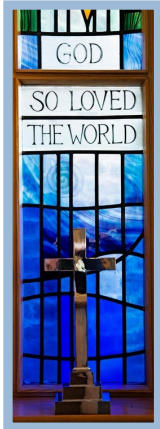


Dore Methodist Church



Magazine of The Church on the High Street



Christmas is coming...

Look inside for more details about our Christmas events.

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Welcome to our new style church magazine for November and December. We intend to publish the magazine every two months. We firstly want to thank Sid Burgin for producing our magazine for the last few years. We appreciate all his hard work and commitment, he will continue to produce our weekly notice sheet. Thank you Sid.



We celebrated our harvest this year on 23rd 24th September.

The church was decorated by members of our Tuesday Group with donations of food from the congregation placed around our communion table.



The harvest tea on the Saturday was enjoyed by all. We raised £280 for All We Can which helps find solutions to poverty by engaging with local people and organisations in some of the world's poorest communities to end the suffering caused by inequality and injustice. Thankyou to everyone who contributed to our Harvest weekend.



Donated food was given to the Grace Food Bank at Lowedges.

Remember we have a box in our hall all year round for donations to the Food Bank. Gifts of Christmas goodies would be welcome up to Mid-December.



We said farewell to Deacon Merry Evans in July

Following his last service we had a delicious lunch in the hall and Nigel Thomas, our senior steward passed on our thanks & a gift from the congregation. Merry is now a deacon in Leeds City Centre working with the disadvantaged people alongside the Authorities & Business Sector. He will encourage churches to engage with the people in the City.

Report from Church Council Meeting

Our Church Council met on 18th October. These are some of the main discussion points:-

- ◆ Our Minister, Rev Tim Crome, is taking on responsibility for Bents Green Methodist Church (as well as Banner Cross Methodist Church), and from Christmas will cease to be our Minister. Rev David Markay will assume oversight of Dore, but due to other Sunday responsibilities is unlikely to be able to lead any of our services.
- ◆ From September 2018 we will be linked with Totle Rise Methodist Church and both churches are in the Stationing Process - the Methodist way of appointing a new Minister. We may have some further news on how this process is working out for us in the middle of November.
- ◆ Our Carol Service will be held at 6-00 p.m. on Sunday 17th December.
- ◆ So that all members of our church who need Safeguarding Training, receive it, a 2-hour session is being organised for Saturday 25th November. People who need to attend the training will be contacted.
- ◆ Fitting acoustic tiles to the ceiling in the church hall appears to have helped the echo problem and lots of people have said they can hear better. Grateful thanks are expressed to those who contributed towards the cost of the tiles and to Keith Belbin who organised the work.
- ◆ Our Annual Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 6th December at 2-00 p.m.
- ◆ The next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7-30 p.m.

What happens next ...

As mentioned above there are changes ahead for Dore Methodist Church. On 8th October our minister The Rev. Tim Crome told members of the congregation what will be happening to find a new minister for Dore to start September 2018.

There are currently more churches than there are available ministers and presbyters. Information about churches who need a new minister and ministers who are on the move share details about themselves. Everyone involved looks at these details. In November 'matches' are suggested and visits to prospective, possible churches begin. If the match does not feel right or one is not suggested the process is repeated in December and possibly again in January.

If an appropriate match is found it has to be ratified at the Methodist Conference in the summer of 2018 ready for a new minister or presbyter to join his or her new church in September.

The stewards will keep you informed of progress as it evolves.

In the meantime please pray for all those involved in this important process as we put our trust in God to 'show us the way'.



We will be joining the village to commemorate those who have lost their lives in conflict on Remembrance Sunday 12th November.

After a holy communion service with The Rev Michael Brown at 10.00 am we will walk down to the Village Green for a joint village service. Coffee and tea will be served in our hall after the service.

Tuesday Group News

Every year the Tuesday Group fundraise for a charity. This year they have chosen 'Baby Basics'.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led Sheffield 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 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 vision of the charity 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.'

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through their care.

If you want to help the Tuesday Group to support this valuable charity why not buy a book from the bookshelves in our church hall. You can also ask June Monks or Janet Clitheroe for a Smartie tube to fill with 20p coins.

If you have any unwanted push chairs, buggies, high chairs, toys etc. Baby Basics can make good use of them, thank you.

A representative from the charity will be talking to the Tuesday Group in January.



Coffee Morning with Christmas Stalls

On the 9th November

10am-12noon at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield City Centre

The Methodist Women in Britain will be holding a coffee morning with Christmas stalls. Proceeds for World Mission



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Multi Charity Christmas Card Shop

20 Chapel Walk, Sheffield City Centre

Open until 16th December

Monday to Saturday 10.15 am to 4.15 pm

Cards for Good Causes Limited pays the participating charities at least 70p in every pound from their card sales.



Six local churches - Dore Methodist; Christchurch, Dore; Totley All Saints; Dore & Totley URC; St John's Abbeydale and Totley Rise Methodist Church all support the work of Soulroots who has the aim to help raise a generation of young people that walk every day with God.

Youth worker Andy Stewart has moved on to a new job and Latifah Makuyi has taken on his role at Soulroots. She joined the team in September 2016. She had a gap year with Scripture Union on the Isle of Man and has a real passion to see young people today become the strong, passion-filled Christian leaders that tomorrows world needs.

The Soulroots Prayer:

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth, If pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him.

Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

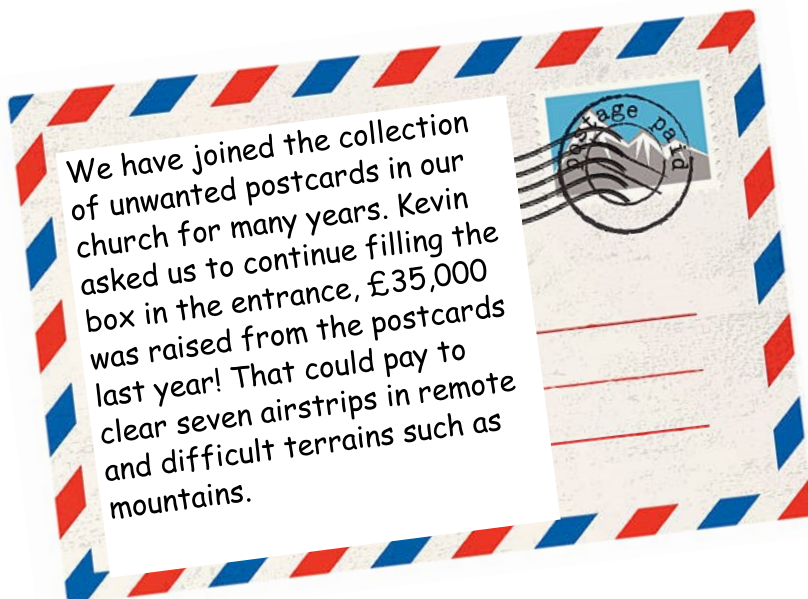
May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3: 12, 14-19

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Kevin Horsman led a service in October which included an update on Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). MAF is a Christian charity with over 130 light aircraft who bring help, hope and healing in Christ's name to people in remote isolated areas of the world.



MAF work alongside missionaries and relief agencies such as Christian Aid and Oxfam reaching 3000 destinations in 38 countries.

Each year through their planes and partnerships with isolated communities physical and spiritual care reaches well in excess of 1 million people who would otherwise remain out of reach.

For more information visit their website www.maf-uk.org

Blackamoor Brownies meet in our hall

In June, we took twenty Brownies away for the weekend to Glenbrook, Girlguiding Derbyshire's Outdoor Activity Centre in the Hope Valley, for a "pack holiday".

During the weekend, we tried tree climbing and archery, with some of our Brownies proving to be crack shots, as well as enjoying a camp fire - complete with songs and toasted marshmallows - and tackling the adventure course. Girls also had free time to play board games, draw, write their diaries or chat with their friends in the lounge. All of the Brownies worked towards achieving either their Brownie Holiday or Brownie Holiday Advanced badge. For the latter badge, girls had to design a new game for the others to try and we had some wonderfully creative ideas.

For many of the girls, it was their first time staying away from their parents and the challenge of this shouldn't be underestimated. In addition, many of the girls had additional challenges personal to them and the weekend was an opportunity for the girls to demonstrate to themselves their resilience and self-reliance. An important part of the weekend is the Brownies taking responsibility for themselves; they look after their belongings, keep their dormitory tidy, help prepare meals, dry dishes and do chores around the House.

This term, the Brownies have built their own small fires and learnt about forensic science; forthcoming evenings will include learning about the work of food banks and Guide Dogs.



Celebrating 50 years of Methodist-Catholic dialogue

A delegation of Methodists, including representatives from the World Methodist Council and the Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome, met with Pope Francis to celebrate 50 years of Methodist-Catholic dialogue, marking the formation of the Joint International Methodist-Catholic Dialogue Commission in 1967. Pope Francis said at the event: "True dialogue gives us the courage to encounter one another in humility and sincerity, in an effort to learn from one another, and in a spirit of honesty and integrity."

"We are brothers and sisters who, following a long separation, are happy once more to see and learn about one another, and to move forward with open hearts."

Reflecting on the event, Bishop Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council said to the Council news: "We are grateful for the foundation which has been laid to further our conversations toward unity as one body in Christ. Pope Francis stated in his address that we must 'remain together, like the disciples awaiting the Spirit, and as brothers and sisters on a shared journey.' On this journey, we hope to strengthen and encourage one another, and most importantly, learn from each other."

Meetings in November and December

Monday Fellowship at 2.30 pm

November 13th Outing for tea

November 27th Sing—Song

December 11th Christmas Carols and party

Crafty Club at 2.30 pm

November 6th, November 20th, December 4th & December 18th

Tuesday Group at 7.30 pm

November 14th 'Flowers and Gardens of Barbados' with Hilary Hudson

November 28th Informal Meeting

December 12th Christmas Celebration, bring a savoury or sweet to share

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Christmas

All are invited to our Christmas services

Advent Services—3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th December

*"Christmas is coming!
The Church is glad to sing,
and let the advent candles brightly burn in a ring."*

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th Dec.

6.00 pm

Followed by coffee, tea and mince pies



Christmas Eve 24th December

Morning service @ 10.30 am

Preacher: The Rev. David Willie

Christmas Day 25th December

Morning service @ 9.30 am



Operation Christmas Child

We are supporting the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal once again this year.

If you want to get involved all you need to do is cover a shoe box in Christmas wrapping paper and fill it with gifts for a child who is not looking forward to Christmas.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

What you can put in the box:

- Toys
- Educational items such as pencils & note books
- Hygiene items such as toothbrush
- Clothing such as hats

Since 1990 more than 146 million children in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

If you want to get involved fill the box and bring along to our church by mid November.



Village Lantern Parade

Friday 1st December

6.30 pm start

Join us for hot drinks including warm winter fruit punch in our hall

We're on the web!

www.doremethodist.org.uk



Minister:

The Rev. Tim Crome

Church Stewards:

Nigel Thomas

Janet Barraclough

Jackie Bailey

Daphne Willie

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in January. 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 fortnightly 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.

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