

# Dore Methodist Church

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## Harvest Celebrations

Join us at Dore Methodist for our  
Harvest Festival

**Harvest Thanksgiving Service**  
Sunday 6th October at 10:30 am

### Hope in God's future

*This will be the theme for our Harvest Festival Service on 6th October. It is the title of a report and study guide received by the Methodist Conference in 2009. The report was prepared by a working group of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Church experts and looked at Christian discipleship in the context of climate change. Is climate change the greatest challenge to the Church in our generation as the report claims? If so, what action has been taken during the 10 years since the report was written?*

*Our news has been full of reports on the effects of global warming: droughts, soil erosion and wildfires, all leading to reduced crop yields. The availability and increased price of food has been noticeable. For example, the cauliflower crop in Lincolnshire was devastated by this summer's heavy rainfall, so cauliflowers were in short supply and costing £2 and more.*

*Our harvest hymn reminds us that, "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above" but we are called to be God's partners, "We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand".*

*As we give thanks to God for his generous provision, we also need to acknowledge our responsibility in being good stewards as we affirm the goodness of God's creation.*



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## Jottings from the minister:



Dear Friends,

It doesn't seem only a year ago that I arrived with you here in the Sheffield circuit. Our manse in Wyvern Gardens soon became a home for David and myself and it's been a delight to get to know so many new people over the last year. During the last twelve months I have also spent a good amount of time either walking up Bushey Wood Road to Dore or down to Totley ( Then of course what goes up must come down and what goes down must go up!) When I get to the bottom of the road I am conscious of how much the traffic increases along the busy A621. Some people, and you may be one of them, journey regularly along this stretch of road on their commute to work. Others may pass by only once, travelling onto somewhere new. I see removal vans taking peoples belongings to a new home, and especially during August I have thought about the Methodist ministers up and down the country who are moving to their new appointments, like David and I did last year. I have noticed the variety of cars, some with excited children in the back, others towing a caravan or laden with cases and bikes and I wonder where they are off to on their travels? These observations made me ponder a little more about the difference between a traveller & a commuter?

Summer of course is a peak time for holidays. It is a time when new places are visited and new experiences encountered all adding to our life's experiences. However before & after, there is probably a fair bit of commuting being done too, covering the same daily ground which is a necessary part of our daily routine.

As we look back over the course of the Christian faith, we can see how Gods people have always been a travelling people. This pattern of pilgrimage started when Abraham was called to take up his tent pegs and move to a new land but this journey was not just one of physical movement, it also meant moving forward in faith & into a deeper relationship with God. Today we continue to be a travelling people, moving with God sometimes along the mundane route of life & at other times through fresh highways, but always moving with our eyes open & ears alert, ready to discover something new. So whatever road you find yourself travelling along now as autumn approaches, I pray you will know Gods presence close by you and be led by his guiding.

Shalom

Gail.

Please pray with me: Loving God on our daily walk with you, take our hand in yours; surround us with you love and help us to fulfil the purpose of our journey. Amen

**Circuit Service**

**15th September, 5 pm at Victoria Stafford Road**

Food served at 5 pm, service at 6 pm

**This will be a Circuit 'Bring and Share' meal for Harvest.** As our Muslim brothers and sisters in particular have been generous in sharing food with local churches, we would like to reciprocate by extending an open invitation to other faiths.

## The Methodist Conference

The 2019 Methodist Conference met in Birmingham at the beginning of July and this is a brief summary of some of the business.



The Reverend Dr Barbara Glasson was inducted as President and Professor Clive Marsh as Vice President of Conference.

Twenty two Ministers and four deacons were received into Full Connexion during the Sunday Morning Conference Worship, along with seven other Ministers by transfer from other denominations. Later that day ordination Services were held in four venues in the Birmingham area.

The financial report for the Connexion was presented and accepted. The budget for the coming year, which will deliberately reduce some reserves, was agreed.

A Connexional Property Strategy and a Connexional Financial Strategy was adopted.

There was a report celebrating some of the ways in which the reaffirmation of "Our Calling" has shaped the life of the Methodist Church during 2018/19. and conference confirmed a renewed focus on the principles of this document in the life of the Church.

A major report on Marriage and Relationships was presented and further discussions on this report at national and local level will take place during the coming year.

Conference considered the concerns about housing and homelessness and encouraged Circuits and Districts to explore innovative ways of helping alleviate these problems.

The Conference was updated on developments following the 2011 report on climate change, "Hope in God's Future", and endorsed the need for ongoing, urgent action to be taken.

The 2020 Methodist Conference will meet in Telford from 25th June to 2nd July, and Revd Richard Teal was designated to be President and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence Vice-President.

Further information on the business of the Methodist Conference can be read on line and downloaded from [www.methodist.org.uk/conference](http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference).

## Holy Habits - Making disciples



We know the most effective way to hear the good news of Jesus is to share personally in conversation. As part of our Holy Habits theme *Gail*, along with her colleague *Carla Quenet*, is running a short, two session course called "Talking Jesus".

