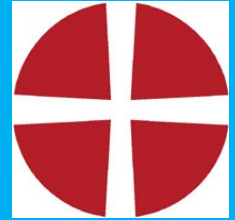




Dore Methodist Church



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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter a few days after August bank holiday weekend, and as we move into September there is a sense of shift in the seasons once more. It is a time of change as the leaves start to turn golden, the evenings draw in and a morning chill is felt in the air. As we look back on the past few months, in many ways summer was like no other with its challenges and changes, and now autumn calls us to evaluate the months that have passed and to think about the new season ahead.

After many months away from school our children and young people have returned back with a renewed sense of purpose and vision. September is also the start of the Methodist New Year. Ministers up and down the country have overcome the challenges of moving during a pandemic and now start their new appointments. Here in Sheffield we have welcomed Rev Lisa Quarmby, our new co-superintendent. However the start of many of our activities and meetings, which usually set the rhythm of the coming months after the summer break, have not happened. But as we continue to travel through this pandemic we are finding new opportunities to live out our Christian faith.

Perhaps you, like me, have managed a bit of summer reading over the last few weeks. A good author when writing a book will make sure they continually look at the narrative they are writing and constantly ask themselves; *“Is the spotlight being kept on the basic theme and character, not letting sub plots detract.”* Each chapter should be written in a way to take the action forward enriching the account. As we move into autumn, let us not get distracted from the narrative that we are all a central part of. Our story and God's story are intertwined, there is old and new, there are challenges and comforts, excitements and apprehensions. But in it all, let us remember to sustain the momentum of the Gospel, as God continues to write His narrative upon our lives.

Gail.

Beryl Barnard

We were sorry to hear that one of our congregation Beryl Barnard sadly died in August. Our thought and prayers remain with her husband Bill and their family and friends. (See page 8.)

Thank you from the Church Leadership Team

We were very pleased to receive so many responses to our questionnaire to the congregation about expectations of worship and how it could look in the days, weeks and months ahead, thank you. The leadership team have met several times (online) to look at your responses alongside government and Methodist guidance and regulations on how to re-open and manage our church building. We are getting nearer to re-opening again but much needs to be done and of course we have to be aware that localised changes can occur at any moment and the prospect of any potential spikes in the pandemic. But we remain positive and with God's help we know that we shall re-open again.

Our minister Gail will be taking a proposal to the Church Council on 10th September (meeting online again!) to enable us to move forward in re-opening our church for small acts of worship. At the moment we are planning for this service to be held mid-week.

We recognise that many people are keen to return to church and we also appreciate that there are equally many of you who are not ready or able. Please only do what is right for you. Whatever happens and whilst the pandemic continues we will continue to share services etc on line and in paper form.

At the moment the plan is to prepare for a mid-week act of worship from October but please look out for further information in the weekly updates as anything can happen between then and now.

In the meantime the leadership team have lots of risk assessments to complete and resources such as hand sanitiser to purchase but we are clearly making progress.

We will keep you informed and please don't hesitate to contact us if you want anything clarified etc.

***The leadership team:** Minister—Rev. Gail Hunt; Stewards – Jackie Bailey, Peter Beardsell, Nigel Thomas & Peter Varley; Property Steward—John Bailey; Treasurer — Eric Barraclough and Safeguarding Officer – Bridget Ball*



“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King Jr



The Grace Food Bank

We are very grateful to Peter and Ann Smith for organising regular collections of food from our homes for the Food Bank.

Here is Peter's latest update on this important work:

Once again, many thanks to everyone who donated to the last collection for the foodbank.

The first two weeks of the coronavirus lockdown triggered an unprecedented rise in foodbank use as the economy was hit and household incomes plunged. In those first two weeks foodbanks delivered over 40,000 more food parcels compared to the same period in 2019. Foodbank charities have warned that the current high demand for services is unsustainable. Demand is likely to increase further as the furlough scheme ends.

