

Dore Methodist Church



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Welcome to our new Minister!

We are all very pleased to welcome our new Minister, The Rev. Gail Hunt. We are looking forward to getting to know her during the next few weeks and hope that she will have many happy years in Dore and Totley.

All are invited to the Circuit Welcome Service for Gail on **Sunday 2nd September, 6:30 pm at Greenhill Methodist Church.**

Greetings friends!

It is good to be with you as your new minister, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to share something about myself and family with you all.

My journey of faith began as a child, when each year I attended the Scripture Union summer beach mission at Walton on the Naze, Essex. It was while watching the waves on the great North Sea come rolling in that I made my first faltering steps of commitment. The sea will always be for me a very spiritual place.

My journey from then has taken many twists and turns. A change of head office for my father's work meant my family uprooted and moved to the New Forest, where I studied at 6th form college and met my husband David. After training as a registered nurse, I married David, and we have been blessed with three beautiful children: Julie, Christopher and Jayne. Julie and her husband David and their children, Isaac and Grace, now live in Sunderland. Chris and his wife Bekah and children Bella, DC & Josie live in Parkersburg, West Virginia, USA. Jayne and husband Rob, along with baby Ethan live in Knaresborough, the town we have just left.

As the children grew, I became very good at juggling! Not with balls or hoops, but with life: raising children, following a nursing career and being active, (especially in family and children's work) in the life of the church. All these things, along with my love of nature and horses, have helped to form me into the person I am today.

It was in 2004 I started my training for ministry at STETS, an ecumenical college in Salisbury; however, soon after starting training, David became very ill. He was on life support and in ITU for many weeks and during this time I learned many things about life, humility, prayer, myself and the overwhelming love of God.

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From Bournemouth we moved to Knaresborough, where it has been my privilege to serve for the last 10 years as minister at Gracious Street, Kirk Hammerton and Kearby. During this time we have known family sadness, with the loss of both my parents and David's mum, and happiness, in the birth of six grandchildren. In my ministry I have had the joy of seeing people come to faith, of holding precious children in baptism, of joining together husband and wife in marriage and commanding to God those who have died. I have been humbled to meet some amazing people, share in celebrations and hold the grieving and hurting.

I have achieved many things in my life (and failed many times too!), but always, as St Paul reminds us, I press on. Now God has led me to ministry at Dore and Totley Rise here, in the Sheffield Circuit while David will be serving as Chaplain to Cliff College and working with three small chapels in the Peak Circuit.

So this is a little bit about me, and I look forward to meeting you and to getting to know a little of your story too. What a privilege it will be, to experience together where God is working in Dore, and joining in with His Kingdom building!

Shalom

Gail

Since our last edition of this magazine sadly two of Dore Methodist's long standing, faithful members, Roy Swallow and Margaret Firth died. Tributes were given at their Thanksgiving services in July and August. Here are some of the words they shared.

Roger Millican spoke about Roy:

"Some years ago, Roy and I began what you might loosely term a 'project'. We would go on a series of visits to places of mutual interest. Sometimes with friends, but mostly just the two of us, every one of these trips turned out to be both interesting and thoroughly enjoyable.

During these visits, there were times of silence, each of us just enjoying the scenery and the occasion. But we did also talk a lot - on a huge variety of subjects. Sometimes seriously, often less so. During these discussions, I learnt a lot about Roy's life, his boyhood, his career and travels - and also his ways of thinking.

It was on one of the earlier visits that he said something that has stayed in my mind ever since. He said 'I've been very lucky in my life'. On later visits he repeated, more than once, that same belief. 'I've been very lucky in my life'. I wonder.

Here was somebody who had been given the responsibility of refereeing football matches in large stadiums where his decisions were being judged and no doubt criticised not only by the players, but also by the thousands of spectators. That wasn't luck.

Somebody who had earned himself a directorship of a specialist company which traded not only throughout the UK but also abroad. That wasn't luck. Somebody who had been invited to take on the role of treasurer of a friendly society and be responsible for other people's money. That wasn't luck. Somebody who achieved a senior position in the local Scouting movement. And that also, wasn't luck.

No, what Roy achieved in his life was because many people, - whether in the fields of football, business or scouting - had recognised in him those special qualities that they admired and needed. They all wanted him to be part of their teams.

In his quiet, meticulous and modest way, Roy earned and thoroughly deserved all his successes - it wasn't luck at all.

