

# Dore Methodist Church



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## Are you ready for Christmas?

The season of Advent helps us to prepare for the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas. Everyone is invited to our events during the festive season.



The season starts with the village **Lantern Parade**. Come and join us in our hall where we will be serving hot drinks and mince pies during this annual event on Friday 30th November.

## Our Harvest Celebrations



The church was full of autumnal flowers and produce during our harvest weekend. After the morning service the food produce was taken to Lowedges Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone who joined in our Harvest Supper celebrations. A grand total of just under £1,000 was raised and sent to Water Aid.



November 11 is a day we remember.



Join us on **Remembrance Sunday, 11th November** for a short service at 10.00 am. The service will finish in time for you to walk down to the village green for the village commemoration service at the war memorial.

Coffee and tea will be served in our hall after both services.

## Roy Blackshaw

One of our long standing members, Roy Blackshaw died on October 4th. The Rev. Gail Hunt led a service of thanksgiving on 16th October. The Rev. David Willie who had known Roy since 2004 led tributes:

*'In the Summer 2005 edition of the Church Magazine, it was stated that like Blackpool Rock, the Methodist Church is written right through Roy and Margaret. Roy's parents were the caretakers at Andover Street Methodist Church, a large thriving church community. Roy attended the Sunday School from the age of 4 and, over the years, was in the Life Boys, Boys Brigade and the Christian Endeavour. He served as a Sunday School Teacher, a Poor Steward, and Church Trustee at the age of 22, becoming Trust Secretary. He was also in the Choir.*

*Roy went to Firth Park Grammar School. He went to work at the railway at Bridgehouses. When he was 18 he went into the RAF to do his National Service in Holland and Germany.*

*Roy first saw Margaret when she was 12. Margaret's life was centred around Pitsmoor Methodist Church. She joined Roy at Andover Street and became involved in the Girls Life Brigade. Roy and Margaret were married on 31 March 1951. They were blessed with their two children, Susan and Peter.*

*Roy moved to Johnson Matthey, the bullion dealers in Sheffield, working for them for 11 years, progressing to General Office Manager. Roy made another career change and became a lecturer in Business Studies at Rotherham Technical College until he retired.*

*Roy always loved singing and was a tenor in the Dore Male Voice Choir for more than 25 years. He was a thespian in the Andover Players. Roy and Margaret shared a mutual interest in gardening: Margaret the designer by nature and Roy the labourer, although he became quite an expert in the cultivation of orchids, winning prizes on a number of occasions. Roy was often left to get on with the gardening while Margaret spent many happy hours walking in Derbyshire with her good friend, Doreen Hardy.*

*Roy found great joy in his five granddaughters: Holly, Amelia, Sarah, Anna, Laura and stepson, Ashley. Great grandchildren, Isabella, Freya, Elise, Heidi and Theodore added to that joy.*

*When Margaret celebrated her 80th birthday in Fulwood Lodge, some members of the Dore Male Voice Choir were able to attend the party to sing for her. On one of his visits David Willie was able to bless a replacement wedding ring as the original ring kept slipping from Margaret's finger. You could not help but admire his love, care and concern for Margaret.*

*Hymns and readings at the service of thanksgiving for Roy's life reminded those present of Christian hope. Roy had that hope for Margaret and for himself, so we confidently commend him to God in that sure and certain hope.'*

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Roy's family and friends.

We also remember and give thanks for the life of **Ron Clarke** who died in October and will include a tribute to Ron in our next magazine.

## Men's Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, October 20th** saw the gathering of 11 gentlemen to participate in the 'inaugural' meeting of the Breakfast Club. Organised by David Heslop, and splendidly executed by him, with the valuable help of grandson Liam, the meal was a complete four-course matter, including the Full Yorkshire Breakfast (eight items including the obligatory black pudding and fried bread). Toast and marmalade and all the tea and coffee one could drink was available for those who still had some stomach room.

