



Christ Church Dore Newsletter November 2023



Step into the Light” – Church re-ordering project Progress Report, 2023



Progress on the project has accelerated in the last three months. Key project milestones of Invitation to Tender (ITT) to contractors and Tender returns were achieved in the period. A significant amount of work was required by the Project delivery team in order to issue a detailed and robust ITT to our contractors. Thanks go to John Cunnington, our Architect, our sub consultants Tim and Anca of Shearstone Mechanical and Mason Clark Associates respectively and Lewis and Alex of RLB, our commercial consultants. The Christ Church Dore (CCD) project delivery team welcomed Steve Clarke as our project treasurer.

While overall responsibility for all of CCD accounts naturally remains with Alison, Steve will have day to day responsibility for the project finances reporting through to Alison. Comprehensive and detailed tender returns were received from three contractors at the end of September and a process of review and interviews is underway now. We plan to have concluded our due diligence and nominate a preferred contractor by the end of October. Also at the end of August, Practical Completion of the Vestry roof replacement contract occurred. A number of additional items were added to that project scope which extended the contractors period on site and impacted the final value: these included removal of the church safe through the roof, renewal of a blocked and broken drain in the churchyard, the re-building of an unrecorded collapsed manhole and a long overdue replacement of the lead piped water supply to the church building.

During September, the fundraising team continued their tireless efforts to attract grant funding. Unfortunately, to date with mixed success due to an altered economic landscape. However, that was outshone by the generous giving of the church congregation and a number of individuals in the wider village community in the recent “Step into the Light” 11 days of celebrating God’s gifts. These efforts have taken us beyond 75% funding at the time of writing. Exceeding this

benchmark opens the door for us to be able to access further grant opportunities that are conditional on achieving 75% funding.

Finally, we discovered recently what information would be required by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to allow them to understand and approve our revised plans. This will entail a redraft of the Statement of Needs and a site visit by representatives of the DAC in early November. The DAC then meets at the end of November to make a recommendation. This meeting is so close to Christmas that this has required us to delay the likely commencement of construction until early January 2024. Although this delay is unwanted, there are benefits that accrue from a delayed start: it allows us to organise ourselves well to commence the work, it provides an extended procurement and mobilisation period for our preferred contractor, it allows us to hold our Advent and Christmas services in the church building this year, it extends the window for grant submissions and, according to programmes submitted by our tenderers, should allow us to hold our Advent and Christmas services 2024 in a shiny new and re-ordered building. There are a growing number of positive signs that lead to increasing confidence in our ability to realise the delivery of the long planned Church re-ordering project. But there are some significant imminent hurdles to overcome too – the most important of which are DAC approval and achieving a fully funded project.

Your continued generosity and prayerful support will be welcome as we seek to clear all the obstacles in lie in our path.



Eleven days of celebration of Christ Church Dore comes to a close.

God has been good and forged new relationships and strengthened others. Together the members of this church worked to raise an amazing £154,150 on Sunday 24th September, Gift Day, and with Gift Aid this increases to £192,437. All of the gifts and pledges have not yet come in and this does not include the community events. The church membership had set themselves a target of £200,000 and it looks as though this may now happen this week. This is important as it enables the fundraising team to apply for a larger grant from a trust that required us to have reached this point in our fundraising. Great work Christ Church!

Safari Supper

What a wonderful evening this was! The organisers must be congratulated on a happy and friendly evening with everyone mixing well and enjoying themselves.

The hosts for the starters and main courses presented lovely dishes and the people who made the desserts provided a wonderful table of assorted sweets.

Jill Mitchell made the auction very entertaining and a total of over £3200 was raised.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved.

Christ Church Ladies' Group

November 7th will be an evening with the Apillera Weavers from Peru with a chance to buy some of their products, tapestries, Christmas items.

The last meeting of 2023 will be on 5th December. This will be our Christmas meeting and will be a Christmas Social with light refreshments.

Our meetings are held in the Community Centre, Townhead Road (previously the Church Hall) on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm (unless otherwise stated) and we welcome members and visitors of all ages, from church and community, at any or all of our meetings.

For more details about any of our activities please contact Barbara Mangles, Chairman, or Lesley Vernon, Hon. President and Church Liaison, via the Parish Office.



