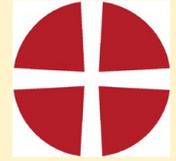




# DORE METHODIST CHURCH MAY 2023



***The magazine of the church on the High Street.***

## **Lent, Holy Week and Easter.**

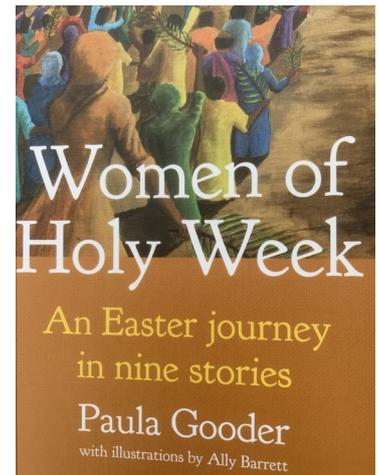
We have recently travelled through the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter and it is timely to reflect on how we celebrated this season.

For Lent Mike arranged and led a Study Series based on the York Course "God has no Favourites". The same sessions were held weekly at Dore and Wesley Hall and members of all three churches (Dore, Totley Rise and Wesley Hall) were invited to either session. At Dore we were delighted that on most occasions there were members from each of the churches present and it was good to hear different points of view and also strengthen links between the three churches. We thank Mike for his leadership and encouragement.

It has been our tradition to share worship during Holy Week with friends from Totley Rise, and this year we continued in this way. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we held a short reflective act of worship at 4-30 p.m. using material from Paula Gooder's book "Women of Holy Week". Thanks to all those who were involved in preparing and delivering these reflections.

On Thursday there was an invitation to attend an "Agape Meal" (a simple meal of matzos, cheese and grapes.) at Totley Rise.

Good Friday worship was also at Totley Rise, where an afternoon service was held in the garden, led by Mike and others from Totley Rise.



Our Easter Sunday Worship was led by Mike and included Holy Communion. This was the first time since 2020 that we had not used the pre-packed "Fellowship Cups" for Communion. Instead we all received bread and wine in our seats which enabled the whole congregation to take the elements together. Also this method of distribution avoids people struggling to get to and kneel at the Communion rail. We intend to continue in this way in future. For Easter Sunday

Daphne had decorated the cross outside the building with daffodils. Fortunately the weather in the following days was good and the display lasted for the whole week.

**OUR GENERAL  
CHURCH  
MEETING WILL  
BE  
HELD  
AFTER WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY  
14th MAY.**

## Our Welcome Space.

We started our Welcoming Warm Space in January, building on the successful Coffee Club. We offer drinks, tea, coffee and biscuits plus a soup and roll lunch—ALL FREE. Slowly we have added to the number of people who come in.



Those attending have an opportunity to meet new people, have a chat, or read the newspapers that we have available. We are still waiting for someone to start playing the board games that we have available!

We would like to thank the Coffee Club members and volunteers for their willingness to integrate with the newcomers and make them welcome. Our thanks also go to the new volunteers that we have recruited, we are now working well as a team.

So if you or someone you know is suffering from “Wednesday Morning Blues” or wonder what to do, why not try our Welcoming Space in our Hall, every Wednesday 10-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.

Just a quote from one of our newcomers “ It gives me a reason to get up on a Wednesday morning”.

### Eating in the Fifties.

For those who are old enough to remember eating in the 1950’s consider that:

- Pasta had not been invented
- Curry was a surname
- A takeaway was a mathematical problem
- Rice was a milk pudding and never part of our dinner
- Oil was for lubricating—fat was for cooking
- Cubed sugar was regarded as “posh”
- Only Heinz made beans
- Fish didn’t have fingers
- None of us had heard of yoghourt
- Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves not bags
- A Big Mac was something we wore when it was raining.

Anon

# OPEN TO ALL

## Dore Welcoming Space

### Dore Methodist Church

HIGH STREET, DORE, S17 3GU

## WEDNESDAYS

## 10-30 to 13-30.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.

Light Lunch.

**All free.**

*Come along to chat and make new  
friends.*



# Our Connection with the Grace Food Bank

With food prices rising at the highest rate for years many people will find it difficult to get away from their dependence on Food Banks. Our support of our local Food Bank is more necessary now than ever. We have now donated almost two tonnes of food and toiletries since the Covid years.

This was some of our Harvest Festival collection last year. In recent weeks our normal collections have exceeded this amount. There has been a gradual increase in volumes each week.

In talking to volunteers at the Food Bank they are concerned about donor fatigue but there is no sign of that from our Church.

Food Banks provide regular support for families and also put together emergency food parcels.



This is a typical emergency food parcel designed to last three days for a family of four people. Right now, an emergency food parcel is given out every 13 seconds. That's an indication of the current need in the UK.



We sometimes think that food bank collections are a local issue involving a few well organised, well-meaning groups but when you look at the distribution of Food Banks throughout the UK you can see that we are a very small part of a massive need. Each red drop pin is a Food Bank.