To round off the occasion, entertainment was provided by three members who each gave a five-minute talk on a subject of their choosing. Eric Barraclough spoke about the Royal Air Force and its development over the years. Roger Millican related the way that clouds had been first properly classified early in the 19th century. John Bailey told of the growth of his career as a church organist or as he put it "His journey to isolation on Sunday mornings!":

*"My maternal Grandfather was a Methodist organist for over 50 years, but as he died when I was aged two I have no memory of him. His son, my uncle, was also an organist at the main Methodist church in Southampton for many years. I started piano lesson when a young boy and when at junior school occasionally played hymns in the assembly, as well as playing the piano at Sunday School. I spent the Whitsuntide holiday in 1960 in Southampton with my Uncle and Aunt, and was allowed to sit on the organ stool with my uncle for the two Sunday services. This was the moment when I realised that I too wanted to be an organist. Sadly, my Uncle was unable to support me on this journey as he died in a car accident a few weeks after my visit. I continued with piano lessons and during teenage years started to play the harmonium for services at our chapel.*

*Around the age of 16 I moved from piano lessons to organ lessons. After a period of time I felt that I wanted to be playing a "proper organ" and was appointed organist at another Methodist church in Wolverhampton, much to the concern of a certain young lady, but we proved that the power of true love was greater than even a pipe organ! The organ that I was playing was originally installed in the church where my Grandfather played and was the one on which my Uncle learned to play. During the 11 years I was at that church consideration was being given to moving to a new building and in preparation for this a member of the congregation very generously bought us a new "Allen" organ.*

*On our move to Sheffield in 1980 we joined Endcliffe Methodist Church and I played the organ their occasionally, until the Organist died suddenly in 1984. I was then appointed Organist and remained in that post until the church closed in 2015. Now happy to be playing at Dore - not quite so isolated with the "sound-person" also upstairs!"*

Following a vote of thanks to David and Liam, there was wholesale agreement that the event should be repeated, probably at quarterly intervals, with invitations being extended to friends and others who do not normally visit the church building. **Our thanks again, David.**



## Church Council Meeting—17th October

This was the first Dore Church Council chaired by Gail, and she opened the meeting by reading from Acts chapter 2. The business of the meeting included:

- ◆ A paper from the Sheffield Circuit outlining the current shortage of Ministers in the Circuit. Soon there could be 12 or 14 churches who do not have a Minister. Ways of coping with this situation are being explored.
- ◆ Holy Habits - the initiative being followed by many of the Circuit Churches, was discussed. Originally we had said that we did not wish to commit ourselves to this until Gail had started, but she now felt that it would be helpful if we were to join in with this and it was agreed that we would start in February 2019 and consider the topic "Breaking Bread". This would culminate on Easter Sunday with Holy Communion.
- ◆ The Village "Lantern Parade" will be held on Friday 30th November and we agreed to serve hot drinks in the hall that evening.
- ◆ We spent some time considering a number of changes to our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Revised practices will be introduced over the next few months. We do not have a designated Safeguarding Officer and for the time being the Minister, Church Stewards and Property Stewards will assume responsibility for the various tasks which need to be undertaken.
- ◆ The Annual Church Accounts were presented and accepted. These will be available for discussion at the Annual Church Meeting on 21st November.
- ◆ Carolyn Heslop has resigned as one of our Communion Stewards and Margaret Willatt was appointed in her place.
- ◆ Our membership is now 52.
- ◆ The next scheduled meeting will be on 13th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

## TUESDAY GROUP CHARITY

Each September at the AGM, Tuesday Group chose a local charity to support. In the past the group has raised money, for charities such as: 'Baby Basics', 'Embrace' (children's air ambulance), and 'Lost Chord'.

This year our chosen charity is 'Light':

'Light' was founded in 2010 by three young Sheffield mums. It is a charity working to support the emotional well-being and mental health of mums and their families in the Sheffield area, during pregnancy, birth and afterwards.

Their aim is to raise awareness of perinatal mental illness and provide support for those affected by it, to promote partnerships and an information network accessible to all.

**Tuesday group has adopted 'Light' as its Charity of the Year for 2018/2019.**

Last year, we were able to raise £730 from a relatively small membership of around 27 people for 'Baby Basics'. We were able to achieve this marvellous amount of money by filling 'Smartie' tubes with 20p coins, selling second-hand paperback books, and by hosting the cream tea event following the well-dressing.

Members of the group (plus some help from husbands and friends) raised £371 by filling 'Smartie' tubes. (The tubes are donated by Tesco) If anyone in the congregation would like to help in this way, by collecting 20p coins, please have a word with Janet Clitherow or June Monks who will be happy to supply you with a free 'Smartie' tube.

*Janet Clitherow and June Monks*

## Join us this Christmas ...

During Advent on **Sundays 2nd December to 24th December** we shall be using a new candle lighting liturgy "Overflowing Love", produced by the Methodist Church.



