



DORE METHODIST CHURCH



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OUR HARVEST CELEBRATION.



The theme of our Harvest Celebration on Sunday 3rd October, was "Faith in Foodbanks". The display at the front of the church reminded us of the natural gifts of creation provided by God, as well as a typical food parcel provided by a Food Bank. In between these stood the cross.

As part of her message Gail had asked her 14 year old Grandson why he volunteered in a Food Bank. Initially it was as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, but when this had been completed he continued with his support. As a young Christian he felt that it was important to help those who were less fortunate than himself.

Later in the service we moved into the Hall where all the gifts we had donated for the Grace Food Bank were displayed, and Gail gave thanks for these gifts.

5 practical things we can do as part of our harvest thanksgiving to make a difference:

- 1: Continue to donate food to your local foodbanks – add something to your shopping list each time you go shopping
- 2: Visit the Trussell Trust website www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/real-stories/ to find out the stories behind why people have to visit foodbanks
- 3: Write to your MP to express your concern at the growth of food poverty and hunger – Further information can be found at www.jointpublicissues.org.uk
- 4: Reduce the amount of food you waste – reuse it tomorrow, freeze it, buy only what you need
- 5: Try to shop ethically – locally, fairly traded and using lower 'food miles' (how far your food travels to reach you)



Finally - Are you ready to eat? Then thank God. 😊

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A message from Gail -

As I write this there is definitely a cooler feel to the air, and although the sun still has some warmth, it is sitting lower in the sky and we are in no doubt the time has come for the season to change once again.



Time is a very elusive concept isn't it? We either have too little, or too much, and many people have reported that during the Covid pandemic their perception of time has changed. I recently read some interesting facts which came from the 1500's and as I read them I reflected how time puts a different understanding on things.

Apparently many people in the 1500's married in June because they took their yearly bath in May. Although still fairly clean by June, they were starting to smell a little, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide any body odour. Hence the custom today of *carrying a bouquet when getting married*.

Houses had thatched roofs -- thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats, dogs and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying: *"It's raining cats and dogs."*

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "Upper Crust".

These facts made me think how over the passage of time a custom or saying can continue, yet the reason or the background to it is lost.

The Bible talks of time and says: *To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: He has made everything suitable for its time: moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds.* (Ecclesiastes 3:1&11) If you read this passage in full the writer takes you from one kind of activity to its opposite, from one period of time to another- all within God's plan and purpose.

Let us find time to spend our time wisely and I pray God will enrich your time.

Shalom

Gail

The Process for getting a new Minister.

As everyone knows by now Gail will be retiring in Summer 2022. The process for getting a replacement Minister is called "Stationing" and is organised and managed locally by the Sheffield Circuit. Next summer 4 Ministers will be leaving the Circuit - Revs Tim Crome, Mark Goodhand, Gail Hunt and Gareth Jones.

The Circuit Leadership Team and the Invitations Committee have looked carefully at the ministerial needs of the whole Circuit. As requested by the Circuit we have supplied information about our situation and this has aided the preparation of 4 Profiles that will be submitted by the Circuit to the National Stationing Matching Process. The 4 profiles are:

1. A presbyter for Creswick Greave, Firth Park, Mount Tabor, Pitsmoor, St Peter's Ellesmere and Stanwood Churches.
2. A presbyter for Banner Cross and Bents Green Churches.
3. A presbyter for Dore, Totley Rise and Wesley Hall Churches
4. A presbyter for Highfield Trinity, St Andrew's Psalter Lane and Walkley Ebenezer Churches.

Stationing has not been straight forward for many years now. The number of presbyters available across the Connexion is steadily diminishing causing circuits to radically re-think the role of the minister and the provision of pastoral care for all members. Replacing like for like is no longer the normal stationing option for circuits nationwide. Many appointments do not get filled through the stationing process and we are living in a time that requires significant flexibility as we look to a post Covid future.

It is highly unlikely that we will be a match for all of these 4 appointments. However, as stated above, we are living in changing times that require flexibility and a willingness to do things differently. The Circuit is not an independent entity. Every person in every church congregation constitutes the Circuit. We, as congregation members, must recognise and share responsibility for pastoral care and mission.

We will not have any further news on how the process is going until mid-November.

In the meantime we ask that you remember all those involved in the Stationing Process in your prayers.

Jackie Bailey - Church Steward.

All We Can begins formal partnership with youth relief and development charity Y Care International

All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, has begun a formal partnership with Y Care International from 1 September 2021. United by their Christian faith, shared values, and commitment to a locally-driven partnership approach to community development, this new arrangement will allow both charities to achieve greater impact in their work to tackle poverty, inequality and injustice.

The aim of this new partnership is to see potential fulfilled in a greater number of marginalised and excluded communities across the globe. It will also allow for collaboration during humanitarian disasters, and provide a sustainable, secure future for Y Care International as an organisation.

Originally established in 1984 as the international aid and development department of YMCA England, Y Care International became an incorporated charity in 2005. The charity remains affiliated to the global YMCA movement, and works closely with YMCA entities and other youth-focused organisations to support international, youth and community focussed development and emergency programmes.

