



Christ Church Dore

Newsletter

March 2023



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.

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

Christ Church Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group meeting on March 7th at 7.45pm in the Community Centre will be a talk by Grace Clark about her work with Grace Ceramics. There will be display items for sale and a chance for members to try their hand at glazing. Items can be fired for a small fee.

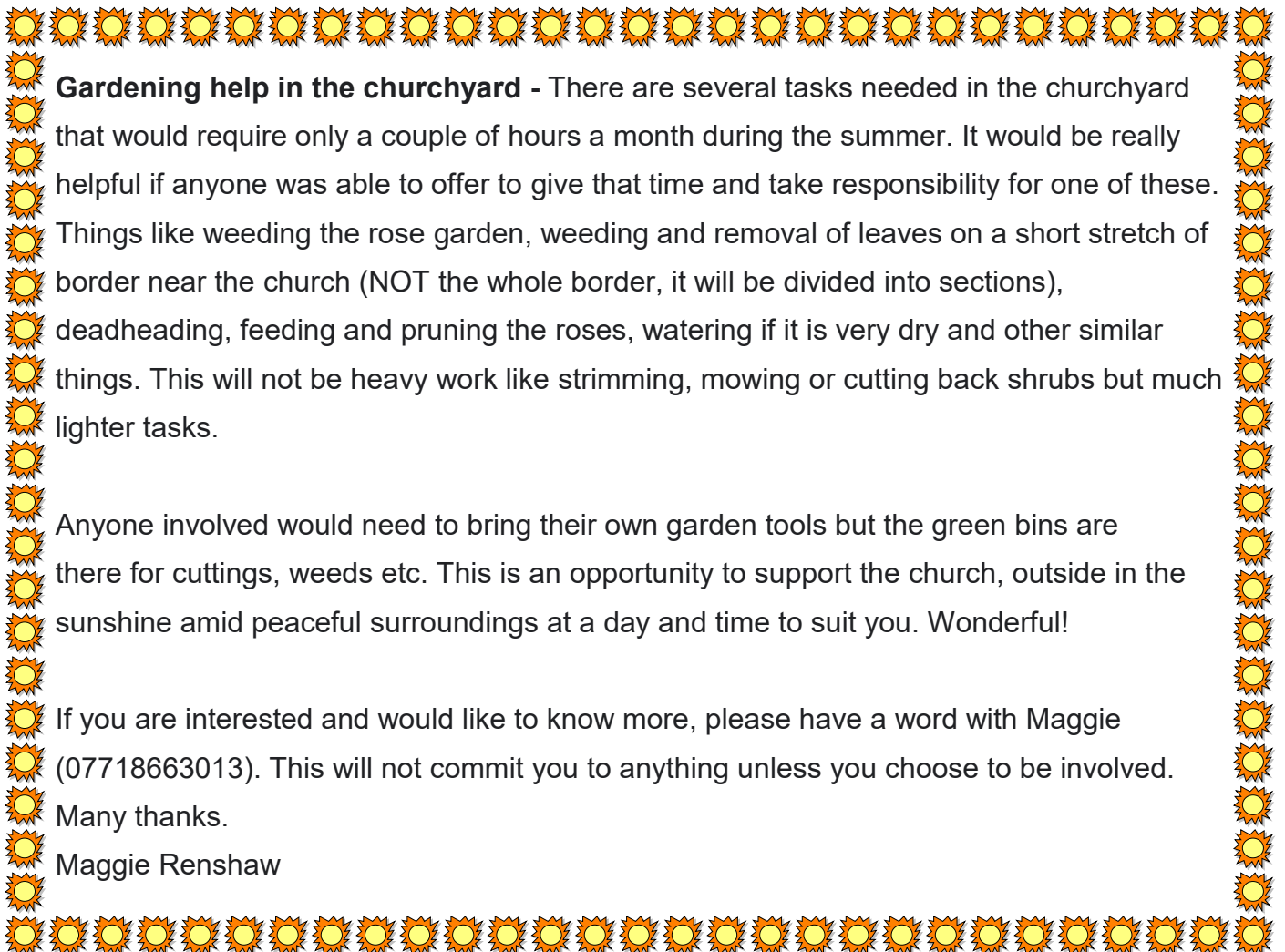
We welcome members and visitors of all ages, from church and community, at any or all of our meetings. The charge for visitors is £4.

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 ready for Easter.

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

A decorative border consisting of a series of small, stylized sun icons with rays, arranged in a rectangular frame around the text.

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 word 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 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 March 2023

Thursday 2nd 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 5th

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

5.30pm Evening Prayer, a quieter, more traditional service

Tuesday 7th 7.45pm CC Ladies' Group see information on page 2

Thursday 9th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 12th

10.00am Morning Worship with Baptism

5.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 19th Mothering Sunday

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

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday March 26th

10.00am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30th 10.30am Holy Communion

Dates for your diary

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Good Friday 7th April Easter Sunday 9th April



Lent Appeal

This year we are supporting The Grace Food Bank

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
wardenalison@dorechurch.org.uk 0114 236 3335
wardenjulia@dorechurch.org.uk 0114 236 3335
- 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**

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.

NB The April Newsletter will not be sent by email until mid April. However the Newsletter will be available on the church web site from the beginning of April.



Open days



Coffee Morning

11 March 2023

10:30am

An opportunity to find out all about The Oakes with refreshments, talk and tour

Please RSVP at oakes.org.uk/opendays