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Dore Methodist Church



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Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week starts with our worship on Palm Sunday, and for the last three years we have met together each afternoon to reflect on the events leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

This year we will continue in this way, meeting at **4:30 p.m. each afternoon, including Good Friday**, walking through

Holy Week using dramatic readings and music, imagery and creative arts and God's word reflecting on key Bible passages.

On Maundy Thursday - *Through Bread and Wine we taste and see*

On Good Friday - *Through the cross we embrace the agony.*

A warm welcome is extended to friends from other local churches to join us for these special services.



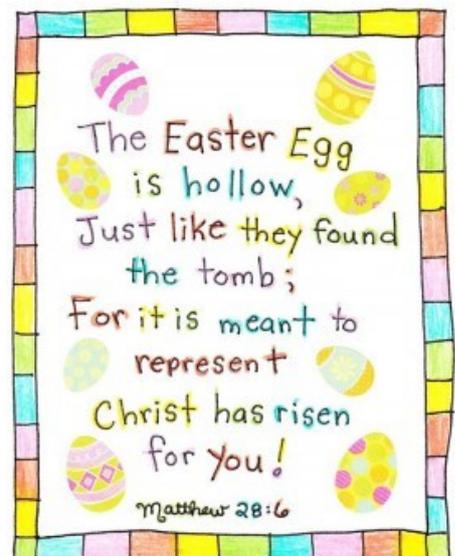
Come Worship With Us!

Easter Sunday Worship

HAPPY EASTER

10:30 am The Rev. David Willie

Holy Communion will be shared during the service



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Jottings from the minister:



We sometimes sing a hymn by Timothy Dudley Smith which says "Past put behind us for the future take us." The past often has a great influence on forming the future but perhaps it's useful to take a lesson from driving a car, occasionally glancing back, but essentially the need is on focusing forward.

March this year starts the beginning of Lent. For many it is a period of giving things up, and there is nothing wrong with that. However I find it helpful to use this time also for self-reflection and to look afresh at my motives and purposes as I travel forward to Easter day. Lent lasts for 40 days, reflecting the length of time Jesus spent fasting and being tested in the wilderness, but it also takes us on a Journey to Jerusalem, to the Garden of Gethsemane and ultimately to the cross. In so many ways, like Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, this was a period of testing for the disciples. As life moved on it got more challenging for them, they feared the same fate as Jesus as they were taken out of their comfort zones. "It's too hard", they said.

In this season of Lent let me encourage you to use this time to both glance back and also focus on moving forward as we set out on our annual pilgrimage. A journey which will take us on many and varied roads. And on the way we will too will face a variety of people and situations till finally having paused by a cross we finish as dawn breaks in a garden of hope and new life.

Easter blessings.

Gail



Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, and on that evening we joined with friends at Christ Church to start our journey to the cross. During the Sundays in Lent we will be considering the Holy Habit of "Serving", and our worship will be as follows:

1st March - worship led by Kevin Horsefield, who will use service through Mission Aviation Fellowship as his theme.

8th March - Rev Alan Sproson will focus on Jesus washing his disciples feet. (The service will include Holy Communion.)

15th March - Rev Gail Hunt will use the theme of "Serving through the Fellowship of this church" in our service, which will also include *our Annual Church Meeting*.

22nd March - Nini Brady will lead our worship on Martha and Mary's two ways of serving.

29th March - John Young will use the theme "Who is the greatest".

5th April - Rev Gail Hunt will focus on the theme of "The Servant King" for our Palm Sunday worship.

At the beginning of each service in Lent we will have a "Reverse Candle Lighting Liturgy".

Inge Davies

An Appreciation

One of church members has written this in appreciation of the life of Inge Davies who sadly died in late December.

My dear friend of 44 years, Inge Davies, nee Anderson, was born in Aarhus, Denmark in 1938, shortly before the Nazis invaded. She told me that her earliest memory was the sound of the German's Jackboots, as they marched around.

Inge was quite intrepid, she travelled to the U.S.A. and Switzerland where she worked as a laboratory assistant for two years. Later on she went to London and worked at a laboratory in Mill Hill, where D.N.A. was beginning to be developed.