The most needed items are:

UHT Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Vegetarian alternatives, Tinned Fruit, Tinned vegetables, Spaghetti in sauce, Long-life juice, Tomato/pasta sauce, Soup (can/packet), Tea/coffee, Beans, Pasta/rice/noodles, Cereal, Rice pudding/custard, Biscuits.

If you would like me to collect from you please phone me on 0114 473 1998 (or email me at peter.ann.smith@gmail.com) and then leave a bag outside your front door for collection.

The Same but Different

A crowd of faces

going places

how complex

the human race is!

Some round and plump

some gaunt and thin,

some pink and pale

some dark of skin.

Eyes of blue

or green or brown.

eyes that smile

or eyes that frown.

Noses small,

some straight, some long

Roman noses

large and strong.

Mouths that seem to laugh at life

mouths that tell of stress and strife.

Faces stern

and faces pretty.

Some which are alive and witty.

Some smiles weak

and some in haste.

Others which light up the face.

Amazing then, how can it be,

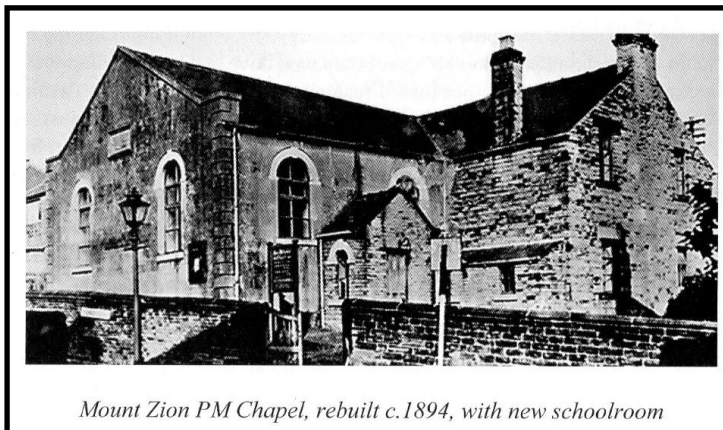
there's no-one else who's just like me?

Joy Depledge

Joy says that the words for her poems "*Just come to me, even in the middle of the night which I've always put it down to divine inspiration. I think that's what make my poems very special to me as I regard them a gift from God. A lot of things I have written are very personal to me and my family but happily there are always a few I am always happy to share.*" Thank you Joy.

Dore Methodist Heritage: New Light from Old Stones

A little over two years ago our magazine very unusually printed a True Confession. I remember it because it was mine. I had a Nagging Doubt about being responsible for celebrating our church's 150th anniversary in 2011 possibly one year late!



Mount Zion PM Chapel, rebuilt c.1894, with new schoolroom

Victorian directories from 1868 on insisted that the church was built in 1860 whereas the donor of the land maintained it was in 1861. A deed of March that year implied 1861 but 'recently erected' still felt vague.

In May 2018 I'd hoped for a spot of serendipity when ferreting in old newspapers. Now that spot has appeared, but at a quite unexpected date. I've discovered a report headed 'Primitive Methodism at Dore: Foundation Stone Laying' in the *Independent* of 2 August 1892. This, however, refers to the Sunday School, traceable in a much altered state in our Hall.

Evidently the architect was the Rev. W. Wray of London, and the contractor Mr J. Marsden of Dore. He was the leading layman at Mount Zion Chapel and brought about other permanent—and pleasant—changes to the village (a subject for later). Here's a quote:

Prior to the laying of the stone Mr J. Sharpe deposited a glass bottle underneath it, containing the following articles: a circuit plan, a bill of service, a paper bearing the name of Mr J. Hancock, who gave the land on which to build the school, a list of the trustees, the names of contractor and architect ... and it ends ... an English farthing and an American cent.

Then the Rev. J. Slater, presiding, finally said it: the chapel they were 'near' was erected in 1861. To leave us in no doubt, his colleague the Rev. W. Cutts, presenting the stone-layer with a silver trowel, commented that he himself had taken part in the laying of the foundation stone of the chapel on 5 November 1860 (a novel way to remember, remember!).