In line with All We Can's partnership approach, which recognises the unique strengths and assets of each organisation, the terms of the partnership mean that Y Care International will remain a separate, independent charity with a combined team fulfilling all of Y Care International's services. Both charities will retain their individual missions and charitable purposes, and Y Care International will continue to be a key member of the global YMCA movement. The charity's staff will become part of one combined team with All We Can, and join them at their offices in Marylebone.

All We Can's Board of Trustees are fully supportive of the partnership, and have become trustee directors of Y Care International. Additionally, the four nations of the UK will be represented by three national YMCA trustees: YMCA England and Wales, YMCA Scotland and YMCA Ireland.

President and Co-founder of Y Care International, Terry Waite, will remain a Trustee and President for the organisation going forward.



Fallen leaves

Sunday 24th October 10:30am

A Service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have died.

During the last 18 months a number of our friends here at Dore have died and some of you have lost family and friends across the country too. Because of Covid restrictions numbers have been limited at funerals, and this has meant many of you were unable to attend in person. So our morning worship on this Sunday will be a time of reflection, with music and readings, to help us remember with thanksgiving family and friends who have died. During the worship there will be an opportunity for a candle to be lit in memory of those who are no longer with us.

Since our last magazine was published we have, sadly, lost 3 members - Brian McCarthy, Rosemary Thomas and Mary Jackson. We share a few words to remember these friends.

Brian Scott McCarthy - 1934-2021.

What a lot most of us didn't know about Brian which we discovered at his funeral - that his Father was awarded a Légion d'Honneur for his work on the Mulberry Harbours during the 2nd world war - Brian's passion for sports cars even though his driving skills were questionable on some occasions - his love of the works of Charlotte Bronte - his hopes of representing his country in the 1960 Olympic Games - his love of world-wide travelling - and so much more. As his good friend Mike Murphy said, Brian didn't blow his own trumpet, he was shy, self effacing, had a deep Christian faith and was above all "a good man".

Rosemary Thomas - 1947 - 2021.

At the Thanksgiving Service for Rosemary her Son, David, spoke of growing up in a happy and loving home. Rosemary and Nigel met as teenagers and were incredibly happy together. Nigel proposed to Rosemary on Heaton Park Boating Lake in Manchester. Rosemary studied for a Special Honours Degree in Biochemistry at Sheffield University and, after graduating in 1969, she gained a Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Manchester University. She taught science for a number of years. She also taught English as a foreign language at Rochdale College, where many of her students were Vietnamese Boat People. Nigel and Rosemary shared a common interest in music and she was a member of two choirs after their move to Dore in 2006. When it was decided to start a Toddler Group after a Church weekend, Rosemary's inspiration and leadership saw the start of Tea, Talk and Tunes for Toddlers. Many young families expressed their appreciation for the warm and friendly welcome they received on a Monday morning during term time. Rosemary will be missed by family and friends and will be remembered.

Mary Jackson - 1930 - 2021.

Mary was brought up in a Methodist household and enjoyed her formative years which led to a career in nursing. This she loved and managed over the years to intertwine it with family life. She and her husband, Jimmy, had three sons and as the boys grew she resumed her nursing and worked part time at St Lukes. Mary has been a member at Dore since the 1960's. We put our memories of Mary within the context of the faith she lived by, and on the instructions she left for her funeral service it said "A line of Hope." Mary wanted us in the sadness of her passing to be reminded of the hope which comes from the faith which she embraced.

We are missing Brian, Rosemary and Mary and continue to remember their families and friends at this sad time.

COP26

The United Nations Climate Change Conference



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

This will take place in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November 2021. The United Kingdom in partnership with Italy is hosting the conference, which hopes to unite the world in tackling climate change. The plan is to build on the Paris Agreement in 2015 when 196 countries adopted a legally binding international treaty on climate change. Every country agreed to work together to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040 and to keep the rise in global temperatures to well below 2% C and aim for 1.5% C.

COP26 has to recognise that it will be necessary to adapt to protect communities and natural habitats. The climate is already changing and will continue to do so even as emissions are reduced, with devastating effects on the countries most affected. Developed countries must make good on their promise to mobilise at least \$100bn in climate finance. The challenges of the climate crisis can only be met by countries working together.

Over 1,000 churches joined in a Climate Sunday Service on 5th September 2021. All churches were encouraged to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 and we are responding to this call at our service on 17th October 2021.

Also look out for details of a mid-week meeting we are hoping to arrange during November to discuss "Caring for Creation".



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Whilst we still have restrictions on cash offerings I thought that I should remind everyone of the ways that an offering can be made. The simplest way is direct from your bank account to the church account and this is by way of a Banker's Order which is a form which you complete and authorises your bank to pay a specified amount at specified frequency(e.g. monthly or weekly) to the church and which you can amend or cancel at any time. If you would like this form then please ask me for one.

For anyone who used to pay through the envelope scheme or by cash then the best way is to give me a cheque when suitable to you, e.g. monthly, when you are at church or put it through my letter box if you are passing or send it by post.