It was only after reflecting more recently on the times spent together, that I realised that, of the two of us, it wasn't Roy who was the lucky one. I had been fortunate enough to have spent many hours in his company and to have shared his knowledge, his wisdom and his ever-present humour."

David Willie added this about Roy:

"Roy met Betty at Hatfield House Lane Methodist Church. They married in 1955 and, living in Firth Park, attended the Methodist Church there. Helen was baptised there at a Whitsuntide service. They moved to Dore and were faithful members of the Church here for the rest of their lives."

David Willie spoke about Margaret:

"I have only known Margaret for 14 years but I am also speaking on behalf of the family who have told me so much about her.

David met Margaret at the age of 15 when he lived on Leyfield Road and Margaret lived on the Meadoway. Their gardens were back to back. With a group of friends they met up on bikes and eventually plucked up the courage to go out with each other at about the age of 18. They were engaged when David was 21 and were married here a couple of years later, after David had been at University in Leicester and Margaret at Teacher Training College in Lincoln. They went on honeymoon to Newquay in Cornwall. Andrew was born a year later, followed by Helen and then they fostered Paul. The family was complete. Margaret taught at Clifford Road Primary School on Mondays and Tuesdays and her close friend, Val Edwards, worked the rest of the week in a job share.

Margaret volunteered for over 33 years at St Luke's Hospice and in her latter years also volunteered at WORK at Bents Green. She was an assistant Property Steward for nearly as many years here. She organised the Flower Rota and the Coffee Rota. She was a Class Leader and a most conscientious Pastoral Visitor. One of the ladies she visited remarked that Margaret was a true Christian lady. People were very important to Margaret. She was great fun to be with. She was always busy caring for and visiting others. She was extremely generous with her time.

Mention has been made of Margaret's lovely smile. She had a wonderful sense of humour. She was good fun. Margaret enjoyed every minute of her grandsons from playing 'What time is it Mr Wolf?' to hiding in one of the houses for absolutely ages - behind curtains, under tables, in cupboards and under duvets.

Helen says her Mum came from a very determined, strong and charismatic family of women who were all good fun and witty. She can only hope that she has some of their strength and character.

The past few years have been difficult for Margaret with her failing health but she has always kept her faith in God and shown great courage and strength. We will all miss her so very much but will always remember her with happy hearts. She has left a big hole in our lives and will be greatly missed by so many people."

Our thoughts & prayers remain with the family and friends of Roy Swallow & Margaret Firth.

Our celebrations for Harvest are over the weekend of 29th and 30th September.

On Saturday Morning the Tuesday Group will be decorating the church as usual.

On **Saturday Evening** there will be opportunity for fellowship at our "**Pea and Pie Supper**". We shall meet at 5:00 p.m. for the meal at 5:30 p.m. Tickets priced at £8 each need to be purchased in advance, and the Church Stewards have these. An anonymous donor has agreed to pay for the pies, for which we give thanks, so all the money raised from the evening can be donated to "**WaterAid**".

Our **Sunday Celebration** at 10:30 a.m. will be led by Rev Gail Hunt.



About WaterAid

When a community gets clean water for the first time, it's the start of something truly life-changing. Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene.

Today 1 in 9 people are still living without clean water close to home. Your support at our Harvest Supper could help a community in need. WaterAid has teams in 34 countries to transform millions of lives every year by improving access to clean water, toilets and hygiene.

End of another successful year at the 4Ts.

Parents gave cards of appreciation to the leaders. Read some of their comments below.

"Thank you for providing a wonderful playgroup which I have enjoyed attending with Katie and Joseph for the past $5\frac{1}{2}$ years."

"This is a lovely community group and it has helped the children and I establish life long friendships."

The time you give each week is amazing and very much appreciated and long may it continue for others to enjoy.

Thank you all."

The 4Ts are now taking a well earned rest ready for the start of the new school year in September.



Thank you for all the songs, crafts, play, friendships and support.

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CELEBRATING SEVENTY FIVE YEARS



- ◆ MHA was founded in 1943 by a group of Methodists who wanted to improve the quality of life for older people before the beginning of the welfare state.
- ◆ The first residential care home for elderly people was opened in 1945 and during the 1950's a steady stream of homes were opened across the country.
- ◆ In 1977 the first sheltered accommodation for rent scheme was opened.
- ◆ In 1988 the first Live at Home Scheme was set up to provide support to older people in their own homes, through volunteers.
- ◆ In 1989 MHA's first specialist nursing care home built, founded on MHA's principles of privacy, dignity, independence and well-being.
- ◆ In 1997 Dementia specialist care delivered in purpose-built care homes, focussing on the person and their individual needs.
- ◆ In 2000 Retirement living with care services established, combining self-contained accommodation with care and support

Now MHA supports

- 5,000 older people living in **care homes**, many receiving specialist dementia or nursing care
- 2,500 older people living independently in purpose-built **retirement living communities**, with access to social and leisure facilities and flexible care should they need it
- 10,500 older people living independently in their own homes with the support of the **Live at Home schemes** across the UK.