A young woman then laid the stone, which bore her name: 'This stone was laid by Miss Adams on August 1st, 1892'. But both stone and bottle have disappeared. David Heslop tells me there's no such stone in the walls facing the car park or the lane.

Miss Adams was one of the three daughters of Henry Adams, also present. He was a public figure, a prominent P.M. layman, a local preacher and director of an insurance company in Pinstone Street. The family lived at 119 Psalter Lane. The eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was now Mrs Levick, so this was probably the 27-year-old middle one, Ada, otherwise her sister Gertrude, 14.

What about Annie Bonnington, who laid another foundation stone in 1894–95 when she was 14, as the surviving gavel shows? Rev. Slater had spoken of plans to expand and renovate the chapel. I think they decided a major restructuring justified a further stone-laying ceremony.

John Dunstan

Visit to Whitby

When we moved to Sheffield in 1980 our first holiday was to Whitby, staying at Moorlands Methodist Guild Holiday home – sadly now closed. Ever since then it has been one of our favourite UK destinations.

Much earlier this year we had booked a weeks break in Whitby for June. Due to circumstances this was not possible, but we were able to transfer the booking to the first week in August. This just happened to be the first week of freedom from “shielding”!

We have in the past enjoyed visiting Whitby Abbey, so this year decided to book a slot to visit. Obviously it was different from normal due to social distancing rules, but nevertheless an enjoyable time.

For those unfamiliar with the Abbey, it was first established as a monastery in 657 AD by Oswy, King of Northumbria. It became one of the most important religious centres under the rule of St Hild, but by the 9th century was abandoned. After 1066 a new community was established on the site by a Benedictine monk, named Reinfrid. It became one of the richest monastic houses in Yorkshire. In 1539 the site of the abbey was bought by Sir Richard Cholmley. In 1920 the ruins were passed over to The Ministry of Works, and in 1984 to English Heritage, who continue to manage the site.



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Whilst we wandered around the site we started to think about the historical importance of the life of the Abbey. From the Anglo Saxon Monastery where St Hild led Church Synods which dealt with important issues such as how the Monks should cut their hair to the dispute over the calculation of the date of Easter! Then the wrecking by the Danes, and the subsequent rebuilding from around 1090 onwards, and the handing over of the Abbey to Henry VIII’s commissioners in 1539. And finally the shelling of the abbey by German battle cruisers in 1914. If only stones could talk – what a story could be told.

Whilst we may feel that we are living through very strange times, these ruins have experienced many trials and tribulations over the centuries, but are still standing. Is there a message there for us?

Jackie and John Bailey

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

I have been asked if as a church we would be supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal this year. I have received information about the appeal, some very helpful but details about collecting boxes is not available until a later date. There is talk of having larger and less collection points. The organisation is monitoring local and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of everyone involved in collecting and processing shoebox gifts. They are also “following guidelines in each receiving country, anticipating being able to distribute shoebox gifts internationally and working with local staff and volunteers”

Being unable to collect shoeboxes at the church building this year will obviously have an effect on how we might support this charity. The Corona 19 virus prevalent around the world has brought extra pressure regarding sanitising boxes etc. The less people who handle them the less likelihood of contamination.

If people are able they are suggesting that you fill a box by going to Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Pack a box on line. Quite a lot of detail will come up but you need the middle box “pack on line”. A box costs £20 which includes the £5 transport costs. The instructions are easy to follow. You choose the gender and age you wish to buy for then add essential goods, large toys, small toys and accessories.

