

Dore Methodist Church



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Celebrating Christmas!



Advent Wreath - four gold candles were lit during each Sunday in Advent and finally the central white candle was lit on Christmas Day.

53 shoe boxes were filled and collected for Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you.



Happy New Year

During the last service of 2018 our minister Gail Hunt encouraged us to think of any hopes, fears and prayers we have for the new year. We wrote them down and laid them within the Christmas manger.



Sunday 13th January at 10.30 am will be the Annual Covenant Service when Methodist people renew their covenant relationship with God. The emphasis of the whole service is on God's readiness to enfold us in generous love, not to be dependent on what we think we deserve. Trust in God's promises and do all we can for others.

Congratulations!

David Firth has retired after serving as church organist at Dore Methodist Church for the last 66 years.

He received a certificate of thanks for his dedication to the church on Sunday 2nd December 2018.

Thank you and congratulations David.



Annual Church Meeting.

Our Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th November, and was chaired by Rev Gail Hunt.

Most of the meeting focused on the printed Annual Report for the year September 2017 to August 2018. This summarises the activities of the various church groups and also sets out the church accounts for the year. After receiving the reports those present were invited to reflect on

- What has encouraged you in these reports?
- What do you see as our challenges?
- From what you have heard what should be our focus during the next year?

We felt encouraged by the generosity of church members, both in time and money, but concerned about decreasing membership. We are, however, an active church and it was felt that there are opportunities to further develop the work with the "4T's Toddlers Group" and at the other end of the age-range, enhance the activities for elderly people, building on the excellent work already being done by the Lunch Club.

As we still do not have a Safeguarding Officer the Minister and Church Stewards will continue to monitor this work.

A member of the meeting raised the issue of security of the building whilst meetings were being held, and it was agreed that once a meeting has started the external doors should be kept locked. All the doors do allow for quick exit in case of emergency.

During the coming year there will be discussions on the our Annual Meeting forming part of an act of worship.

Three members of our congregation died during the last few months. We remember them here with contributions from The Rev. Gail Hunt and The Rev. David Willie.

Ron Clarke

Born in Abbeydale in 1926 and his parents moved shortly after to Shiregreen where he grew up. In 1944 he volunteered for the army and after basic training joined the Royal Artillery. After leaving the army he worked for Samuel Osborns as a sales clerk and it was here he met Betty. They married at Holy Trinity Church Millhouses in 1953 and soon after along came Ian and Roger.

Ron retired in 1991 and enjoyed developing his keen interest in gardening, along with being part of the Freemasons, being master of the lodge in 1998 and provincial Grand lodge officer in 2005 and also being a member of this Church

And one of the things I discovered about Ron as I spoke with people here at the Church was how good he was at reading the Bible in worship. Especially those awkward Old Testament readings with difficult names... Ron would glide through the reading not stumbling over the words and this ability probably came from his love of, and proficiency at, speaking other languages.

Ron and Betty had two sons; Ian and Roger who gave Gail a copy of Betty's eulogy to help her come to know a little more of their life together and in there it said "Faith took no small part in Ron and Betty's happiness together"

Faith that held them in life, holds them also in death. So as we remember Ron, we do so within the context of his Christian faith.

Pauline Clark

Pauline was born on 17th January 1939 and baptised at Beck Road Methodist Church, Shiregreen. Sadly her father died when she was 7 years old so she and her sister were brought up by her mother and grandma. When they were a little older they used to come to 'Fairthorne' here at Dore for a week or so on holiday to get some country air, away from the steel works in the east end of Sheffield. Fairthorn is now a Methodist Home for the Aged but was then a home offering respite care for needy children. On Sundays they would walk to Dore Methodist Church for Sunday School. Little did Pauline know that she would spend the rest of her life in Dore!

Pauline worked as a shop assistant and window dresser at Newmans in Sheffield. It was while she was there that she met Robert.