One day whilst travelling with a friend she met Trevor Davies and the rest they say is 'history'. They were married in London and three children - Philip, Andrew and Ann-Sophie (usually known as Fifi) were born.

Trevor worked for the Midland Bank (HSBC) and in 1975 the Bank moved masses of staff up to Sheffield, Trevor being one of them. They bought No 26 Rushley Road and we had, 5 months previously, moved into No 36 Rushley Road.

A little later I went down to the 'Young Wives' (!) group at the Methodist Church and was introduced to Inge on her first visit, by the late Betty Swallow, (we always called her our 'fairy god mother' after that). Inge had enrolled her two younger children at the Village Nursery where Betty worked, and she had invited her to Young Wives.

We walked home together, and talked endlessly, had coffee together and helped to run the Young Wives group where we made many friends, also served on the committee as presidents and in Inges' case as Treasurer.

Later on, Inge took over the running of the Crafty Club, she even got me knitting again, after many years.

She was a gifted and talented sewer, knitter and quilter, and also painted. She was a keen gardener, and even developed a small patch in front of the church door, as she decided it looked scruffy. I hope this little bit of garden will be cared for in her memory.

Our 6 children went down in height like the Bisto Kids advert of old. Many were the wonderful times we all spent together, especially Danish Christmas Eves, which were tremendous fun, all beautifully organised by Inge.

Inge's god daughter came to stay with us one summer, and she and our youngest daughter Heather had a great time together, and Heather returned to Denmark for a holiday with Helana.

Keith and I were invited to accompany them to Cyprus for Fifi's wedding, which was a super occasion. Weddings in Cyprus are quite something.

We rejoiced with each other, on the birth of their 4, and our 5 grandchildren, and grieved with each other when our parents died.

To my great delight Inge decided to become a member of the Methodist Church, and I gave her a Methodist Hymn Book to mark the occasion. She was always there for me in happy and sad times, and I hope I was the same for her.

She was well known in the village, and a great gleaner in what was going on.

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We eventually became Lunch time supervisory assistants (better known as 'Dinner Ladies') at the local infant school - Inge for 10 years and me for 15 years. It was an entertaining job and we much enjoyed working together.

So much I could write, there was so much we did and such a great deal of fun and happiness. When she moved into Rushley Close 20 years ago she said she would look out for a bungalow there for us, and she did, it took another ten years and she finally heard of one, and we put an offer in before it was even in the estate agent's window!

So many things to thank her for, I love you Inge. God Bless!

Rosemary Belbin

Holy Habits

Serving

Endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us...

Serving is a Christ like way of living. Jesus himself came as one who served. Throughout the history of the Church, Christians have grappled with how to live out the good news of Jesus. Our calling as followers of Jesus is to proclaim the good news by living on earth as in heaven. Every act of love, justice and peace is a taste of how the world should be. We live this calling personally in our daily work and in the community, and we support those who serve day by day in all sorts of ways.

For reflection: Think about how others have served you in a time of need and thank God.

Look for opportunities where you can demonstrate Gods love and speak of your faith.

What Bible passages speak to you about serving? Take time during Lent to study them more deeply.

Coffee Morning



Saturday 4th April

10:00 am to 12 noon

Fundraising for:



Coffee, tea & biscuits

Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Books, etc.

in our church hall

Dore Methodist Heritage: Lay People

I had some good comeback from my article on ministers in the family a year ago. I was pleased to hear that it had set a few people digging away to see what they could unearth about their Methodist ancestors. I did a bit more delving myself and now I give you some of the results.

As before I googled 'My Methodist history' and clicked 'Research Resources'. I knew that two of our members had local preachers in their families, so this time I scrolled down quite a long way and clicked 'The Methodist Local Preachers' Who's Who 1934'.

Pam Scholes had told me about her father Alfred Green. So down I scrolled again past the table of contents to a long list of downloads of pages 35-582, Alphabetical List of Local Preachers, until I reached Local Preachers Gou-Gwn and clicked it. On page 326 I got to the Greens. This is what I found about Alfred:

GREEN, Alfred Bernard. b: Silsden 1899. e: Keighley Tech Sc. m: Marion Hodges. d: 2. Textile designer. y.a: 1926. c: Silsden. c.o: S.S.T., Circ. Orphanage Treas & Ldrs Mtg Sec, etc. a: 12 Laurel Grove, Silsden, Yorks.