Your help is needed

On Friday 10th November at 2.00pm you are invited to join the TLC group to give our church a little tender loving care.

The group will also meet on **Monday 11th December** at 2.00pm for a special advent clean and polish.

Our church refurbishments will begin in the new year so this meeting in December will be the last of five years of cleaning.

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

Christmas edition of Songs of Praise – is coming from Sheffield City Hall. It will be recorded on Tuesday 14 November. Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise

Church Calendar for November 2023

Sunday 5th November

10.00am **Andy Patrick and Bishop Pete preaching and presiding**
Godly Play taking place during this service

5.30pm Evening Prayer with Andy Patrick leading

Tuesday 7th

7.45pm Christ Church Ladies' Group

An evening with the Apillera Weavers from Peru with a chance to buy some of their products, tapestries, Christmas items

Thursday 9th

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 10th

2.00pm TLC Group in Church

Sunday 12th November

10.00am Morning Worship

10.45am **The Act of Remembrance** at Dore War Memorial.

5.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th November

10.00am Morning Worship

Godly Play will take place during this service

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th November

10.00am Morning Worship

5.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 28th in the Old School *Making Space for Advent* – reflective and imaginative time followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Thursday 30th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 8th December 3.15pm Christmas Fun Children's Event in church

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:** **Sarah Oxby, Martin Blower**
wardensarah@dorechurch.org.uk 0114 236 3335
wardenmartin@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.

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 during term time.

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 phone numbers and contacts

Police Non emergency	101
South Yorkshire Police	0114 2196905
Victim Support line	0808 1689111
NSPCC helpline	0808 800 5000
Domestic Abuse	0808 808 2241

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 30th October, re-opening Monday, 6th November.

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.

CHRIST CHURCH



Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young people & adults

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: ...Yvonne Twelvetree.....
Role: ...Parish Safeguarding Officer.....
Tel:0114 2360953.....
E-mail:.....safeguarding@dorechurch.org.uk

Name:Revd Andy patrick.....
Role:Priest in Charge.....
Tel:0114 2361536.....
E-mail:.....vicar@dorechurch.org.uk

Name:Sian Checkley.....
Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
Tel:07741013775.....
E-mail:.....sian.checkley@sheffield.anglican.org.

Local Authority Social Services:
Sheffield First point 0114 2734908

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Respect Phoneline: 0808 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

This poster is displayed in church. During the remodelling and building work it will be included in the monthly Newsletter. Please contact our Priest in Charge, Andy Parkin, our Church Wardens, Sarah Oxby and Martin Blower or Yvonne Twelvetree if you need to talk to someone. Be a good neighbour: we aim to be a Safe Church.

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

e-Learning Courses

This takes place through the Church of England National Safeguarding Training Portal on the Sheffield Diocese Web Site (Safeguarding Training link)

- **Basic Awareness** – 60-90mins – For everyone within Church communities who need to have a basic awareness of safeguarding issues.
- **Foundation (C1)** – 60-90mins – For those who hold positions of responsibility for the safeguarding of others within church settings.

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse – 90-120mins – A specialist course exploring the nature and dynamics of domestic abuse, with a focus on church settings. *Required for anyone holding the Bishop's Licence, commission, authorisation or PTO, Spiritual Directors, Bishop's Visitors, Pastoral Visitors, PCC trustees and Safeguarding Officers. This training should be refreshed every 3 years.*

Chris Herbet at Sheffield Diocese is also offering zoom training for Foundation (C1) and Domestic Abuse Training

This training is free and offered to anyone on our PCC, House Group members, pastoral team or service wardens

C1 Foundation

Thursday 30 November 2023 10am to 1pm

Domestic Abuse Awareness – online via Zoom

These events with a trainer are available for those who would prefer to train with others and to be able to ask questions and discuss.

- Wednesday 1 November 2023 6pm to 9pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday 5 December 2023 1pm to 4pm (Zoom)

Application forms are available on the Sheffield Diocese web site or telephone Chris Herbet on m: 07392 090 410

During the Church remodelling may we remind you that links to our Safeguarding Policies may be found on our Church web site – on the link Safeguarding.

Access to the Safer Church Guidance can be found by copying this web site address

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Parish-Safeguarding-HandBook.pdf>



Open days



Coffee Morning

7 November 2023 10:30am

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

Please RSVP at oakes.org.uk/opendays