By far the majority of our members use the Banker's Order system and I should like to thank them all again for continuing this method throughout the pandemic which has enabled us to meet all our expenditure although our reserves are down about £11,000.

Eric Barraclough

Samaritan's Purse – Shoe Box appeal.

Over the years people at the church have been very generous in supporting this charity with over fifty boxes being filled each year. Last year because of the lock down situation it was very difficult to find a local drop off point. I am hoping it will be easier this year. I have received information that boxes will be collected during the week 15th - 22nd November. Nearer the time I will let you know what day to bring your box to the church, as we cannot stack them on the premises as in previous years. In that way I can take them home for delivery to our nearest drop off point.

I know some people have already started to collect items to fill a shoe box for this Christmas appeal. If you wish to help there are two ways this can be done. You can buy gifts and pack a box yourself. If you prefer you can fill a box on line by going to Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Pack a box. This will take your through five easy stages. A box costs £20 which includes the £5 transport costs. The instructions are easy to follow.

Daphne.

New Vicar at Christ Church.

We were delighted to learn recently that a new Vicar had been appointed to the Parish Church in Dore. We welcome him and his family, and are looking forward to working with him and developing closer relationships between our two churches.

We are reproducing the following from the Christ Church September newsletter:

“Welcome to the Patrick Family

We are so excited to be joining the church family at Christ Church, as well as the wider community and mission area. We are really looking forward to getting to know people and joining in with God's mission in this fantastic part of the world.

We're moving to Dore after nine years in Harrogate, the first four as curate at Mark's, and the last five years as Team Vicar at St John's and St Luke's.

Claire and I are both originally from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where we also got married twelve years ago today! (Sunday 8th August). We are slowly making our way south but plan to go no further than the Dore between the north and south!

Claire is a primary school teacher by profession, but is currently being kept more than busy as a full-time mum to Tom (who has just turned four) and Orla (who is eight months). Tom is due to start school at Dore Primary in September, and Orla will, no doubt, be toddling round various playgroups soon. Tom loves lego, maths, and sport. Orla loves anything that she's not allowed to have.

Since hearing about the vacancy we've had a strong sense of call to this particular role at this particular time. The whole way through the process we've been so amazed by all the signs and encouragements that have brought us to this point, and we thank God for the blessing of being able to live and minister in this place. We see so much to celebrate and give thanks for, and plenty of potential for growth.

We can't wait to meet you all and see what the Lord might do among us.

With our love and prayers,

Andy, Claire, Tom, and Orla”

Farewell to Kevin and Ruth Horseman.

As most people know Kevin and Ruth had been hoping to move home for sometime. Finally they left Dore in early September.

Kevin has been a Local Preacher for many years and an advocate for MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). Recently as we came out of lockdown he has helped us considerably, both with practical arrangements and leading some of our services. For all his work at Dore and in the wider Circuit we give thanks.

They have moved to Saxmundham, Suffolk, and send this update:

Message to folk at Dore from Saxmundham -

Well, its been over 2 years since initially telling you that we were moving to Suffolk, and now we've finally managed it.

Thank you Jackie and everyone for the kind words at the last service I attended.

The move was very stressful and a lot of miles were covered by me, dashing down to Suffolk to meet the removals van in our new home in Saxmundham and then travelling back to Staveley to spend a few days relaxing in our motorhome. We are now in the slow process of unpacking boxes and wondering how we are going to fit everything into this house. I know I should have spent more time during lockdown decluttering! We are also trying to get to know the area better.

Unfortunately the house we were looking to buy has fallen through. It was a lovely cottage but after receiving the survey there was just too much work that needed doing to the house. So we now have to start looking for a house again. This time, though, we don't have to rush and are in the area when things come on the market.

Its been a great blessing knowing you all and for all the support you have given to me. I would also like to thank you for your support of Mission Aviation Fellowship (M.A.F). If anyone does have any further postcards, just let me know and I'm sure we will be able to arrange something. I hope to continue with my Local Preaching and M.A.F Presentations when we settle here in Suffolk. I've already visited 2 Churches as I look to transfer my membership to Suffolk.

So thank you once again and I pray that you continue your good work in Dore.

Kevin

PS - My telephone number for postcards and if ever you are in the area is 07391 161522

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This will be on Sunday 14th November. As usual we plan to meet with others at the village War Memorial for the two minutes silence at 11-00 a.m.

Details of the arrangements for our worship on that day will be available later.



The Inquisitive Mind of a Child

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died in the fields
where the poppies grow.
But why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child. That blood our
soldiers shed.
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy. Why does it
have to be black?
Black, my child is the symbol of grief.
For men who never came back.
But why, Mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are the fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)



We are now open for worship every Sunday Morning at 10-30 a.m. We have re-arranged the chairs with more space between them. We ask everyone to sanitise their hands on entering the building and, as a courtesy, we still recommend the wearing of face coverings.

We are using hymnbooks again and singing with our masks in place.

A number of our User Groups have returned and some new ones joined us.

For enquires about using our Hall please phone (0114) 235 1085.



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

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