Again, most of the abbreviations are obvious. Marion Hodges was the girl that Alfred married and Pam is one of the d: 2. I thought it was worth checking a few other abbreviations, went back to the table of contents to locate the key and downloaded Pages 17-34.

On my way to page 32 I passed some articles you might like if you are interested in Methodist history, including 'Methodism and its Local Preachers', from which I learned that Alfred Green was one of 34,694 men and 1,474 women preachers in Great Britain at that time. (The ratio must be very different today.) Even here a Dore connection surfaced, with a short article by Bridget's ancestor Dr Workman on 'The Necessitous Local Preachers' Fund'.

Almost at the end (pages 32-33) the long List of Abbreviations Used appeared. I found that y.a: meant Year Appointed (as a local preacher); c: fairly obviously stood for Circuit; c.o: Church Office(s); S.S. and T., Sunday School Teacher.

I already knew a little about Kath Marshall's dad Richard Lazenby. He featured in our 150th anniversary booklet, Chapel Life at Dore. But maybe there were details to discover. So I went back to the list of downloads to get Local Preachers Lab-Lew. Here he was on page 324:



LAZENBY, Richard. b: Darlington 1899. e: elem. m: Effie Fearnehough. d: 1. Roadman. y.a: 1927. c: Sheffield, Abbeydale. c.o: Trust Sec, Asst S.S. Supt., S.S.T., etc. Rec: Gardening, swimming. a: Church Lane, Dore, Sheffield.

No prizes for guessing who the d: 1 is! (Sister Jean had not yet arrived.) The circuit is listed as Abbeydale because Dore was in the Abbeydale Primitive Methodist Circuit on the eve of Union. Here is new information on Richard's church roles and where the family were living. Otherwise you can read all about this interesting man in Chapel Life at Dore, pages 29-31. If you have joined our church since 2011 I can get you a copy for £5!