**“We want to see a world where there’s no longer a need for food banks. We want to create a more just future where everyone thrives – not just survives.”**

We are so grateful for the continued support for the Grace Food Bank from our members and friends, both by regular donations collected from doorsteps and gifts left in the box in the church hall by members of our user groups.

Also we express our deep gratitude to Peter and Ann who collect our donations and deliver them to the food bank, as well as keeping us aware of the continuing need for this support.



The Made with Love sewing/knitting group meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month from 2-4 pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall.



Each month we all sew by hand or machine a block which is then made into a quilt ready to give to a child - but you don't have to be skilled at needlework as it is amazing what we can achieve when we work together - above are some of the quilts we have made and donated.

The meetings are open to all and a donation of £2 is suggested to help pay for the hall, a cup of tea/coffee and any money left is used to buy wool, buttons, fabric, wadding etc., for members to take home, make something and bring this back to the next meeting. Below are some of the knitted items made and donated including hats, blankets, mitts, booties and cardies as well as Taggies for babies. We also sew small tote bags for children, larger toy bags, drawstring bags and pencil cases. We aim to try and re-use/upcycle as many fabrics and wool as we can. Organisations are always in need of toiletries to put in the many bags we make.



Everything we make we give away to organisations such as Baby Basics, The Besom, Salvation Army, The Sheffield Children's Hospital, Rotherham General Hospital and Jessop's Hospital.



## **DORE METHODIST TUESDAY GROUP**

MEETINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH at 2.30 p.m.

2023 is a very special year for the Tuesday Ladies  
We celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

The group started in September 1963 as The Young Wives Group. We will be celebrating the occasion at our Christmas afternoon in December.

We have had a good attendance this year, enjoying some interesting speakers, and ending our year with a lunch at the Sickleholme Golf Club.

The group will be providing Tea and Cakes for the Well Dressing afternoon in July. Our ladies are always very willing to bake some beautiful cakes for the occasion. The money we receive goes to our charity, SCCCC, (Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care). This is our main event to raise money. We very much appreciate the support of the Church on these occasions.

Our new year begins in September 2023 with the A.G.M. A new programme has been arranged for the year 2023/24 and our thanks go to Margaret Millican for all her hard work in arranging another interesting programme.

For details of our exact programme, please look at the Weekly Update, which is available on the Church website. Visitors are always welcome to come along for an enjoyable afternoon.

June Monks and Janet Clitherow

### **Church Council.**

Our Church Council met on 5th March after our morning worship. Due to our reducing membership it is now possible for all church members to be members of the Church Council. This model was agreed for this and future meetings. The following items were considered:

- A Safeguarding Report from our Safeguarding Officer, Gill Kaye, was accepted.
- It was reported that we had received financial support totaling £1500 from the City Council and the Sheffield Methodist District for our Welcoming Space initiative. Practical arrangements for the leadership of this group were agreed.
- Details of work undertaken on the building since September 2022 were reported. Arrangements were also in hand for repairs to the entrance doors to the worship area.
- An up to date Health and Safety Policy was agreed.
- Our financial report noted the considerable drop in offerings due to our lower membership. Whilst the balance in hand looks healthy this figure includes a considerable sum received in three recent legacies. In view of this our financial health needs to be monitored closely, especially given the likely increase in our Circuit Assessment and other running costs.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2023.

### **DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY.**

<b>14th MAY</b>	General Church Meeting after morning worship
<b>11th JUNE</b>	MHA service led by Rev David Willie and Rev Chris Tomlinson
<b>2nd JULY</b>	Tea and Cakes served after the Well Dressing Service
<b>9th JULY</b>	Evening Songs of Praise service

## KATHLEEN MARSHALL



Kathleen was born in Dore on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1934. She was a member of one of the oldest traditional Dore families, traced back to the Fearnough family in the early 1700s. As a baby she lived in a cottage on Church Lane, in the row that housed the village Drapery. From there the family moved to a cottage they owned on Townhead Road, just above what is now the recreation ground. Later the family moved to 182 Dore Road. Kath and her beloved husband, Jim, with their daughter, Kathryn, moved to 178 Dore Road in 1971 to be close to her mother, Effie, who at the time was widowed but had two of her elder sisters living with her.

She had a happy and memorable childhood with her loving parents, Richard and Effie Lazenby, and younger sister, Jean. Richard had moved from Darlington in the early 1920s to find work and we believe that he found work in the construction of the Totley Tunnel. Effie was a village girl and worked in service in one of the large houses on the outskirts of the village. Kathleen and Jean were introduced to the Methodist Church here in Dore from an early age. Her father, Richard, was a lay preacher and her mother, Effie, attended both morning and evening services every Sunday so it was through the Church that her parents met and married. That wasn't the only connection with the Church. Her Aunt Sarah cut the ribbon to open the extension to the Chapel in 1962, the scissors for which Kathleen proudly displayed in her china cabinet. This strong early connection to the Methodist faith was to endure with both herself and her sister all their lives.

Kathleen and Jean grew up with the love of many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was the last surviving member of her generation.

She attended school in the village, passing her Junior School exams and did her senior years at Dronfield Grammar School, leaving with her Certificate of Education.