I realise this is not helpful if you do not have a laptop nor does it answer the question if you have bought or knitted items already. It might be possible for me to arrange a pick up collection like Ann and Peter do for the Grace Food Bank. This would mean people contacting me if they had a box or gifts. These would need to be placed in a carrier bag and left at the door for us to collect. This will depend on where collecting points are and how many boxes they will accept. We have discovered in previous years that many collecting points will only accept two or three boxes. As I receive more information and, if this becomes possible, it will be published in the church notices. Daphne Willie

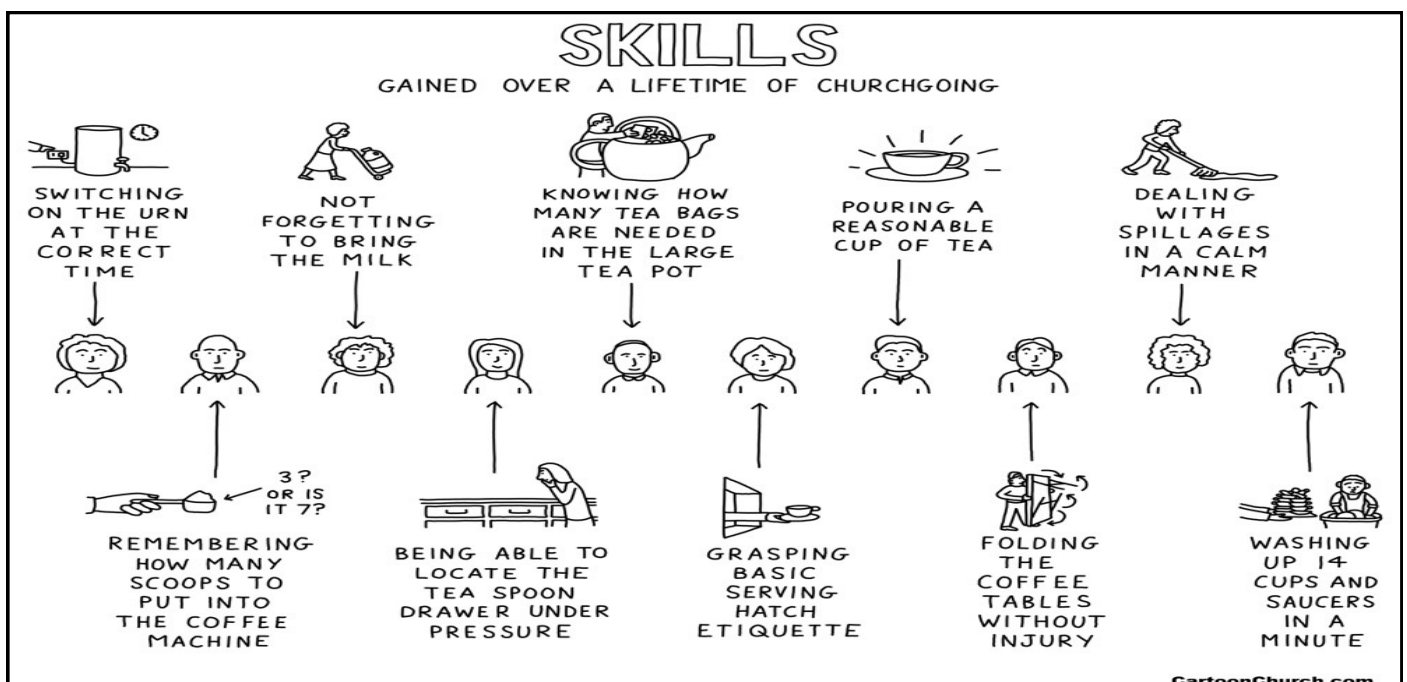
Just for a laugh...

