



# Dore Methodist Church

Magazine of The Church on the High Street

*Dore Methodist Tuesday Group will be serving*

## Afternoon Cream Teas

after the Well Dressing Service

**Sunday 7th July**

**from 3.00 pm**

in our church hall

£3 adults £1 children



All money raised is being donated to LIGHT a local charity which supports the emotional wellbeing and mental health of mums and their families in Sheffield and beyond during birth, pregnancy, birth and afterwards.



**What do you see in this picture?**

The Focus Group looked at this icon in more detail during one of their meetings—find out more on page 5.

## Well Dressing Parade & Service

Join in the 60th anniversary of Dore's well dressings on Sunday 7th July:

2.45 pm Scouts & Guides parade from The Meadway

3.00 pm Well dressing service on the Village Green

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### Jottings from the minister:



Are you off on holiday this summer? How do you pack your case? Are you a "layer and tissue-paper" packer as my dear mum was or one of the "roll up and stuff" brigade? And have you noticed the change in travelling cases. At one time there was little variation in the standard "suit case." However today travelling bags come in all sorts of shapes and sizes to accommodate the various things we need to take on holiday; and each of us tries to put an identifying mark on them so it's easier to find on the travel belt at the airport! Then there is the fear that after carefully packing your case, you will be asked to empty it all out at airport security! Or you collect it at your destination only to find a card inside to say it has been searched at some point on the way and everything has been put back upside down. Whatever our packing experience however, we still set off on our holiday travels.

Life too can be likened to a journey and many of us have trouble with our luggage on that journey too. Over the years we pick up baggage, overload ourselves with commitments or everything just seems to get in a muddle. I often find that summer is a good time to stop and reflect on what I am doing and perhaps re arrange a few things in my life's baggage. ( Or even take something out.) It is also a time to rest and enjoy the longer days and warm sun.

So whether you are travelling or staying at home this summer, I pray that you will continue on life's journey identifying what to take, or leave behind and when to rest, but above all knowing that you never travel alone.

Just a thought...

Blessings

Gail

### Thank You

After many, many years coordinating Christian Aid appeals in our church Kath Marshall has decided to step down.

Kath took over this valuable role from Jean Clayton and over the years has set up the street to street collections around Dore, organised envelope collections in church and opened her home for annual coffee mornings. Kath has also swiftly recognised the need to set up emergency collections for international disasters/events where Christian Aid has moved in.

Kath recognised the important role Sheila Crowson played in this work, particularly helping her to count the cash from the door to door collections and help to take it to the bank.

We are very grateful to Kath for the hours and the help she has provided to enable Dore Methodist Church to support the commitment Christian Aid has to end poverty worldwide. Thank you Kath.



## Rosemary Memory Café

The newly established Memory Café for people experiencing some memory loss or have a diagnosis of mild to moderate dementia has made an excellent start.



From day one on 7th May we have welcomed local people who have enjoyed different activities, a cup of tea, delicious cake and opportunities to make new friends.

Members of our congregation and from Christ Church Dore are volunteering alongside Elspeth from Age UK Sheffield.

The café is open on the first and third Tuesdays in our church hall and at Totley All Saints hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays. See page 7 for dates.

We are pleased that Transport 17 are able to provide accessible mini bus door to door transport for a small charge.

If you or you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit to our café please call Age UK Sheffield to let us know you are coming—0114 250 2850.



S O U L R O O T S

Shortly before Easter the youth worker Latifah Makuyi left Soulroots to take on a full time position at a church in another part of Sheffield. Currently the two other part time youth workers, Chris and Mel, with a group of volunteers are continuing to run the sessions at Soulroots for the summer term.

The Trustees, with Chris and Mel are taking the opportunity in June and July to look at plans for Soulroots from September.

The Soulroots AGM is on Sunday September 29th at 4pm in Christ Church Hall. Everyone is invited to hear about the year gone by and ideas for the future of this youth work across S17.

