



Christ Church Dore

Newsletter

April 2023



The Friday Art Club

Ecclesiastes 3 v1: "There is a time for everything, and a season for all activity under the heavens."



Rosie Hawley, a friend who attends Dore and Totlely Christian Fellowship, and I, run the Friday Art Club. We are trained teachers and have both taught art during the course of our careers. We each, separately, had a vision for a small community art group and had reached the stage in our lives when this idea could come to fruition.

After many months of prayer and reflection and with the support of Christ Church Local Mission Team the Friday Art Club started on Friday 6th May 2022 at 2pm, in the back room of Christ Church Dore Community Centre. We were a small group, eight in total, just right for our first tentative steps into a new project. Ten months and ten sessions on, we now have 27 members and have moved from the back room into the main hall, something that we did not anticipate would happen so quickly.

It is a joy to see the group grow and to meet people from our local community. Together, we have learned new techniques such as felting, lino printing, origami, colour mixing and pastel drawing. We have learned about the life of Van Gogh and tried to emulate his work. Our friend, Diane Capps has led a session on card making and we have also invited several other makers to share their skills with us.

The sessions are very relaxed and usually begin with a demonstration before moving on to the activity. Tea, coffee and home made cake is available throughout the afternoon and is happily received! We have a display of our work at the end of the session and often people are surprised at their creative ability which had hitherto been hidden.

Our aim is to provide a low key, relaxing art session for members of our local community. Everyone is welcome, whether their objective is to meet new



people, make new friends, pick up new skills or just to sit and have time to be creative away from the distractions of life.

As Christians, Rosie and I are open about our faith. We are happy to pray for people and a prayer box is made available at each session for members to request prayer.

We would encourage all of you who have the seed of a plan to further God's work in our community, to pursue it. He will honour your efforts.

Yvonne Blower and Rosie Hawley



The Friday Art Club takes place on the first Friday of each month from 2 – 4pm in Christ Church Dore Community Centre

Have you thought of being a member of PCC?

Our church council (PCC stands for Parochial Church Council) consists of 12 elected members and some other co-opted and ex-officio members. We usually have 18 to 20 people who work on the future direction of the church as well as ensuring that we adopt safe and lawful practices. It can be a challenge keeping up with changes in the Law and advice from our diocese. However there is a shared vision of our mission and the decisions made are based in prayer. The PCC meets online for 10 or 11 meetings a year and once, face to face, on a Saturday morning for prayer, worship and strategic planning based on our mission to others. PCC work keeps you on your toes and is an opportunity to see how all aspects of the church's work fit together.

This year we will be looking to elect 2 churchwardens as Alison Saxton and Julia Stevens are stepping back. Alison remains on the leadership team as Treasurer and so is automatically a member of PCC. Some other members of PCC are either up for re-election after a first term of three years or they have served two consecutive three year terms and have to stand down for 12 months.

There will be three vacancies of three years and one casual vacancy of two years when we meet at our annual meeting on **May 16th 2023**.

If you think it may be what you can contribute to the life of the church you will need to complete a nomination form which will be downloadable from the website or obtained from the Parish Office. If you need to talk it over please speak to Andy Patrick or PCC Secretary,

Anita Campbell.

Confirmation - Have you ever thought of being confirmed into the Church of England or do you know anyone who might be interested? There is a Confirmation Service coming up on Sunday 11th June 2023 at 6pm in All Saints Ecclesall Parish Church so if you would like to find out more about what it means to be confirmed and what you have to do, then please contact Andy Patrick via the Church Office.

Your help is needed –

On the **31st March at 2.00pm you are invited to join the TLC group** to give our church a little tender loving care.

Please come and help, all materials are provided in addition to a warm welcome.

Urgent Help Needed for Children's work – We have a wonderful core group of children and over the past few months God has continued to bless us with more of his precious children which we're so grateful for.

There are only three of us offering Godly Play twice a month (2 people each week). Plus two helpers on the Sundays they are in church – a team of 5. However if we are going to be able to continue offering this we need your help.

Please prayerfully consider offering to help so we can continue to grow and invest in the lives of the children we currently have and those yet to join us.

Thank you – **Paula and Beth**



Gardening help in the churchyard - There are several tasks needed in the churchyard that would require only a couple of hours a month during the summer. It would be really helpful if anyone was able to offer to give that time and take responsibility for one of these. Things like weeding the rose garden, weeding and removal of leaves on a short stretch of border near the church (NOT the whole border, it will be divided into sections), deadheading, feeding and pruning the roses, watering if it is very dry and other similar things. This will not be heavy work like strimming, mowing or cutting back shrubs but much lighter tasks.

Anyone involved would need to bring their own garden tools but the green bins are there for cuttings, weeds etc. This is an opportunity to support the church, outside in the sunshine amid peaceful surroundings at a day and time to suit you. Wonderful!

If you are interested and would like to know more, please have a work with Maggie (07718663013). This will not commit you to anything unless you choose to be involved.

Many thanks.

Maggie Renshaw



Community Centre Open Morning – On Saturday April 22nd from 10.30am to 12.30pm we are having an open morning at the Community Centre. Regular users will have tables in the main hall to advertise their group and maybe recruit new members. The whole building will be open for people to come in and look at the facilities. We will be offering free light refreshments in the large back room.