Venison for dinner again? *Oh deer!*

How does Moses make tea? *Hebrews it.*

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

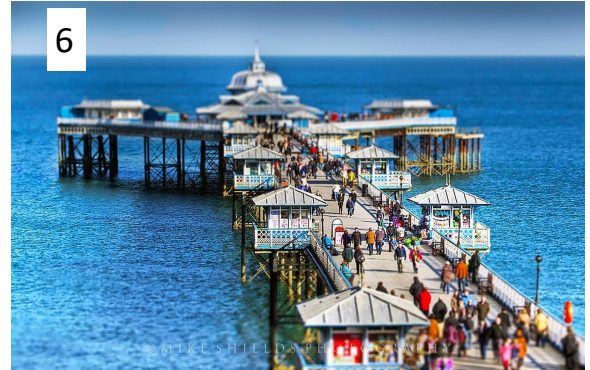
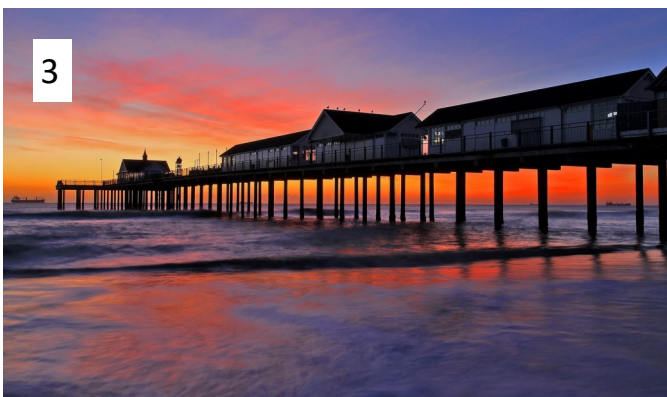
I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.





“Oh I do like to be beside the seaside...”

Many of you have said that you are missing the sea! Here in Dore we can't be much further away from the beach! So cast your minds back to strolling along a pier or promenade and enjoy! Can you name these UK piers? (*answers below*)



Soulroots

The work of Soulroots has been very different these last few months. Despite lockdown and the restrictions caused by Covid-19 the youth workers Chris and Mell have been able to keep in touch with the young people. The internet has enabled them to meet weekly via 'Zoom'. One of the highlights has been an alternative weekend away. The planned get away to Cliff College was cancelled but Chris and Mell created festival hampers with marshmallows, glow sticks, pot noodle, Christian reading material etc and delivered them to the young people as they individually camped out in their gardens and met online! A very good compromise. If guidance and regulations allow they are planning to meet up before school term starts in small, socially distanced groups in the park. Plans for September are evolving and new ways of working are coming along for the months ahead.

1 Brighton 2 Bournemouth 3 Weston-Super-Mar 4 Southwold 5 Blackpool 6 Landudno

Beryl Barnard.

As mentioned on page 2, we were all saddened by the death of Beryl towards the end of August. Her funeral service was held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Friday 4th September, led by Rev David Willie. Due to the present circumstances only a limited number of family and close friends were able to be present. So that we may feel connected to the service we reproduce the eulogy David used. Thanks to Bill and David for allowing this to be published.

BERYL BARNARD

Beryl was born on 11th March 1934 at Mottram in Cheshire. She had an elder brother, Norman, who was 5 years older than her. Their father was a railway signalman and, when Beryl was 2 years old, he moved to the Telegraph Office at the Royal Victoria Station in Sheffield. The family home was in Shire Green and Beryl went to the Junior School there. She was a bright girl and continued her education at the City Grammar School. On leaving school she was a trainee shorthand typist and worked at the Town Hall in the City Engineers Department. Beryl enjoyed music and her teacher encouraged her to attend evening school and an operatic society where she met Bill. She was a soprano and Bill a first tenor. Bill sat behind her in the choir and was soon interested in the attractive blonde soprano in front of him. Beryl and Bill were both 16 years old at the time so they have known each other for 70 years. Music has been very much part of their lives which makes it all the sadder that we cannot do justice to that lifelong interest due to the present restrictions.

Beryl and Bill were engaged when they were 19 and married when they were 22 years old. The marriage took place at St Thomas Church, Wincobank, the Church Beryl's mother and father attended, although Beryl went to Firth Park Methodist Church. Helen was born in 1963. When Helen was 6, Beryl took up the post of School General Assistant at Shire Green Junior School. The family moved to Rosamond Avenue in January 1977. Helen went to school at Meadowhead while Beryl worked at Greenhill Junior School. The family worshipped at Totley Rise Methodist Church. In 1999 Beryl and Bill transferred their membership to Dore Methodist Church.