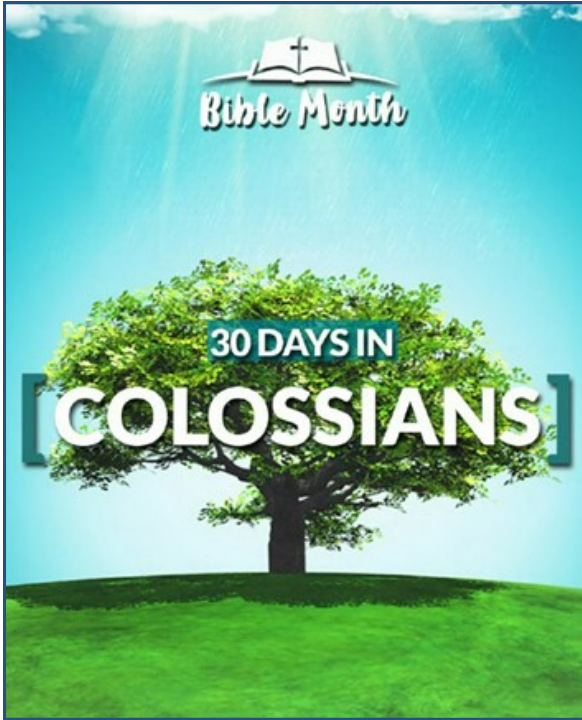
The Trustee representing Dore Methodist is Bridget Ball. If you ever have any questions about Soulroots please don't hesitate to ask.

*'Soulroots is a charitable trust working with young people across Dore, Totley & Bradway in S17. Comprised of 6 local churches - Dore Methodist; Christchurch, Dore; Totley All Saints; Dore & Totley URC; St John's Abbeydale and Totley Rise Methodist Church - our aim is to help raise a generation of young people that walk every day with God.*

*With it being so easy for young people today to reject faith, we're passionate about being a community where the opposite is true - where young people can grow together, learn together and share life together.'*



## Why a 'Bible Month'?



Many Christians struggle to find time to read the Bible. Some find it difficult to know where to start, while others find it hard to interpret what they read. Surveys show that biblical literacy - understanding what the Bible says and how best to read it - is declining within the Church, as well as in wider society.

And yet God continues to speak through the Bible in a life-giving way, and reading the Bible remains a 'means of grace' through which God works. In recognition of its importance, the Methodist Conference has repeatedly called the wider Church to engage Scripture more deeply. Learning to engage with the Bible regularly is a task for all Christians

The Bible Month initiative offers an opportunity for our church to immerse itself in a biblical book over 4 weeks in July and August, and so help us engage with Scripture more deeply for ourselves. While we do, of course, regularly hear preachers base their sermons on passages of Scripture, the distinct feature of the Bible Month is drawing all within the Church to focus on a book of the Bible, and to do so intensively over a four week period.

Our services during Bible Month will be looking into the Book of Colossians as follows:

Sunday 21st July - Rev Gail Hunt - Colossians 1 verses 1 to 23

Sunday 28th July - Jenny Bywaters - Colossians 1 verses 24 to chapter 2 verse 15

Sunday 4th August - Our Worship Team - Colossians Chapter 2 verse 16 to Chapter 3 verse 17

Sunday 11th August - Rev Gail Hunt - Colossians Chapter 3 verse 18 to Chapter 4 verse 18. This service will also include Holy Communion.

## Revd Neil Marchant

Members of the congregation were shocked to hear the sad news of the unexpected death of Revd Neil Marchant, curate of Christ Church Dore. Though many didn't know him personally he was well known around the village and Dore Methodist were heartened to hear about his keenness to develop ecumenicalism in Dore.

His passing is a sad loss. His family, friends and all at Christ Church Dore remain in our thoughts and prayers.