Pauline and Robert were married on 9th May 1959 and were married for 59 years. They came to live in Dore in 1960. Pauline loved homemaking and housework and was never happier than when she was with the children, altering and making clothes, making curtains, covers and cooking. She enjoyed having parties at her home and her chocolate cakes were well known at the church here, especially for guessing the weight for the raffles. She also liked to do embroidery in silks and has made some beautiful pictures over the years. She also liked knitting and, when well enough, gardening.

Rochelle and David found their mother a strong, lovely person, kind spirited who cared about others. She appreciated people and a lot of people have appreciated her in her life. She was a loving daughter, mother and grandma.

Pauline Clark continued

She took care of her mother, her father-in-law, the foster babies, her children, Rochelle and David, her grandchildren, Ellen and Fabian. Of course Robert was the love of her life. She was absolutely devoted to him.

This church has been a big part of Pauline's life, what with Yoga for many years, Young Wives Group, Crafty Club and Fellowship. Church outings and Church rambles. She kept an eye on the plants which decorated the tables in the church hall. She was also a keen supporter of the Dore Male Voice Choir. She had a busy life!

On trips into town with Robert's sisters, Valerie and Virginia, Pauline would press a pound into the hand of people having to beg and affectionately advise them 'now you must get a cup of tea'. She worried about them.

As a mother, Pauline was loved and admired for many reasons: for her strength and fortitude when times were tough. Although she could be quite strict, Rochelle and David had the freedom to play and explore outside. She encouraged them to follow their own paths in life and even, on occasion, let them bunk off school or college if they didn't feel like going. When Ellen was born Rochelle says she couldn't have managed without her Mum, she was her rock.

Pauline marvelled at the night skies and the stars. For Robert, Rochelle, David, Ellen and Fabian she is a star that will never fade.

Margaret Cuckson

Gail visited Margaret and Gordon in the Nursing home for the first time, a couple of weeks before she died. She said that she will always remember the warmth of Margaret's smile as she said who she was and her warm welcome.

Margaret was born into a " Methodist family". She had a sister called Barbara and part of their childhood was spent in Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Her father was in banking and for a while they attended West Ave Methodist Church.

After leaving school Margaret went to teacher training college and enjoyed very much her teaching career with the Infant school children. She met Gordon on a Methodist Guild holiday and they married in the summer of 1955.

Along came John and Helen and they moved to Dore first living in Furniss Lane then to Church Lane before finally settling in Kerwin Drive. Gordon ran his own business and Margaret worked as his secretary and together they enjoyed entertaining clients.

John and Helen have some very happy memories of their mum who was always so supportive of them whatever they were doing.

It was in 1963, she became a founder member of the young wives group and took the role of president of the group several times.

It is also no surprise being a teacher that even after she gave up full time teaching, she still delighted in being with children. She ran a play group and enjoyed teaching in the Sunday school here at Church. And Helen says of her mum " Whether running a play group or playing with children who were board at a gathering, she knew how to connect with them -mainly because her care and compassion was unmistakable. "

Margaret Cuckson continued

And the care that she showed and tasks which Margaret undertook didn't just stop with the children. Here at Church she was also Bible notes secretary, Pastoral visitor with Margaret Dornkamp with whom she became a good valued friend. She was also Church Steward and MHA Secretary.

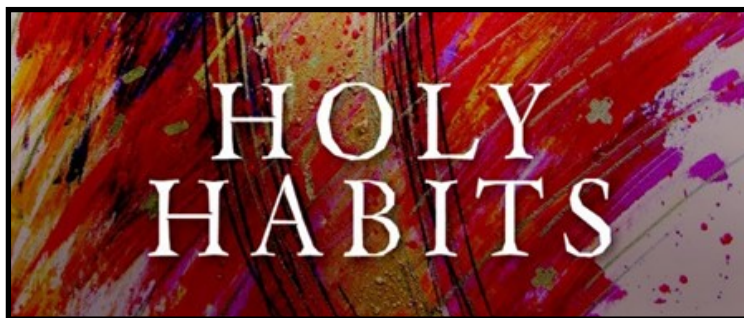
Margaret and Gordon went on regular caravan holiday and but their great love was for Scotland - Especially the islands of Arran and Mull and they adored going across to the peaceful island of Iona.

