



DORE METHODIST CHURCH

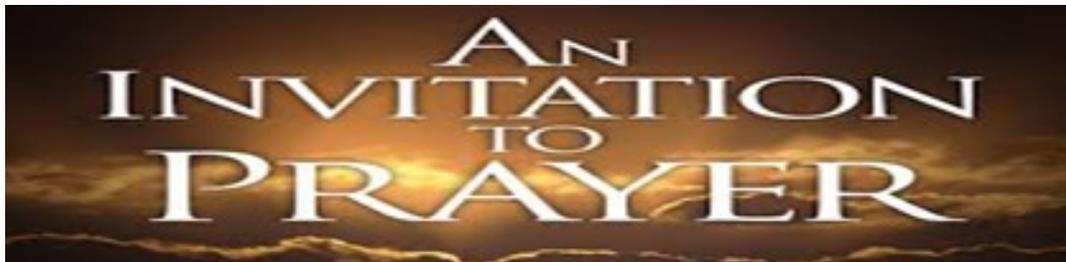


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The Magazine of the Church on the High Street.

LENT - HOLY WEEK- EASTER

As we move into Spring, and hopefully the weather gets better, so in the church we move first into the period of Lent, then onto Holy Week and finally to Easter celebrations.



Lent is often a time when people think about “giving up” but how about “taking something on” this year - take on the discipline of prayer. We have a leaflet to guide you through the 6 weeks of Lent with a different prayer focus each week. It is designed to help you encounter God in the everyday.

Week 1 (Commencing Sunday 6th March) MAKING SPACE FOR GOD

Week 2 (Commencing Sunday 13th March) A GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

Week 3 (Commencing Sunday 20th March) A PATTERN OF PRAYER

Week 4 (Commencing Sunday 27th March) PRAYING THROUGH THE DAY

Week 5 (Commencing Sunday 3rd April) SILENT PRAYER

Week 6 (Commencing 10th April) Holy Week ENDING THE DAY WITH PRAYER

Copies of the leaflet are available in Church or can be downloaded from our website www.doremethodist.org.uk

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Also during our Sunday morning services in Lent we will be using a short opening liturgy and building up a visual display to focus our minds on the theme of each service.

HOLY WEEK - 10th to 16th APRIL.

Our Palm Sunday service on Sunday 10th April will be led by Rev David Willie. At this service we will distribute Palm Crosses.



For a number of years, pre-covid, we organised a short act of reflective worship each day during Holy Week. This was greatly appreciated by those who attended, and we have decided to organise a similar opportunity during Holy Week this year.

From Monday to Thursday there will be an act of quiet, reflective worship in church, starting at 4-30 p.m. and lasting about half an hour. We invite everyone to these services and in the past we have been delighted to have folk from other local churches joining with us.

The focus of our services will be **Travel with us through Holy Week.**

On **Monday** we will hear the story unfold *through* the eyes of the disciples.

On **Tuesday** we will be invited to understand more *through* the words of Jesus

On **Wednesday** we will reflect on the passion *through* words and music

On **Thursday** we will become part of the story *through* bread and wine

On **Good Friday** we will join with friends in the garden at Totlely Rise Methodist Church at **2-45 p.m.** where we will Pause and wait....victory will be won *through* the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY - 17th APRIL

Gail will lead our Easter Morning Celebrations with a service that will include Holy Communion.

We hope that as many as possible will be able to support all the arrangements we are making to make Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2022 special for the people of Dore.

Please invite your friends and family to join with us as we travel through this season.



Sheffield Circuit—Lent Prayer Gatherings.

The Sheffield Circuit are organising a series of Prayer Gatherings, each Wednesday in March at 8-00 p.m. for an hour. These gatherings will explore the symbols traditionally placed on the Lenten Cross and their significance to the Circuit. These sessions are held on Zoom and the access details are as follows:

Meeting ID: 944 1186 5948

Passcode: 999757

The situation in Ukraine.

Over the last few weeks we have all been aware of the terrible plight of people living in Ukraine. Some have made long and difficult journeys to safe havens in other countries; others have spent many hours in underground shelters dreading what the next few hours will hold for them. There are now huge humanitarian needs and many people in this country are asking how they can help. The quickest and safest way to offer support is by making a monetary donation to one of the established aid agencies. They are aware of the urgent needs and often have established and dedicated ways of being able to quickly meet these. This is better than us organising a local collection within the church.



There are two suggested methods of making a personal monetary donation. Firstly, by supporting the appeal made by All We Can and The Methodist Church. This can be done in several ways:

- Making a donation on-line. Go to www.allwecan.org.uk/ukraine-emergency-appeal/
- Make a donation over the phone by contacting All We Can on 020 7467 5132
- Send a cheque (Payable to All We Can) to All We Can, Ukraine Emergency Appeal, 25, Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR.

Or you can donate to the appeal launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee (which includes Christian Aid, Cafod, Save the Children and Oxfam). This too can be done in several ways:

- Making a donation on-line. Go to www.dec.org.uk
- Make a donation over the phone by contacting 0370 60 60 900
- Send a cheque (Payable to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal) and send to PO Box 999, London, EC3A 3AA.
- Make a donation over the counter at any Post Office

If you are able, please “Gift Aid” your donation as this increases its value by 25% at no extra cost.

When our Church Council met on 3rd March they agreed to send a donation of £500 from Church Funds to the All We Can appeal.

Please also remember this on-going situation in your prayers.

