



DORE METHODIST CHURCH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2022.



The magazine of the church on the High Street.



ADVENT WORSHIP

As in previous years we will light a candle in the Advent Ring at the beginning of each service during Advent.

CAROL SERVICE

Our Carol Service this year will be on **SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER** at **10-30 a.m.**

The service will be led by Rev Mike Jones and members of the congregation will also participate. Coffee/tea and mince pies will be served in the hall after the service.



CHRISTMAS DAY

We will join with friends at Topley Rise Methodist Church for Christmas Morning worship at 10-30 a.m. The service will be led by Rev Carla Quenet.



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friends from Topley Rise Methodist Church will join us on New Years Day at 10-30 a.m., The service will be led by Rev Peter Edwards

Happy New Year

See inside for

- Details of our new "Welcome Centre" starting on Wednesday 4th January 2023.
- Information on the new "Made With Love" sewing and knitting group that started in the Autumn.
- What's going on in the Sheffield Methodist District.

Stop press...

- Final date for Christmas Food Bank collection **5th December.**
- We hope to have the new chairs for the hall delivered just before Christmas.

Welcoming, Warm Spaces Initiative.

During the last few months we have all been aware of the increase in the cost of living and, in particular, the increase in the price of gas and electricity. The Methodist Church organised a Webinar in September to raise awareness of the forthcoming problems and several members of our Leadership Team attended this, and agreed that it was an initiative that we should seriously consider. The Sheffield Methodist District is also placing a high priority on this initiative. The City Council supports this initiative but prefers to call it “Welcoming Spaces” rather than just “Warm Spaces”, so that it will fit in with their programme for reducing social isolation

We discussed this at the Church Council in October and it was agreed that the Leadership Team should continue investigations. We realised that we couldn't resource this solely by ourselves and would need help from others if it was to be successful.

Speedy progress has been made over the last few weeks, including being successful in obtaining a grant from the City Council, and we are now planning to start on **Wednesday 4th January**. This will build on the existing Coffee Club, but will be open to all, and will run from 10-30 a.m. to 3-30 p.m.

We will offer

- A warm, friendly welcome to people of all ages who come in
- Free tea/coffee and biscuits and a soup and roll lunch
- The opportunity to

Sit and chat with others and make new friends

Read some newspapers

Play some board games,

Use free wifi or charge phones

OPEN TO ALL

Dore Welcoming Warm Space

Dore Methodist Church

HIGH STREET, DORE, S17 3GU

WEDNESDAYS

STARTING 4TH JANUARY 2023

10-30 TO 15-30.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits
Soup and Roll Lunch

All free.

Come and make new friends



What we would like YOU to do to help

- ◆ Spread the word about this new initiative to your friends and neighbours, especially those who are socially isolated and would welcome company in a warm environment,
- ◆ Distribute our leaflets in your neighbourhood - but tell us where you are doing this,
- ◆ If you have not volunteered already to help why not do so - contact a member of the Church Leadership Team for details,
- ◆ Remember this initiative and everyone involved with it in your prayers.

Made With Love

Our new group, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm. The aim of the group is to make gifts for others. We try to recycle fabrics where possible and so far, we have given away 26 quilts, 16 blankets, 42 book bags, 18 bedtime bags and drawstring bags with toiletries and baby bibs. We have also sewn pencil cases and knitted cardies, hats, scarves, bootees, and mittens as well as 62 small knitted Christmas stockings. We donate these to children through Baby Basics, The Sheffield Children's Hospital, The Besom and Jessops. Everything we make is given away. Each month everyone makes a patchwork block which is then turned into a quilt ready to give away. It is amazing what we can achieve when we work together. The pictures below show the second quilt we made and a selection of other items that we have made and donated.

Some dates of meetings in 2023: 24th January, 28th February, 28th March, 25th April, 23rd May.



Our People.

We were saddened recently by the death of Sheila Bramah, one of our longstanding members.

A number of our members are unwell at the moment or recovering from hospital treatment. We assure them of our continued love and support.

We also remember Mike Jones and his family and are sorry that due to personal and family circumstances he will be leaving his appointment in this Circuit, earlier than expected, in August 2024.

A Story of the Year 2022.

Sometimes we may feel that we are not aware of some of the exciting work and initiatives that are going on in Methodist Churches elsewhere. The Sheffield Methodist District have produced a booklet telling some of the wonderful stories of what God has been doing across the District during the last year.

There are some copies of this booklet on the table in the Vestibule - please help yourself and become enthused and enlightened.



Our Sunday Worship starts at 10-30 a.m. and usually lasts about an hour. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are served in the Hall after the service. Usually one service a month will include Holy Communion, and everyone is invited to share in this service.

We have a number of church run groups meeting regularly, and details of these are shown in our Weekly Update. This is emailed out to those people who have given us their email addresses, and there are always a few paper copies available in the vestibule.

Our hall is also used by a number of local groups for their meetings, and it is also available for children's parties etc.

We support the Grace Food Bank and have a fortnightly doorstep collection of gifts of food.

For any further information about our church or to enquire about booking the hall, please phone (0114) 2351085.



**This magazine can also be found in the pages
of our church website along with our
“Weekly Update”**

which contains all our notices.

Visit us at www.doremethodist.org.uk

DORE METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Our Minister	Rev Mike Jones
Church Stewards	Nigel Thomas and Jackie Bailey
Church Leadership Team	Jackie Bailey, John Bailey, Eric Barraclough, Margaret Millican, Nigel Thomas, Janet Tomlinson and Daphne Willie.