

DORE METHODIST CHURCH.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Worship.

We are sorry that it was necessary to postpone the Covenant Service last Sunday due to the snow. Everyone's safety was of paramount importance. The Covenant Service will be re-arranged at a later date.

Rev Graham Wassell will be leading our worship this morning. As usual, coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the Hall after the service, and everyone is invited to stay for this time of fellowship together.

Our service next week, 25th January will be led by Rev David Willie, and Rev Liz Wills will be with us on February 1st. That service will include Holy Communion.

We are now finding that a number of people who lead our worship are asking if members of our congregation would like to help in the service by preparing and leading the Prayers of Intercession. The Leadership Team feel that it would be good if we could have a small team of people who would be prepared to take part in worship in this way. If you think that this is something that you could do, or would like to have more information before making a decision, please speak to Jackie Bailey.

This week's Activities.

Tuesday 20 th January	14-00 to 16-00 Our Rosemary Memory Café, organised by Age UK Sheffield and supported by volunteers from the church, meets in the Hall.
Wednesday 21 st January	10-30 – 13-00 Our Welcoming Space will be open in the hall. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available plus a light lunch, as well as opportunities to play board games, read newspapers or just chat to new or longstanding friends.

Grace Food Bank

Thank you to those of you who regularly support the Food Bank with donations. If anyone would like to donate food, please leave it in the box in the hall and it will be delivered to the Food Bank.

Thanks

Peter

Sheffield Circuit Environmental Policy.

At the November 2025 meeting of the Circuit Meeting a Circuit Environment Policy and draft Action Plan was accepted. The initial aims include raising the awareness of this policy in all the Circuit churches and encouraging churches to become Eco Churches and obtain a bronze or silver award . (Currently there are 6 churches with a bronze award – Millhouses, Banner Cross, Bents Green, Wesley hall, Stephen Hill, St Lukes Lodge Moor, and 2 churches with a silver award – Psalter Lane and Killamarsh.)

Our Leadership Team discussed this issue at their last meeting and considered that this is something that we ought to be actively supporting, but the responsibility for taking this forward should rest with the whole church and not just the Leadership Team. It would be good if we could form a small group who would consider how we can move this issue forward. If you think that this is something that you could do or would like to have more information before making a decision, please speak to John Bailey.

Six Months of 'Open Church' in Hathersage

Since the start of July 2025 Hathersage Methodist Church has had its chapel space open to visitors every day of the week. The congregation was aware that, whilst the church hall was a very well-used space, the chapel side of the building was only being used for a service once a week. We wanted to find a way to share the chapel and its story with more people, and explore new ways of serving the community. We decided on the 'Open Church' approach and set up various points of engagement in the church, including a display about the history of the church, a children's play area, a prayer point and a second-hand bookshop. A 'people counter' was also installed in the entrance, to keep track of visits. Open Church has been a great success so far – in the first six months we have had over 8,000 visits (average 46 per day), sold nearly 3,000 books, had many prayers added to the 'Prayer Tree', and lots of enthusiastic feedback both from visitors to the area and from local residents. The chapel remained open every day over Christmas, which turned out to be a busy time, including 69 visitors on New Years' Eve! We have also learnt some lessons along the way, and are now thinking about the next stages of building our engagement with people during the week.

If you've not been before, Hathersage Methodist Church is in the centre of the village, opposite the Main Road bus stop and five minutes walk from the train station. The church and bookshop are open 9 to 5 every day and everyone is welcome.