She began her working career as a Nursery Assistant at a children's nursery school on Limb Lane. It was there that her employers persuaded her to embark on a new career and train as a teacher. Even though it put a strain on the family's finances, Kathleen attended a residential teaching college in Doncaster, where she made a good college friend, Monica. They were no angels getting up to all sorts of high jinx. However, after a few parental interventions, Kathleen completed her course and exams and qualified as a teacher. Her work with children was very close to her heart for the rest of her life. She taught and cared for so many children and cherished many memories of the times she spent with them. For her child welfare was of overriding importance.

Her teaching career began at Coleridge Road School, where she happily settled into her new career. Later on she began to climb the career ladder and retired after many years at Weston Road Junior School in Crookes. The school was selected to become a middle school, educating children to 12 years old. After being Head of Music and Movement for a number of years, this change in age group required a Senior Mistress for Girls, which was a new post to which she was promoted and she held it until her retirement.

She married one of the village's eligible bachelors, Jim Marshall, and was happily married. They enjoyed family holidays, holidays with friends, particularly Bob and Pauline Clark, as well as quite a bit of socialising in our local public houses: The Devonshire Arms, The Cricket Inn and The Norfolk Arms. This was part of their routine on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. One part of her social life was her involvement with the Dore Male Voice Choir, Jim being one of the first members. She very much loved supporting them at concerts and competitions. It was very much part of her life. Sadly Jim passed away in December 1987 and Kath's world fell apart. She maintained one part of her social life, the Dore Male Voice Choir, meeting members after Thursday practice in The Devonshire Arms and going to concerts. It was in this connection that she met Reg Drinkwater, not only a choir member but who also attended Sunday worship at the church.

Initially she had asked him if he would like to accompany her to a Dinner and Dance. Their friendship blossomed and they became inseparable, probably their love of music and their Lord that bonded them so closely. Reg had lost his beloved wife, Joyce, around the same time that Kath lost Jim. Both were committed to their lost spouses. They eventually got engaged but not to be married. They were committed companions. Reg was initially diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2008. Kath was there for him, supporting him all the time and never leaving his side. When Reg collapsed in 2010 and we had his diagnosis, Kath did say to him in hospital "Why did we never get married?"

Kath's world fell apart again when Reg passed away in March 2011 but, just as was her nature, she kept going. She kept her commitment to raising funds for Christian Aid, a charity that was very close to her heart. She started to busy herself in all the clubs she could, helping at Toddler Group on Monday morning, Crafty Club on Monday afternoon, Townswomen's Guild Choir on Tuesday afternoon, helping at Luncheon Club on Wednesday. She enjoyed lunch in the Dore Cafe or Coffee shop most days and latterly Thursday lunch out with Marina and Mavis. She went to town with friends for browsing and coffee on Saturdays with Pauline. She spent the occasional evening in the Devonshire Arms, on Thursday after choir practice and on Sunday after Church worship in the morning. Sometimes she would go to The Hare and Hounds with her group of friends. She was so routine that the family knew where she would be. In 2013 she was diagnosed with the heart having a leaky valve, no surgery required but management of her condition. There was some concern that she was doing too much which might accelerate her condition but there was no way that Kathleen Marshall would stop doing what she loved. Sadly the pandemic brought a stop to all her activities, which she sorely missed.

During the last ten years she went on holidays with Marina and Mavis and her family. There are great memories of holidays, her being scolded for being out too late, going to bed too late keeping everyone up. But that was what she loved, the party animal with late night parties at her house, Christmases together, Boxing Day in the Devonshire Arms – singing was a tradition. She was reluctant about her need for a hearing aid, being the proud person she was it was a struggle for her to accept wearing it. On one of her cruise holidays she went to the Holy Land which included a visit to Bethlehem, which she loved. She'd been to Jerusalem a couple of times with a party from the Church at Topley Rise. From Israel the party went on to Ephesus where the guide explained that it was there that Mary Magdalene fled after Jesus' crucifixion. That was an occasion when she regretted her pride and wished she had had her hearing aid in. She had to rely on others to pass on the guide's comments. After that she wore the hearing aid at all times – she never liked to miss anything.

Sadly Kath had a fall at her home last June. She was admitted to hospital where she had a long wait in excruciating pain before she had surgery to pin the break into place. She was discharged in July and went to stay with Jaimie and Scott to recover and recuperate. She was with them until September when she returned home. Although she had the will to return to her Thursday lunches and the Coffee Club, she didn't regain her mobility. However, she didn't lose her sharpness of wit or her will to do things her way. Kath will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was one of the strongest and steadfast matriarchs any family could have. She never faltered in her faith. She was kind, generous, dignified and loyal. There was just one way to do things, the Kath Marshall way or, as her family nickname, The Dragon of Dore.

We were saddened to learn of Kath's death and we will miss her. We remember all the members of her family who are mourning her at this time. We thank them for this tribute to Kath which they prepared and David Willie used at her Thanksgiving Service on 24th April.



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 as well as a collection box in the hall.

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



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**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.