We shall be focusing on MHA during our service on **2nd September**, remembering particularly **Moorlands**, the care home at Hathersage; **Fairthorn**, the retirement living community in Dore; **Southcroft**, the sheltered housing scheme on Psalter Lane and the Sheffield Live at Home Scheme.



Meetings in September and October

September 3rd Monday Fellowship AGM & cake at 2:30 pm

September 11th Tuesday Group AGM at 7:30 pm

September 18th Crafty Club at 2:30 pm

October 2nd Crafty Club at 2:30 pm

October 9th Tuesday Group— 'Christmas at Chatsworth', Christine Robinson

October 16th Crafty Club at 2:30 pm

October 30th Crafty Club at 2:30 pm

& The Monthly Men's Steak Night meeting once a month on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Dore Grill. See sign up sheet on the notice board in the church hall.



Cream Teas

The ever popular Cream Teas were served by our Tuesday Group team following the Well Dressing Service.

Their delicious scones and cakes raised £220 for their chosen charity for the year 'Baby Basics'.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a cream tea, and also to the bakers who made scones and cakes.

Women in the Bible - Word Search

N J P U M A R Y M A G D A L E N E
 R E B E K A H H G B L Z L L Y D O
 P G I S U W B A G G V D D G O O A
 U R H T O N Z R H E C L C W A R J
 J A F B X K W A B B A N V N L C X
 K E T Y L B S S Z E A R F M I A S
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 V L E A S Z M A E B A V T Z A H L
 H W J V N F G A R O H C R G R Q A
 A P A B E H S H T A B W A O O O H
 J P H Z M A I R I M H H M N B Y S
 K L A L L I C S I R P X I T E O A
 X Q Z X A H T I B A T A R U D V G

Tabitha

Ruth

Phoebe

Mary Magdalene

Joanna

Hagar

Dorcas

Bathsheba

Tamar

Rebekah

Naomi

Mary

Jezebel

Eve

Delilah

Sarah

Priscilla

Miriam

Martha

Hannah

Esther

Deborah

Scrambled up words! Answers from the last magazine:

LEWL ESRSGIND = WELL DRESSING EAMRC EAST = CREAM TEAS

ISHMODETT CHUHCR = METHODIST CHURCH UEYSATD GUROP = TUESDAY GROUP

YMADNO OFSPLLHIWE = MONDAY FELLOWSHIP AHSRVET RSEUPP = HARVEST SUPPER

ESTAK HGITN = STEAK NIGHT TCYFRA UCLB = CRAFTY CLUB

UHOCNENL UCLB = LUNCHEON CLUB TAE AKTL UTSEN OFR EDDORSLT = TEA, TALK, TUNES FOR TODDLERS

We're on the web!
www.doremethodist.org.uk



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.

Morning Worship at Dore Methodist Church

All are invited on

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am

Followed by coffee or tea and

a time to chat in the hall



Church Stewards:

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Jackie Bailey

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Peter Varley

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

The next edition will be in November.

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Regular Church Activities

Monday

Tea, Talk and Tunes for Toddlers(4Ts) from 10.00 am to 11.30 am during term time in our hall. For pre-school children with their carers.

The Monday Fellowship meets in the church hall on alternate Mondays at 2.30 pm with a variety of talks and occasional outings.

The Crafty Club meets alternate Mondays 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm for those who enjoy making things over a cup of tea and a chat.

Tuesday

The Tuesday Group meets once a month at 7.30 pm with a varied programme of speakers. Ladies of all ages welcome.

Men's Steak Night meets on the third Tuesday of each month for church members and guests.

Wednesday

Senior Citizens Luncheon Club provides a warm welcome with coffee and lunch.

Thursday

A bible discussion group known as the Focus Group meets fortnightly. These friendly informal meetings are held in the homes of the members of the group.

Our premises are also used by various other local groups including: Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild; Dore Probus Club; Rainbows; Brownies; Dore Village Society and Dore Gardening Club.

To book the church hall please phone 0114 2365043

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