



# Dore Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

### 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



#### Pause for thought



*Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands” (Isaiah 49:16)*

Have you noticed in job adverts how many different kinds of “person” there are required? There are job vacancies for a reliable person; an active person; ambitious person; qualified person; retired person; the list goes on. The dictionary describes a person as a human being having rights and duties, as distinguished from an inanimate object. Each individual also has their own unique personality, gifts and skills. The person you are is the one God loves and cares for and who is welcomed into his kingdom.

**We pray together:** Loving God, you have shown how much you love and value us. In your great compassion you accept us with all our faults and shortcomings, not just on our better days, but throughout our lives. We thank you for your unreserved love which makes us whole and gives us fellowship with you. **Amen.**

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#### **Worship.**

We will meet again at church for worship next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10-30 a.m. Booking your seat in advance is still necessary.

For those unable to join us the Vine at Home material follows these notices.

#### **Bible Month - Exploring together the Gospel of Mark**

Bible month is a resource which helps churches each year to explore together one book of the Bible. This year the focus is on the Gospel of Mark. During the month of July Rev David Willie and Rev Gail Hunt will lead us through this Gospel in our Sunday morning worship. It is a book which is rich in theology and help us explore more deeply the context and application of these stores for our lives today.

During the month we are also encouraged to read the whole of the Gospel for ourselves, so please take time to do this in your own personal devotion time at home using the pattern below. If you would like a Bible Study booklet to aid you, these will be available at Church from July 4<sup>th</sup> (1per couple) If you are not attending Church at the moment, please contact Gail for a copy .

Week 1 - Mark 1:1 - 3:35

Week 2 - Mark 4:1 - 8: 21

Week 3 - Mark 8:22 - 10:52

Week 4 - Mark 4: 11:1 - 16:8

## Grace Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the last foodbank collection. The next collection will be Monday 21st June. If you would like me to collect from you, please phone me on 0114 473 1998 (or email me at peter.ann.smith@gmail.com) and then leave a bag outside your front door for collection by 9 a.m. on Monday 21st June.

**Although food donations are important and very much appreciated, please do not put yourselves at risk of contracting COVID-19 by shopping for the Food Bank. Stay safe.**

Thanks

*Peter*

## Sheila Glister's Funeral.

Sheila's funeral service will be at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 3-30 p.m. In accordance with the current restrictions numbers able to attend are limited.

## Church Magazine.

The deadline for contributions to our Summer edition is **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**WEEKLY UPDATE AND BOOKINGS – Please send contributions for our Update or book your seat at worship by contacting the Baileys by Tuesday evening. (Tel 2351085 or email john.bailey23a@btinternet.com)**

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## The Vine at Home – 20<sup>th</sup> June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Call to worship

Lord you have called us here,  
And we have come, to worship you.

Your Spirit is already here amongst us,  
And your love is all around us.

May we know your presence Lord, during this time together. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

### Hymn: StF 20 Be still for the presence of the Lord

1 Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found --  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still,  
for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight --  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship written by Tim Baker

3 Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him --  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still,  
for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

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## Opening Prayers

In the storms of life Jesus you say 'Peace, be still.'  
So as we begin our worship, we say 'Peace, be still.'

Thank you for this day and for the blessings that you bring to us this new day. 'Peace, be still.'

Calming God, who speaks peace over the raging sea, we invite you into our worship. 'Peace, be still.'

Caring God, who encourages us to trust, may our ears be attentive to listen to your voice.  
Open our hearts to receive so that we might leave changed.  
'Peace, be still.'

Ever present God who is with us in the boat of life, open our eyes so that we can see your  
presence.  
'Peace, be still.'

As we navigate the storms of life together, we say Jesus we need you and we need each other.  
'Peace, be still.'

Strengthen and embolden us during this journey and breathe wind into our sails. 'Peace, be still.'

**Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

**Let us now say the Lord's prayer**

**Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-49**

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

<sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to

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<sup>2</sup> Opening prayers written by Matthew Forsyth

them.” So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

## **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**6** As we work together with him,<sup>[1]</sup> we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! **3** We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, **7** truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; **9** as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**11** We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. **12** There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. **13** In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

## **Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus Stills a Storm**

**35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. **37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” **39** He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were

filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

## Reflections on the reading

*[Today’s reflection is written by The Vine Editor – Tim Baker.]*

Henry Stewart, the business leader, writes in his book ‘The Happy Manifesto’ about the limitations of always focusing on our weaknesses. Rather, he invites us to think more about what we are good at, and spend our time and energy on that. For example, he highlights the typical ‘appraisal’ process in a business setting, where people discuss their strengths and weaknesses and then spend the rest of the time concentrating on how their weaknesses can be improved, worked upon, trained out of them, etc.

And this is not just true in business life, is it? It’s true in our whole lives, and in our Christian discipleship. How often do we spend all our time and energy on our perceived weaknesses, when we could be focusing on our strengths, our gifts, our own role within the larger body of Christ.

What about you? What is your role? Where you are being challenged to use your strengths, try to come to at least one concrete action that you can take this week, something that will make a difference.

Let us sit for a moment, and in the quiet, I want you to imagine yourself doing something you love, and something you think you are quite good at.

Perhaps you are on your own, or perhaps with others.

Perhaps it is a particular task, or leisure activity.

Perhaps it’s taking place in one particular location, which is what makes it so special.

As we hold the quiet, just continue to imagine yourself doing that activity. Enjoying it. Flourishing...

*[Hold a few moments of quiet].*

I want you to remember what this feels like.

I want you to hold the strength of this feeling.

This is your strength, lean on it.

*[Pause].*

Now, how can you use this feeling of strength in your life? How can you use it to face the storms that are coming this week, this month, this year?

How can you take your strengths, and make them tools for making the world a better place?

Use these next few moments to decide – what can you do?

What can I do?

What can each one of us do, that will make use of our strengths this week?

*[Hold a few moments of quiet].*

Holy God, take these moments, take this energy, take these commitments, and use them for your mission here on earth.

In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**<sup>3</sup>

## Prayers of intercession

Jesus, you calmed the storm, commanded the waves to become ripples, and the wind to fall silent,  
Your words calmed the hearts of your friends.

Be still. Be still and believe. Be still and know.

Jesus, calm the storms in the hearts of your people.

In the hearts of those who do not feel safe in the place they should call home,  
In the hearts of those who live in war-torn nations, fearing for their families,  
In the hearts of those whose loved ones are far away, fighting in the midst of conflict,

Jesus, calm the storms in the hearts of your people

In the hearts of those whose lives have been torn apart by grief,  
In the hearts of those who live with regret,  
In the hearts of those who feel helpless in the face of impossible circumstances,  
In the hearts of those who worry about someone they love,

Jesus, calm the storms in the hearts of your people,

Jesus, help us to calm the storms in the hearts of your people.

Compel us to speak peace,  
Embody peace,  
Make peace,  
In all we say,  
In all we do,  
In all we are,

In your gracious and beautiful name, we pray, **Amen.**<sup>3</sup>

### **Hymn: StF 664 Lord you call us to your service (Tune Angel Voices)**

- 1 Lord, you call us to your service,  
each in our own way.  
Some to caring, loving, healing;  
some to preach, or pray;  
some to work with quiet learning,  
truth discerning,  
day by day.
- 2 Life for us is always changing  
in the work we share.  
Christian love adds new dimensions  
to the way we care.  
For we know that you could lead us,  
as you need us,  
anywhere.

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<sup>3</sup> Prayers of intercession written by Emma Dobson

3 Seeing life from your perspective  
makes your challenge plain,  
as your heart is grieving over  
those who live in pain.  
Teach us how, by our compassion,  
you may fashion  
hope again.

4 Lord, we set our human limits  
on the work we do.  
Send us your directing Spirit,  
pour your power through,  
that we may be free in living  
and in giving  
all for you.

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## **Blessing**

Go with courage, followers of the Christ.  
Go into a world crying out for love and hope.  
Go to spread peace.  
Go, and the Spirit of God goes before you.

Amen.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Additional prayers by Tim Baker

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