You are warmly invited to join us at our

# Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 16th December 6.00 pm Rev. Gail Hunt



**Carol Singing** at The Hollis and Fairthorn on **Monday 17th December**.  
Leaving from the church at 6.00 p.m.  
All invited to join.

**Sunday 23rd December** is a "Local Arrangement" service - another opportunity to sing Christmas Carols old and new.



**Annual Covenant Service - 13th January 2019** led by Rev Gail Hunt

## Meetings in November and December 2018

### Monday Fellowship at 2:30 pm

12th November—The Rev. Gail Hunt

26th November—Music whilst you work/relax. Bring a favourite CD

10th December—Carol Service and cake

### Tuesday Group at 7:30 pm

13th November—'A Master Farrier', Doug Bradbury

11th December—Christmas Celebrations - Bring a savoury or dessert to share

### Crafty Club at 2:30 pm

5th November, 19th November, 3rd December and 17th December

& The Monthly Men's Steak Night meeting once a month on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Dore Grill. See sign up sheet on the notice board in the church hall.

## **Charitable Giving**

For the quarter starting on 4th November we shall be supporting Baby Basics. Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Baby Basics started at The Kings Centre in Sheffield in the spring of 2009, this centre continues to support families across Sheffield working with a wide range of frontline health and social care professionals. There is now a growing network of Baby Basics centres across the country each staffed by a committed team of volunteers.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking. Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly where it is most needed, Baby Basics volunteers lovingly collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers.

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through our care. God is at the centre of Baby Basics and inspired and motivated by His heart for everyone. Every day they continue - and every item they send out, is thanks to His kindness, grace and provision.

Their vision is based on Matthew 25:37-40: *Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*



## Hark How all the Welkin Rings

The first of the Christmas poem-hymns found in Hymns and Sacred Poems (1739) is the well-known 'Hark How all the Welkin Rings' (better known by the alterations imposed by hymnal editors, 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'). "Welkin" means "sky" or "heaven."

According to records that have been discovered, the Wesleys footed the bill to have this hymn printed and issued in Christmas 1743, in the 'Hymns for Christmas Day' (1743). The form was different than we'd recognize now: it contained ten four-line verses, with no refrain. Wesley's theologically rich song was intended to be set to a slow, serious tune. It also began like this:

*HARK how all the Welkin rings  
 "Glory to the Kings of Kings,  
 "Peace on Earth, and Mercy mild,  
 "God and Sinners reconcil'd!"  
 Joyful all ye Nations rise,  
 Join the Triumph of the Skies,  
 Universal Nature say  
 "Christ the Lord is born to Day!"*

In 1855, English musician William H. Cummings adapted Felix Mendelssohn's secular music from Festgesang to fit the lyrics of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" written by Charles Wesley. Wesley envisaged the song being sung to the same tune as his Easter song "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", and in some hymnals that tune is included for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" along with the more popular Mendelssohn-Cummings tune. By Christmas 1745, the Wesleys issued an 18-hymn collection of entirely new Christmas hymns (presumably written by Charles), 'Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord'. This collection was extremely popular among Methodists of the day, and it's believed that the pamphlet went through at least 25 printings in Britain before Charles's death in 1788.

### What is your favourite Christmas carol?

In their Nation's Favourite Christmas Carol poll Classic FM announced the top five Carols: 1) O Holy Night 2) Silent Night 3) In the Bleak Midwinter 4) Hark the Herald Angels Sing 5) O Come all ye Faithful



**Pennies for Christian Aid** Kath Marshall is asking for your spare change. It's almost that special time of year again, when we gather together to celebrate, exchange Christmas presents and spend time with our nearest and dearest. But it's also a chance to spare a thought for others further afield. Pass on your spare coins to Kath and she will purchase Christmas gifts from Christian Aid Charity Gifts. You'll help transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world. Your generosity will travel far and wide this Christmas, helping families from Bangladesh to Zimbabwe change their lives. So pass on your coins to Kath, thank you.

We're on the web!

[www.doremethodist.org.uk](http://www.doremethodist.org.uk)

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We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

**The next edition will be in January.**

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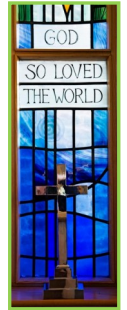
You will find Dore Methodist Church a place of **WELCOME, BELONGING** and **BELIEVING, ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, LOVE, FORGIVENESS** and a place of **COMMUNITY** with caring people who will help you discover more of God's love and purpose for your own life.

### 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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