It may be that in coming weeks if refugees from Ukraine arrive in Sheffield there will be practical ways that we can show our concern by donating clothing, household goods etc. If such local appeals are made we will give details of how donations can be made via our Weekly Update.

Tuesday Group.

After a gap of eighteen months, we were finally able to hold our first meeting on the second Tuesday of September at the new time of 2.30 p.m. It was felt that an afternoon meeting would work well for everyone and with an average attendance of twenty-five ladies that seems to be the case.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas Meeting, singing carols, Christmas readings and an unusual rendition of the Twelve Days Christmas. Janet Barraclough kindly accompanied us on the piano, trying to keep us in tune. This was followed by an enjoyable afternoon tea and an opportunity to chat to everyone.

We are looking forward to our new 2022 programme with some interesting speakers , which began as follows:

8th February: 'Life in the Fire Service', Mike Hodgkins First-hand experiences of a retired fireman

8th March: 'Arpillera', the beautiful textiles of Peru feature in a project supported by the Anglican Church in that country

Our April Meeting is on Tuesday 12th and will be 'A Derbyshire River', Christine Gregory describes a picturesque walk down a little know river

All meetings take place in our Church Hall at 2.30 p.m.

We have decided to still support Transport 17 as our Charity for the coming year. As Covid restrictions eased we restarted the sale of books with the money going to our Charity.

All ladies are very welcome to come along and join us for friendship and good company.

June Monks.

Chair Aero bics Group.

Towards the end of January we started a new Chair Aerobics Group, working in partnership with Community Wellness Services. The Group offers a fun, friendly and low intensive workout lasting about 45 minutes. Afterwards there is a cup of tea or coffee along with the opportunity to chat to others. The leader, Jean, is well experienced in leading these classes, and is very understanding, especially when there is confusion between right and left!!!

As is often the case the group started off with a handful of attendees, but over the last few weeks our numbers have increased with around a dozen people attending.

So if you want some gentle exercise in a friendly environment, why not come along on Monday's at 1-00 p.m. in the Church Hall. There is a charge of £3 per session.

Jackie Bailey.

Annual Church Meeting.

We are required to hold an Annual Church Meeting, when together we can consider the life of our church and the way we would like it to develop over the coming year - as well as making some appointments to key posts.

Because of the situation over the last couple of years we have not held such a meeting since 2019. Arrangements have now been made for our 2022 Annual Church Meeting to be held as part of our Sunday Worship on **15th May**. There will be some short reports circulated in advance, but we will not be producing reports from every Church group or organization as we have in the past.

This will be an important meeting when we will consider all aspects of our church life and we hope that as many of our members as possible will make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Poem.

I have a list of people I know, all written in a book
On birthdays and at Christmas time I go and take a look
And that is when I realise that these names are all a part
Not of the book they are written in, for they are in my heart.

Each name stands for someone who has passed my path sometime
And in the meeting they became the rhythm in each rhyme.
It may sound fantastic for me to make this claim
But I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

Whilst you may not be aware of any special link
Just meeting you has marked my life a lot more than you think.
For once I've met someone, the years cannot erase
My memories of a pleasant word and a kind and friendly face.

So please never think that my cards are just a mere routine
That I think of you at special times but never in between.
For when I send a greetings card that is addressed to you
It's because you're on a list of friends that I'm indebted to.

For I am but the total of the many friends I've met
And you happen to be one of those I never will forget.
So whether I have known you for many years or a few
In some way you have played a part in shaping the things I do.

And every year at special times I realise anew
The best gift life can offer is having friends like you.
So may the love at special times keep growing and endure
Leaving richest blessings in the heart of you and yours.

*(Thank you to "Author Unknown" for these words. Submitted by
Joy Depledge.)*

News from the Church Council.

Our Church Council met on 3rd March. Items discussed included:

- **Pastoral** - we now have 45 members and 12 "friends".
- **Property** - repairs to the roof have recently cost £5666. Electrical repairs undertaken and some still awaited will cost over £1200. Some work has also been necessary on the hall heating system and fire precautions equipment. An estimate of £10,000 had been received to deal with the damp problem in the hall but it was agreed we could not progress this.
- **Finance** - in the last 5 months our expenditure has exceeded our routine income. A legacy of £15,000 had been received from the estate of Margaret Vaughan.
- **Worship Leader** - Jackie Bailey was re-appointed as a Worship Leader.
- **Safeguarding** - we have not been able to appoint a Safeguarding Officer. The possibility of sharing the work between a number of people is being discussed. The Church Council was reminded of their obligations regarding Safeguarding.
- **Moving forward** - a careful and cautious approach is still being followed as we move from pandemic to endemic. A number of church and other groups are now meeting and operating successfully. An Annual Church Meeting will be held shortly which will include a discussion on Oversight and Trusteeship.

The Church Council is scheduled to next meet in October.

Magazine and Notices - reducing use of paper.

This edition of our magazine has been produced in a different format and fewer paper copies will be printed. Instead a copy will be sent electronically to all members who have an email address. There will be paper copies available for those without an email address and for visitors or members of groups using our building to pick up.

Similarly from April our Weekly Update will be sent out electronically to all members who have given us their email address. Again there will be a few paper copies available in church for those who cannot access documents via the internet and visitors.

Copies of our Weekly Update, worship at Home material and Magazine are available on our website.

The next edition of our magazine will be available in June 2022.

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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.

We meet for worship at 10-30 a.m. every Sunday. Coffee and tea is served after the service every other week in the church hall.

We ask that all users of our building are careful, cautious and considerate, especially in regard to any covid precautions that we have in place.

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