church Council were very supportive of this request and agreed that it should be pursued. Anita Campbell indicated that she felt that Christ Church would also wish to support this new opportunity.
- A survey of parents attending 4 T's Toddlers Group is to be undertaken to determine if there is more we could do to support them.
- Finance - Eric Barraclough reported that for the first five months of our financial year income and expenditure were generally in line with expectations.
- Property - John Bailey reported on a number of minor repairs which were in hand. It was agreed to replace the taps in the toilets with ones which will only run for 15 seconds, in order to eliminate the risk of flooding and reduce our water consumption. An up to date Fire Risk Assessment was tabled and accepted.
- Pastoral - Margaret Millican reported that we had 3 new members and our membership now stood at 53.
- Safeguarding - Gail indicated that Bridget Ball had agreed to become our Safeguarding Officer.
- Anita Campbell gave information on the interregnum period at Christ Church and the current position regarding the Church Hall.
- The changes to the Trustees and future staffing for "Soulroots" were noted.

The next scheduled meeting will be on 16th October at 7.30 p.m.

Join our church in supporting the vital work of Christian Aid



Christian Aid aims:

- * to expose poverty throughout the world
- * to help in practical ways to end it
- * to highlight, challenge and change structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised

They work in 37 countries , with people of all faiths and none.



The story of Jebbah

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking. Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

Envelopes for your donations will given out in our church on Sundays 5th May & 12th May. Join in Kath's fundraising coffee morning:



FRIDAY 24th May

178 Dore Road

10.00 am to 12 noon

Small cakes & buns etc will be welcome

Come relax and enjoy time with friends and give generously so we can upkeep our name at Christian Aid, London



Action for Children

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Action for Children Coffee Morning** in April. We raised a grand total of £372.



Action for Children (formerly National Children's Home) celebrates 150 years this year. The Sheffield Circuit has organised a special service on **7th July** at Wesley Hall, Crookes at 6 pm.



May 2019

Monday 6th	2.30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 7th	2-00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 13th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—A particular Stately Home' C. Warsh
Tuesday 14th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—'Sheffielders on Holiday', Suzanne Bingham presents her illustrated talks
Monday 20th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 21st	6.30 pm	Steak Night
Monday 27th	2.30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Kath Marshall

June 2019

Monday 3rd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 4th	2-00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 10th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Board Games
Tuesday 11th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—'Yorkshire Seaside Heritage', Mike Higginbottom gives his illustrated talk
Monday 17th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 18th	2-00 pm 6.30 pm	Rosemary Café Steak Night
Monday 24th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Music whilst your dream

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 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 notice in our church hall

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We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

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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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