We need some volunteers to bake cakes and we need volunteers to serve drinks. If you are able to help with these tasks, please let Jill Bush know, either in person or via email at liaison.cc@dorechurch.org.uk



Christ Church Dore Community Centre

Open Morning

Saturday 22nd April, 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Drop in to see the recent improvements to our facilities
and find out more about what's on offer**

Meet a range of groups who use the centre



Friendship and Wellbeing

Health and Fitness

Children's Groups

Christian Groups

Music and Arts



Free refreshments available

communitycentre.dorechurch.org.uk

0114 236 3335

Morning Prayer During Lent -

During Lent we're going to have Morning Prayer every Monday to Thursday from 7am - 7.30am. We'll be using the Dust and Glory resources as a focus along with music, prayer and space for reflection. Join us in church for a great start to the day or pray wherever you are.

Monday to Thursday
7 - 7.30am

Morning Prayer During Lent

Join us at Christ Church Dore or pray where you are as we journey through Lent together (from Wednesday 22nd February to Thursday 6th April).

Church Calendar for April 2023

Sunday 2nd April **Palm Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 6th
Maundy Thursday

10.30am Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

7.30pm Seven Actions – Prayer and Holy Communion
for Maundy Thursday

Friday 7th
Good Friday

10.00am Good Friday Service concluding by gathering at
the Cross outside the Village Greens

2pm-3pm Good Friday Reflective Service

Saturday 8th

10am-11am Children's Easter Activities

Sunday April 9th **Easter Sunday**

6.00am Easter Sunrise Service Meet in the churchyard

10.00am Easter Day All Age Morning Communion
(followed by Easter egg hunt)

5.30pm Easter Day Evening Communion

Thursday 13th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday April 16th

10.00am Morning Worship

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 20th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday April 23rd

10.00am Morning Worship
An informal contemporary service for all ages,
with children's groups for 0-11years and Godly
Play

5.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 27th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday April 30th

10.00am Morning Worship

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Date for your diary **APCM May 16th**

Easter

AT CHRIST CHURCH DORE 2023

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday | **10.30am**

Seven Actions - A Service of Prayer and Holy Communion
for Maundy Thursday | **7.30pm**

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

Good Friday Service | **10am**

*(concluding with a short walk to the centre of the village
where we'll gather around the cross)*

Good Friday Reflective Service | **2 - 3pm**

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

Children's Easter Activities | **10 - 11am**

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

Easter Sunrise Service *(meeting in the churchyard)* | **6am**

Easter Day All-Age Morning Communion | **10am**

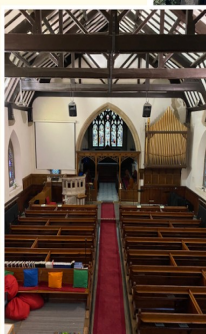
(Followed by Easter egg hunt)

Easter Day Evening Communion | **5.30pm**

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Christ Church Dore Warm Space

The church is always open during daylight hours and offers a warm place to sit and be, especially in these cold winter months.



Come on in and make yourself at home.

Church Weekend Away 2023

12th-14th May 2023 is the date to put in your diaries.

Venue: Hayes Conference Centre,
Swanick

Booking forms are on Christ Church website



Our Church Services

All our services are back in church now. The return has taken a staged approach, and we will make changes as the situation evolves.

The current Covid precautions are:

At present wearing masks is optional in church services. Please do what you feel comfortable with. Julia and Alison

Church Groups in our Community Centre Townhead Road (CCDCC)

Tuesday Christ Church Ladies' Group: First Tuesday of the month, except August, 7.45pm

Wednesday Pathfinders: 18.30pm till 19.15pm, after this the young people move into the Ark for further activities

Thursday Toddler Group: 10.00am till 11.30am

Mission Statement

Christ Church Dore invites everyone;

- ***To worship and learning that renews and refreshes our relationship with God,***
- ***To be a member of a family of God's people, to meet and provide mutual help and support, and***
- ***To be an agent of the Christian gospel in the wider community***

Useful information

- Parish Office:** office@dorechurch.org.uk 0114 236 3335
- Priest in Charge:** **Revd Andy Patrick**
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Mobile - 07966360437 and landline - 0114 236 1536
- Church Wardens:** Alison Saxton, Julia Stevens
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- Safeguarding:** safeguarding@dorechurch.org.uk 0114 236 3335
Safeguarding Officer: Yvonne Twelvetree
- Website/Facebook:** www.dorechurch.org.uk www.facebook.com/dorechurch

Monthly Newsletter: articles submitted by 19th please via the Parish Office on 0114 236 3335 or news@dorechurch.org.uk NB This is a later date than before the pandemic as we do not have to get the Newsletter to the Printing Company. However we will not accept articles after the 19th as time is necessary to put the Newsletter together.

Lent Giving and Grace Food Bank

The on-going generosity to the Grace Food Bank by so many of Christ Church is appreciated. For Lent we ask everyone to be particularly generous. So many people in neighbouring areas are struggling to eat due to the rise in the cost of fuel.



Please donate to the Grace Food Bank which helps families in Sheffield, near us, who are struggling to manage.

Please leave donations of tins and packets in the collection box which is now in the Church porch or the special trolleys in the Co-op at Dore, Sainsbury, Archer Road and Morrisons, Meadowhead.

You can also make a donation of money via the Parish Office or via the Giving page of our church web site.

Useful phone numbers and contacts

Police Non emergency	101
South Yorkshire Police	0114 2196905
Victim Support line	0808 1689111
NSPCC helpline	0808 800 5000

**The Parish Office will be closed from
Wednesday 29th March
till Monday 17th April**

NB The Newsletter will be available on the church web site.

If you need to get in contact with someone at Christ Church during the holiday period please leave a message by email or phone and someone will get back to you.