



Dore Methodist Church



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Pea & Pie Lunch Show!

Following a delicious Pea and Pie Lunch in November some of our church members entertained us with musical and poetry renditions! David Willie led us through a joyous variety of music and poetry. The audience participation during the Abba songs was a highlight!



We raised £480 at the lunch—£240 to All we Can (helps find solutions to poverty in some of the world's poorest communities to end suffering caused by inequality and injustice) and £240 to The South Yorkshire Community Flood Appeal (following the recent floods). **Thank you!**



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Jottings from the minister:



Dear Friends,

This edition of our magazine is published as we travel through the long month of January and look forward to the second and shortest month of February; which is also the only month when a day can be added or subtracted, therefore the only one which can change a normal year to a leap year.

February can sometimes seem a rather "in between month." Christmas has long gone, (even though some of the shops are still trying to sell off their final bargains) and although we are beginning to notice the evenings getting a little lighter, we are not there yet. However February is also the month when signs of spring are beginning to show, with snowdrops, winter aconite and crocuses pushing their way into the sunlight. Furthermore, in the Church calendar the end of the month brings us to Ash Wednesday when our thoughts will turn to lent. Gods springtime, that's the way the early Christians described lent and as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins put it, "nothing is more beautiful than spring".

So, over the next few weeks, as the ground around us starts to reveal the changing season, I pray we too will use this shortest month not as an insignificant time, but the beginning of a spring like renewal. Opening ourselves to new purposes and ideas and a fresh awareness of God.

Blessings

Gail

Inge Davies

We were all very saddened to hear of the death of Inge Davies in December. Her funeral service will be held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Friday 17th January at 3:30 pm followed by refreshments in our church hall.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with her family and friends. The Dore Methodist community will remember and reflect on her life in our next magazine due out in March.

God in love unites us *The Methodist Church Marriage and Relationship Report*

A meeting was held in Dore Methodist Church to discuss this report. If you missed it there is another opportunity on Wednesday January 15th at 7.30 pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church.



Holy Habits

Our Holy Habit for January and February is **PRAYER**. We will start with our annual covenant prayer on January 5th followed by these morning services:

February 2nd—**"Keep going!"** Luke 18 v 1-8 Rev Gail Hunt

February 23rd—**"Praying and doing: getting the balance right"** Nehemiah 1 v 4-11 & 4 v 9 Rev Gail Hunt

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer has shaped the lives of Jesus' followers ever since he first taught it to his disciples. Rooted in Jesus' relationship to the Father, the prayer encompasses the whole of life, inviting us to pray for God's presence and power to change the world and to change us.

The Lord's Prayer is found in two versions in the New Testament (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4). In Matthew's Gospel, it sits alongside Jesus' teaching on giving and fasting, while in Luke's Gospel, it is followed by Jesus' teaching on the importance of persistence and faith in prayer. Although Luke's shorter version may be closer to Jesus' original prayer, Matthew's longer version fills out the details and is closest to that used in churches today.

For those familiar with the Lord's Prayer, it is easy to rush through the words without always grasping what they mean. Methodist Church has produced a short guide which briefly explores its meaning and offers these prompts for praying:

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name" Recall that you are in the presence of a God who is your Father but also the ruler of all. Dwell on the gift of God's presence with you.

"Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven" Bring your prayers for others to mind. You might pray through the various 'circles' of your lives: your close relationships (family and friends); your neighbourhood; your workplace; your country; the world.

"Give us this day our daily bread" Bring to God your physical needs - food, shelter, work - as well as your spiritual needs.

"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" Ask for God's forgiveness in those areas in which you fall short of the call to love God and love others.

"And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil" Know that God is present in the struggle and temptations of life. God will give the grace to survive the trials that come your way

"For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory" Give thanks that God is ultimately in control, and that - however mysterious - God can bring good out of evil, hope out of adversity, and life out of death (Romans 4:17).

"For ever and ever. Amen"

(Ed Mackenzie is a member of the Evangelism, Spirituality and Discipleship Team at Methodist Church House. With a PhD in New Testament studies, he is particularly passionate about encouraging Christians to engage with the Bible as part of their discipleship. www.methodist.org.uk)

Fairtrade

On Sunday 9th February our locally arranged morning service will be considering Fairtrade Fortnight which runs from 24 February to 8 March. It may be hard to swallow but many of the people behind our most-loved food still live in extreme poverty. The organisers of Fairtrade continue with their mission to ensure that all farmers are paid fairly for their work and are able to earn a living income, starting with cocoa farmers in West Africa.



Cocoa Farmers

£1.86* is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently, a typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on around 74p** a day. Almost all cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty.