The sessions are very practical with video, testimony, teaching and discussion. The idea is to help each one of us to feel better equipped to talk about our faith with friends, colleagues, neighbours and family members.

You can choose from day time sessions here at Dore Methodist Church or evenings at Totley Rise. We would love to see you.

**Dore - 24th September and 12th November. Both dates 1:30-3pm**  
**Totley Rise - 3rd October and 7th November. Both dates 7:30- 9pm**

### Welcome

The congregation at Dore Methodist on Sunday 1st September were very pleased to support *Stephen Balderson* as he was baptised and confirmed into our church.

During the same service *Alan and Gwen Holmes* transferred their membership into our church. They presented the church with a cross stitched picture of the birth of Christ which *Gwen* had created for this special day.



### Harvest Supper Update

The Harvest Supper arranged for Saturday 5th October has been **cancelled** as we discovered that it clashed with a Dore Male Voice Choir concert, and if we went ahead numbers attending both events might be affected. We are, however, arranging a "Pea and Pie Lunch" on **SATURDAY 16th November**. Please keep this date free. More details shortly.



## Moving On ...

It's 20 years since we moved to Dore, moving down from the North East with work. Before coming to Dore Methodist I travelled all the way down to Totley Rise on the recommendation of Chris Kirk the Minister at the time. After a few years I decided to attend worship in Dore, as it was just round the corner and I would be able to walk to Church. It is the first Church that I have been able to walk to and when not preaching it's been great to set off for Church just before 10.25 and get there usually! on time.

Although I haven't got involved in many of the day to day activities at Dore due to travelling around with work and other commitments, we have always been warmly welcomed here and we would like to thank you all for that. I also thank you for allowing me to share the news of the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (M.A.F) with you on a number of occasions and thank you for your continued support in many ways including bringing me 100s, if not 1,000s of postcards, which really do make a difference with the funds that they raise.

Now it's time to move on again for another challenge. It was always our intention once I'd finished work to do this, but the location of where we would move to was unknown. After many visits we have decided to move to Suffolk. Ruth is hoping that the weather will be a bit drier and warmer than Dore, there will be less snow in the winter and it's also near the coast, something which we are both looking forward to.

It has really been good worshipping with you over the years and we wish you all the best as you continue your mission and service in Dore. Please think and pray for us as we explore Suffolk looking for a place to live. You will certainly all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you and God Bless  
*Kevin & Ruth Horseman*

PS - not sure when our last Sunday will be. We have sold our property and waiting to hear when completion will be but it looks as though it could be early October.

## Finance and Property Committee

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October at 2.30 pm.

## Church Council

Members of the Council are reminded their next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30 pm.

## Rosemary Café

People experiencing some memory loss or who have a diagnosis of mild to moderate dementia, their carers and their friends are invited to come along to our Café in the hall which is open fortnightly on Tuesdays from 2.00 pm to 4.00pm.



For more information call Sheffield Age UK on 0114 250 2850.

A nursery teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. She replied, "I'm drawing Jesus". The teacher paused and said "But no one really knows what Jesus looks like". Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute".

### But Whom Do You Say That I Am?

(unscramble the words below)

1. AETOVCD
2. GYATHLIM
3. BVOEEDL NOS
4. BEDRA
5. ACNAITP
6. OCSNHE
7. NRRPTACEE
8. HCRSTI
9. VEIRLEDRE
10. NAREIGELSTY
11. UALHITFF NDA TERU
12. EVNRORGO
13. FELI
14. ISEMSHA
15. IRMDTAOE
16. EIPNRC FO EPACE

We all have to answer crucial questions in life. But there may be no more significant question in all of life than the one Jesus asked his first disciples in Mark 8 v 29 : "But who do you say I am?" This question came in the context of a conversation between Jesus and his disciples near the northern city of Caesarea Philippi. When Jesus asked, "Who do people say I am?" the disciples offered various answers, Not satisfied with any of the answers, Jesus turned to his closest followers and asked, "But who do you say I am?" The structure of this question in Greek emphasizes the word "you." It could be translated more literally, "And you, who do you say that I am?"

The way we answer Jesus has the potential to change our lives.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** Who do you say Jesus is? What difference does this make in how you live each day? What difference might it make if you took more seriously your confession of Jesus' identity?

(Answers to the scrambled words will be published in the next magazine)

## September 2019

Tuesday 3rd	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 9th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 10th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group AGM
Monday 16th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship
Tuesday 17th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm 6.30 pm	Rosemary Café Steak Night
Monday 23rd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Monday 30th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship

## October 2019

Tuesday 1st	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 7th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 8th	7.30pm	Tuesday Group—'The History of Music Halls' with Geoff Deighton
Monday 14th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship
Tuesday 15th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm 6-30 p.m.	Rosemary Café Steak Night
Monday 21st	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Monday 28th	2.30 pm	Monday Fellowship

**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 the 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 November 2019.**

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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.

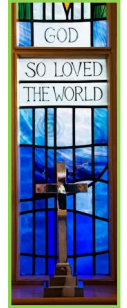
## Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

All are invited on

**Sunday mornings at 10.30 am**



Followed by coffee or tea & 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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