Lawrie Ginn a good friend in reflecting on their years of friendship summed it up by saying: "Margaret was the first neighbour who crossed the road to welcome us to Dore some 50 years ago. In a quiet, unshowy way she lived out her Christian faith with grace and kindness every day."

And Helen brought together the families thoughts with these words:

'People talk about unconditional love- mother lived it in everything she did- she always looked for good in everyone and always attempted to be non judgemental. She was always accepting and supportive of people who society might judge as outside the norm.'

We hold Margaret's life within the strong faith that she lived out.



On **Sunday February 3rd** we will be launching the Holy Habits programme which will underpin our worship and learning over the next two years.

The **ten Holy Habits** - Breaking Bread; Fellowship; Biblical teaching; Sharing resources; Serving; Eating together; Worship; Making more disciples. Gladness and generosity and Prayer - are at the heart of Christian our life. They have grown out of a study of Acts 2:42-47 and are not just an end to themselves or 10 fun things to study, although it is hoped we will have fun exploring and living them. Rather, they are composite parts of a habitual way of living as we allow ourselves to be shaped by Jesus's teaching.

The first one is **breaking bread** and three services between now and Easter will focus specifically on this practice and we shall be thinking about how community is built from the table. With this in mind, following our morning worship on February 3rd, you are invited to stay for a soup and roll lunch so that we can continue in fellowship together over a meal.

There will also be material produced for each habit to be used in house groups and your own individual devotions.

I believe this programme will give us a rhythm and pattern for both our corporate worship and also individual devotions and lives. It may push us to the edge where we will discover the surprising and wonderful and it may make us stop and think about the familiar with a fresh understanding; but above all we will be learners together expressing what it means to be Christ's Church in this place.

Shalom, Gail

Monday Fellowship

The Monday Fellowship formerly known as the Women's Fellowship has been meeting in the hall of Dore Methodist Church for at least 60 years!

Over the years much has been talked about at these meetings and lots learnt from others. The gatherings of women in Dore over the years have certainly been a welcoming companionship for many people.

More recently the numbers attending are less than previous years but nonetheless those that attend get a lot of support and friendship out of meeting fortnightly on Monday afternoons. The meetings alternate with the Crafty Club.

Members of the meeting are often asked to contribute to discussions such as their 'First day at school' or 'First day at work' or maybe to bring in a favourite piece of music. Their most recent meeting asked members to bring in a Christmas treasure to talk about. What would you take?



The Beetle Drive is always popular and fun! They also enjoy the challenge of quizzes!

A cup of tea and a biscuit is always ready for those who attend this friendly group.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the Monday Fellowship — see dates below.

**Meetings in January and February
2.30 pm in the church hall**

21st January—Games Afternoon

4th February—Kath Marshall

18th February—Sheffield Theatres, Margaret Maxfield



If you want any further information about the Fellowship please ask Rosemary Belbin or anyone else you recognise in the photographs!

January 2019

Monday 14th January	10.00 am	4 Ts
Monday 14th January	2:30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 15th January	6:30 pm	Men's Steak Night
Saturday 19th January	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast Club
Monday 21st January	10:00 am	4Ts
Monday 21st January	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Games Afternoon
Monday 28th January	10:00 am	4Ts
Monday 28th January	2:30 pm	Crafty Club

February 2019

Monday 4th February	10:00 am	4 Ts
Monday 4th February	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Kath Marshall
Monday 11th February	10:00 am	4Ts
Monday 11th February	2:30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 12th February	7:30 pm	Tuesday Group—'Getting to know our Minister'
Monday 18th February	2:30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Sheffield Theatres, Margaret Maxfield
Monday 25th February	10:00 am	4Ts
Monday 25th February	2:30 pm	Crafty Club

Used Postage Stamps

Rosemary Belbin has arranged with Margaret Cuckson's brother-in-law to keep on sending used stamps to the MS charity. So please put all your used stamps in the brown bag behind the piano in the hall.

Thank-you.



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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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