John Dunstan

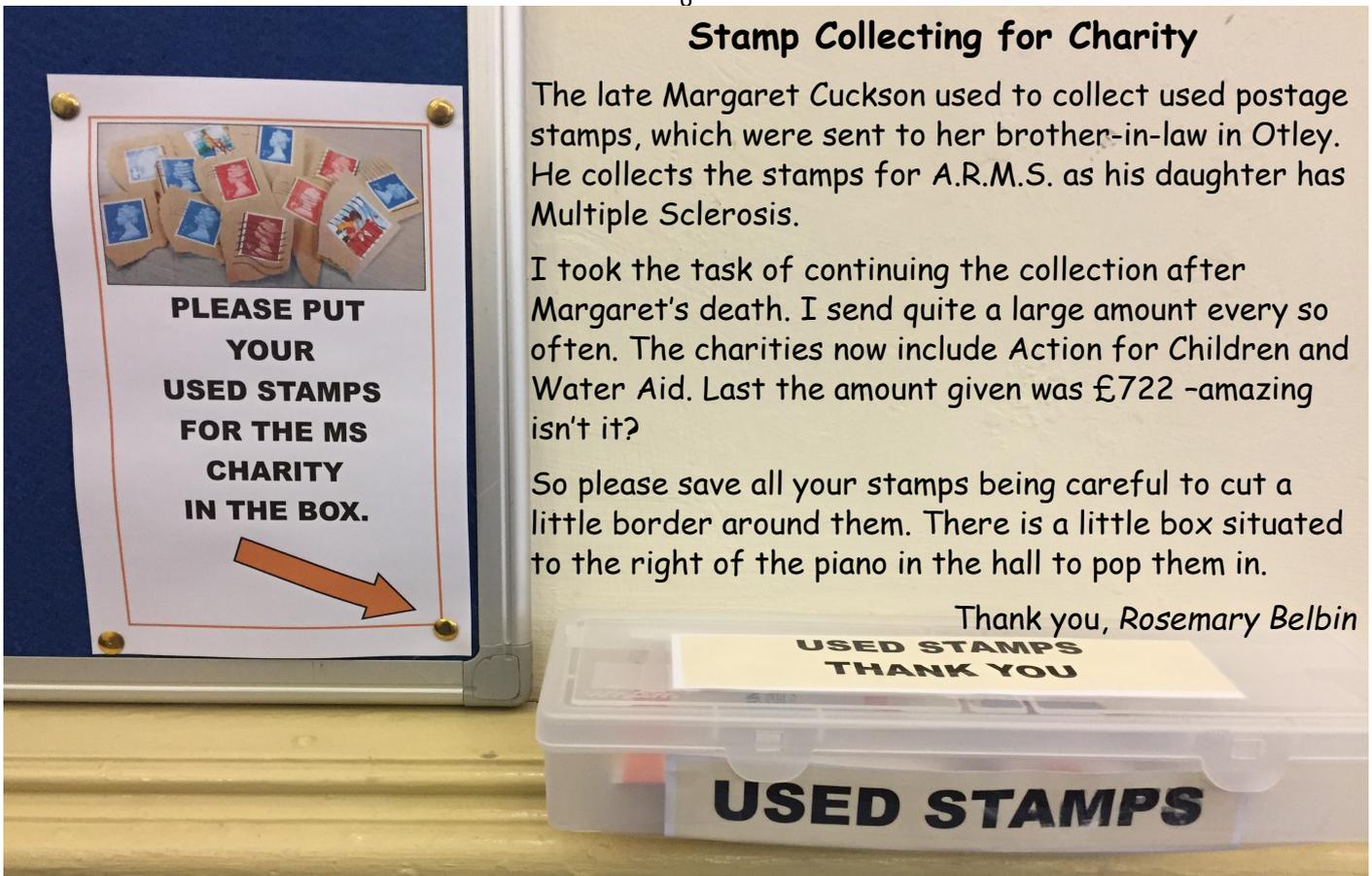
Stamp Collecting for Charity

The late Margaret Cuckson used to collect used postage stamps, which were sent to her brother-in-law in Otley. He collects the stamps for A.R.M.S. as his daughter has Multiple Sclerosis.

I took the task of continuing the collection after Margaret's death. I send quite a large amount every so often. The charities now include Action for Children and Water Aid. Last the amount given was £722 -amazing isn't it?

So please save all your stamps being careful to cut a little border around them. There is a little box situated to the right of the piano in the hall to pop them in.

Thank you, Rosemary Belbin



In the UK there are 22 IKEA stores, 162 Debenhams, 498 Morrisons, 760 Lidl, 830 Aldi, 959 Marks & Spencer, 1249 McDonald's, 1428 Sainsbury's, 1650 Greggs.....

but there are over 2000 Food Banks.

The total value of food donated last year to food banks in the UK was £260 m. More than 1,600,000 three-day emergency food supplies were handed out - over 500,000 of these went to children.

Answers to the Leap Year Quiz in the last magazine

1. 366
2. 400
3. 1st March
4. The Pirates of Penzance
5. St Patrick
6. Sweden
7. Texas
8. Julius Caesar

Just for a laugh ...

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said "See those two men standing by the door? ...They're hushers."

March 2020

Monday 2nd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—'Life begins at 40', Margaret Maxfield
March 3rd	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
March 9th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
March 10th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—'Great Yorkshire Gardens', Don Witton. An illustrated talk by an excellent speaker
March 16th	10.00 am	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers
March 17th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm 6-30 pm	Rosemary Café Men's Steak Night at Joe and Dolores @ The Grill
March 23rd	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
March 30th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Our Minister, Rev. Gail Hunt

April 2020

April 7th	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
April 14th	7.30 pm	Tuesday Group—'The History of Wedding Dresses', Janet Stain. Illustrated by a selection of dresses.
April 20th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Crafty Club
April 21st	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Rosemary Café
April 27th	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Tea, Talk & Tunes for Toddlers Monday Fellowship—Bring a treasured object to talk about

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 any safeguarding issues please see the notices in our church hall

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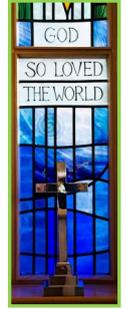
Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

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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