## Holy Habits:

### Fellowship and an Open Table

Recently in the Focus Group we looked at the Holy Habit of Fellowship through the story of Abraham and his three visitors in Genesis 18, and the Russian icon associated with it and usually called 'The Trinity'.

The word 'icon' comes from the Greek for 'likeness'. These days it may make us think of a tiny image on a computer screen conveying something in a nutshell, or a person representing a great event, like the singer Vera Lynn evoking our national part in the Second World War.

But originally an icon is a holy picture that conveys an inner meaning, particularly something felt rather than put into words. 'The Trinity' is probably the most famous Russian one, the masterpiece of Andrei Rublev (c1360-1430), pronounced roob-lee-off with the stress on the final syllable.



The three figures are seated on three sides of a table, where the focal point is a bowl of roasted meat. Its chalice shape reminds us of Holy Communion. Here is God in his three ways of being God: from left to right Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Behind them are a house at top left, a tree, and a hill at top right.

The Father is blessing the Son with a lifted hand, the Son points to the Spirit. The divine movement flows clockwise. And who does the Spirit point to? Jesus? The Father? Yes, and more: to the empty space at the table, inviting us to fill it, to make the circle complete. It's a strange completeness, because there is always room for new arrivals. He invites us to hand out invitations.

Our spiritual journey goes counter-clockwise. The Spirit prompts us towards Jesus, up life's hilly path. Then to him, and the 'tree' where he died becomes our tree of sanctuary along the way. The house is our destination—in our Father's house are many rooms—its door is always open and he keeps watch at the window to welcome the wayfarer.

Let's look once more at the table. It's a place of mystery: Abraham gives hospitality to the angels, then in this picture the angels become the hosts. We open ourselves to God, we ask him into our lives, then he welcomes us. When we share in the symbolic meal we have our part in the Last Supper, the meal at Emmaus, the divine banquet with places for all who will come.

Follow the Spirit up the hill, live in the shadow of Jesus, come home at last to the Father's house. The feast is ready to begin.

John Dunstan

For a wider reflection, which I should like to acknowledge, see [www.sacredheartpullman.org/documents/2017/8/Trinityicon.pdf](http://www.sacredheartpullman.org/documents/2017/8/Trinityicon.pdf)





On **Sunday 14th July** Dore will be celebrating in song. Members of the churches have been asked to pass on their favourite hymns for the annual village Songs of Praise.

At the moment we don't know which hymns have come out on top for the Dore celebration but there is a strong possibility that some may be on the BBC Songs of Praise top 100 list.

Hymns mean so much to so many people and every so many years the BBC conduct a survey of tens of thousands of people. The last one took place in 2013 and the top ten were:

1. How Great Thou Art
2. In Christ Alone
3. Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord
4. Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind
5. Here I Am, Lord (I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky)
6. And Can It Be
7. Abide With Me
8. Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer/Jehovah
9. Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
10. The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

The closing date for voting for the BBC top one hundred for this year closed on 30th June 2019. We will have to wait and see what the nation chooses. But you won't have to wait too long to find out what the folk of Dore have chosen—join us on **Sunday 14th July at 6 pm** in Christ Church Dore. We may well sing your favourite!

## Harvest Celebrations



### Exam Howlers:

*God created the world and then he created Adam and Ebay.*

*God's people were the Israel Lights.*

*The epistles were the wives of the Apostles.*

*Explain why phosphorus trichloride is polar: God made it that way.*

*In the future all cars will be fitted with a Catholic converter.*

## July 2019

Monday 1st	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 2nd	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 8th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Australia with Daphne & David Willie Open meeting, everyone welcome
Tuesday 9th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—Summer Dinner
Monday 15th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 16th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 22nd	2.30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Outing
Monday 29th	2.30 pm	Crafty Club

## August 2019

*NB many of our usual meetings do not meet in August*

Monday 5th	2.30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 12th	2.30 pm	Crafty Club
Tuesday 20th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 26th	2.30 pm	Crafty Club

### **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**

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 September 2019.**

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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 & 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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