For the women the situation is even worse. They may plant and harvest on the farm, look after children, carry water, collect wood, cook and clean for the family, and transport the cocoa beans to market but often with fewer rights than men.

This is why Fairtrade are campaigning for a living income to become a reality for cocoa farmers in West Africa. If they can work together with governments, chocolate companies and retailers to make the commitments and policies necessary, then they can make it happen.

On 7 August 2019, Ivorian Independence Day, Fairtrade campaigners joined Fairtrade Foundation staff at 10 Downing Street to hand in a petition with more than 50,000 signatures calling for Boris Johnson to back cocoa farmers fighting for a fairer deal through UK-funded aid projects, business and human rights legislation, and joining international efforts that unite governments, chocolate companies and civil society to achieve living incomes.

What is a living income? A living income means enough money to live a simple but dignified life, paying for essentials such as clothing, medicine and school. We believe this is not a luxury but a human right.

Choose Fairtrade Chocolate

Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income.



Maltesers Many of us love these honeycomb-centred balls of yumminess. And they're available almost everywhere! Look for the Fairtrade Mark.

Marks and Spencer M&S has a selection of Fairtrade chocolate including their Single Origin range.

Co-op In May 2017 Co-op became the first UK retailer to source all its cocoa on Fairtrade terms, so all of Co-op's own-brand products which contain cocoa - from the chocolate sprinkles on their doughnuts to the chocolate chips in their cookies - are benefitting Fairtrade cocoa farmers. If you fancy drinking your chocolate, the Co-op own brand drinking chocolate is also Fairtrade.





Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who popped items into the Christmas Tree Food Bank Box at the end of last year. Many of you put in food from the Grace Food Bank Christmas Wish list—thank you so much. A huge car load of food was taken to the Food Bank at the start of December.

We continue to collect food all year round in a donations box for the Grace Food Bank in the hall.

THANK YOU

Circuit News

Broomhill

In September 2019 Broomhill Methodist Church closed and reopened as the 'Broomhill Methodist Centre'. The building has been transferred to the managing trusteeship of the Circuit. It will be used as a training hub for the circuit and for local community use.



Candidate for Diaconal Ministry

Vivian Chikavario led a service in our church in September 2019. She is preparing for Diaconal Ministry and gave her faith testimony at a Circuit meeting. In the meeting she spoke of her move from Zimbabwe to the UK because of persecution. She has trained as a Worship Leader and a Street Pastor. The meeting resolved that Vivian is supported in her call and potential to go forward to candidate as a Deacon in the Methodist Church.

Vivian's husband Godfrey also received a resolution from the Circuit meeting to be supported in going forward to candidate as a minister in the Methodist Church.

Re-invitation

Rev. Gareth Jones will continue to work in the Sheffield Methodist Circuit for a further two years from September 2020.

Co-Superintendent

Rev. Tim Crome advised the Circuit meeting that he will step down from his role as a Co-Superintendent Minister in August 2020.

Holy Week



Christmas is over and now we look towards Holy Week! Once again we will be holding special services during Holy Week. More details in our next magazine.

Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday
Thursday 9th April	Maundy Thursday
Friday 10th April	Good Friday
Sunday 12th April	Easter Sunday



City of Sanctuary Clothing Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent clothing collection—lots of large bags were taken to the Sanctuary on Chapel Walk.



Leap Year Quiz

1. How many days are in a Leap Year?
2. An end-of-century year cannot be a Leap year unless it is divisible by what number?
4. In England and Wales, what is the date of the legal birthday for someone born on 29th February?
5. In which Gilbert and Sullivan opera does Frederic only count his Leap Year birthdays, so his apprenticeship would not end until he is in his eighties?
6. Which Saint was said to have set aside 29th February as the day that women were allowed to propose to men?
7. February 30th was a real date in which Scandinavian country?
8. The town of Anthony in which US state was known as 'The Leap Year Capital of the World'?
9. Which Roman Emperor was said to be behind the origin of the Leap Year?

(Answers in next edition of this magazine)

January 2020

Monday 6th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—bring a Christmas card to talk about
Tuesday 7th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 13th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday 14th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group— 'Our Charity - Transport 17'
Monday 20th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—'Unusual Kindness' Rev. David Willie
Tuesday 21st	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 27th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club

February 2020

Monday 3rd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—'When I was a girl' (bring a photo etc.)
Tuesday 4th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 10th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—'Life in the Fire Service'
Monday 17th	2.30 pm	Monday Fellowship—Beetle Drive
Tuesday 18th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
Monday 24th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers 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 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 on safeguarding please see the notices in our church hall

We're on the web!

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We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in March 2020.

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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.

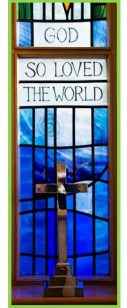
Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

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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