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WEEKLY UPDATE 23rd November 2025

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Worship.

We welcome Rev Prof Frances Young again to lead our service today. The service will include Holy Communion. For communion we use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic wine. At the appropriate time in the service the elements will be brought to you in your seats. After the service coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the Hall, and we hope that as many as possible will stay for this time of fellowship together.

Robert Keen will lead our service on 30th November and Rev David Willie will lead our worship on 7th December.

This week's activities.

Tuesday 25th November

14-00 to 16-00 "Made with Love", our sewing and knitting group, will meet in the hall.

Wednesday 26th November

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.

We currently have some vacant seats on the mini-bus which transports some of our less able friends to and from the Welcoming Space. If you know of anyone who would need transport to get them to our Welcoming Space, please speak to Jackie Bailey. (We do have to make a charge of £4-50 per seat for the bus.)

Grace Food Bank

The latest good news from the Food Bank is that they are "cautiously optimistic" that they will have a home for another year from next January/February.

Thank you to those of you who already support the Food Bank with regular donations but if anyone would like to support their Christmas Wishlist, please bring items to Church on Sunday November 30th or Sunday December 7th. The Food Bank need all Christmas items by December 11th.

The Christmas Wishlist includes Christmas biscuits, Selection boxes, chocolates, chocolate coins, Christmas puddings, and anything Festive, edible, and non-alcoholic.

Deliveries to the Food Bank for Christmas items will be on **Mondays 1st and 8th December** and our usual food donations on **Monday 15th December**.

Thanks

Peter

Toy Collection.

The Tuesday Ladies Group are again organising a Toy Collection and are asking if you would kindly give a toy, book or game for a child at Christmas? These need to be new items and can be for children of all ages. Please bring them, unwrapped, to the Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th December 10-30 to 12-30 in the Hall. All gifts will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Helping our Ukrainian friends.

A couple of weeks ago a full carload of items were collected from us by the local representative of the group Helping our Ukrainian Friends. We have now received the following email from the Chair of the Organisation -

"Just a short note to thank you once again for all your efforts to support the work of Helping Our Ukrainian Friends, it is very much appreciated. Please pass on these thanks and indeed this email to all at Dore Methodist Church who have donated so many items to us – you've been with us since the start! Thank you!"

Our next lorry leaves Peterborough on 24 November and will be completely full of donated items from Sheffield and Peterborough – our largest collection yet, including clothes, food and medicines, walking aids, wheelchairs, stretchers and arts and crafts products for children as well as over 100 Christmas boxes with gifts.

I met with our Ukrainian charity partners last week. They all joined by candlelight. They have no power and have no power for hours on end. And it is only the start of winter. They looked physically and mentally exhausted. We asked them what they need most and they said power banks, candles and torches. We asked them if they wanted us to send all our available funds now or hold some back for future donations. They said send it now, "We might be dead later". It feels as if the war cannot continue another year: one or the other side will collapse. Helping Our Ukrainian Friends will do everything it can to make sure it isn't Ukraine.

We launched an immediate fund-raising campaign and were able to raise over £11000 in three days, which we have used to buy the energy products they asked for – power banks, generators, LED lights, diesel heaters and Eco flows. These will all go on the lorry and will be delivered to front line communities, centres for internally displaced people and military units.

We will continue to do everything we can to support our Ukrainian friends – it is thanks to people like you that we can.

Kind regards,

Richard Astle"

Chair, Helping Our Ukrainian Friends

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Old Currency.

Many thanks to everyone who has given old currency (UK and foreign) for onward transmission to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. We now have coins weighing 6kg and aim to send the package off on 1st December, so next Sunday is the last day for any more donations.

Jackie and John Bailey.