Beryl and Bill enjoyed many wonderful holidays. They celebrated their 60th birthdays with a round the world trip travelling to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Honolulu and Los Angeles. This involved 13 flights over 9 weeks. They also had holidays in Malta, Morocco, Turkey and Austria. Caravan holidays took them to the Lake District and Scotland.

Their nephew, David, has sent a message from New Zealand in which he tells of the time he spent with his uncle and aunt on their visit to Australia in 1994. He lived with Beryl and Bill for several months when he moved to the UK as an 18 year old. Beryl showed him kindness, patience and always had time for a chat. He drove her crazy with his piano practice and repetition of certain sections or pieces. Beryl was very wise and gave him sound advice about his future. Not a lot got past Aunty Beryl! She could sense an underlying tone in his voice. Beryl's favourite singer was Lesley Garrett and David will never forget the day he was able to introduce Lesley to Aunty Beryl after his very first concert with the star soprano. Beryl was glowing and beamed all night! At the end of his message David says, "And yes Aunty Beryl, I am behaving"!

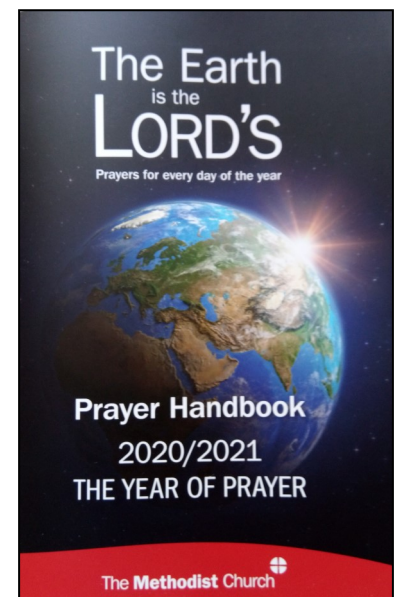
Helen speaks of a marvellous Mum, who was very supportive. She was very much family orientated. The home and family were very important to her. She was not an 'up front' person but was always there as a source of encouragement and support. She had a wide circle of friends through the Dronfield WI, Dore Methodist Church and particularly the Tuesday Group where she served a term as President.

Beryl was a lovely person, who had calm and caring presence. Bill speaks of a wonderful wife who was the finest thing that ever happened to him. We will all miss her.

PRAYER HANDBOOK FOR 2020/2021.

The Methodist Church annually publishes a Prayer Handbook and this year's focuses on one of the most pressing issues of our time: the world around us and the way Christians share with others in the care of God's creation. Tending to the environment and caring for the earth are ways we can fulfil, through service, Our Calling. For the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Prayer Handbook is arranged as a monthly cycle and can be used as a daily devotional or just to dip in. Different topics and geographical areas are listed each day, together with a number of general prayers. If you want more information on the Prayer Handbook please contact David Willie.



A prayer from the handbook written by Paul Martin, Bolton and Rochdale District Chair:

*As I drink my coffee,
I thank God for the hands that poured,
I thank God for the water that was boiled,
I thank God for the heat that was generated,
I thank God for the beans that were ground,
I thank God for the soil that was tilled,
I thank God for the one who tilled,
I thank God for the ground that was watered,
I thank God for the sun that shone,
I thank God for the earth that the sun shines upon.
For God makes it and it is good,
Just like my coffee.*

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Due to Coronavirus Covid-19
we are currently closed for our usual
Morning Worship on Sunday mornings

Our building is closed for all activities

Safeguarding

If you have safeguarding concerns please consult Rev. Gail Hunt, minister or Bridget Ball, Safeguarding Officer.



Weekly Update

Please pass on any items for our weekly update to John Bailey by Tuesday evenings. Thank you.

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in November 2020

If you would like to include any thing in a future magazine please contact

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