



# Christ Church Dore

## Newsletter

### December 2025

## ***Christmas at Christ Church Dore***

You are warmly invited to join us at Christ Church Dore as we celebrate Christmas together. Visit [www.dorechurch.org.uk](http://www.dorechurch.org.uk)

### **Wednesday 3rd December Dore Village Society Lantern Parade**

6.00pm in the centre of the village. The parade will start around 6.30pm after the bus has left, going along Causeway Head Road before the lighting of the Christmas tree.

### **Thursday 4th December Toddler Group Nativity**

From 10.00am For Toddler Group Families

### **Thursday 11th December from 11.30am Carol Singing**

Treat yourself to coffee and sing your heart out. Dore Bar and Grill

### **Thursday 18th December Carol-oke 7.00pm and 8.00pm**

Carols and Christmas Music in the Hare and Hounds from 7.00pm and The Devonshire Arms from 8.00pm

### **Sunday 21st December Carol Services 4.30pm and 7.00pm**

featuring the Dore Community Choir

### **Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve**

Crib services 3.00pm and 5.00pm

### **Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve Midnight Communion**

11.15pm at Christ Church

### **Thursday 25th December Christmas Day 10.00am**

All Age Service with our famous annual Christmas Jumper Awards

### **Sunday 28th December 10.00am All Age Family Service (Only service today)**

## Church Calendar for December

Tuesday 2nd    7.45pm    Christ Church Ladies' Group – see page 3 for more information

Thursday 4th    10.00am    Toddler Group Nativity

10.30am    Holy Communion in Dore Methodist Church

Saturday 6th    2.00pm    Wreath Making in church – see page 4 for more information

### Sunday 7th

10.00am    Holy Communion with children's activities

5.30pm    Evening Worship

Thursday 11th    10.30am    Holy Communion

11.30am    Coffee and sing Christmas Songs at the Dore Bar and Grill

3.00pm    Church Clean and decoration – see the bottom of page 3 for more information

Thursday 11th    7.00pm    Deanery Synod event at Ecclesall Church – see page 4 for more information

11th 12th and 13th    Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas concerts – see page 5 for details

### Sunday 14th

10.00am    All Age Family Worship

5.30pm    Holy Communion

Thursday 13th    10.30am    Holy Communion

### Sunday 21st

10.00am    Holy Communion with children's activities

4.30pm and 7.00pm    Carol Services

### Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

3.00pm and 5.00pm    Crib Services

11.15pm    Midnight Holy Communion

### Thursday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am    Christmas Day All Age Family Worship

### Sunday 28th

10.00am    All Age Family Worship – NB this is the only service today

### Thursday 1st January 2026 10.30am Holy Communion

The Newsletter Team takes this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

***Yvonne Twelvetree and Janice Hall***

## Our Service Pattern

**Morning Service at 10am** (with Children's Work)

**Evening Service at 5.30pm.**

Communion will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for the 10.00am Service and the 2nd and 4th Sundays for the 5.30pm Service. When there is a 5th Sunday, services will be 10.00am Morning Worship and 5.30pm Evening Prayer.

**Thursday Morning Holy Communion Services, 10.30am,** at Christ Church.

**Church Open – The church is now open every day during daylight hours (usually from 8am - 6pm). We see this as a key part of our ministry as a parish church to have the building open and accessible to all.**

**Morning Prayers at Christ Church Dore during term-time**

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9.00am until 9.30am**

**All are welcome (term time only)**

## Christ Church Ladies' Group

Our Christmas meeting will be on 2nd December. This will be a demonstration of UV resin techniques by Claire Loughbridge. There will be the chance to buy some of her work.

On January 6th, 2026 we will have a talk by David Johnston on 'Life in 1950's Britain'.

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. The charge for visitors is £5.

For more details about any of our activities please contact the Parish Office.

## Church Christmas Clean and Decoration



Please come along and help to make our church look beautiful for the Christmas season - Thursday 11th December at 3pm. It would be wonderful if you could bring along your own cleaning products too! We also hope to have time to put up some decorations. Please let Lena or Sarah know if you can help. Thank you

# Richard Knights' Bible Reading Plan

Read the whole Bible in a year starting 1st January 2026

Ten to fifteen minutes a day Daily readings from the

Old Testament, New Testament & Psalms

Includes diagrams and illustrations

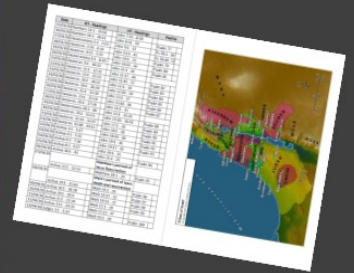
Available in a printed booklet,  
electronic document or a database format

For a copy email [richard.knights@outlook.com](mailto:richard.knights@outlook.com) or ring 0780 868 2050  
stating which format you would like

or speak to Andy Walsh at Christ Church, Dore

Bible Reading Plan  
2026

Produced by Richard Knights



## Wreath Making



Come and make a Christmas wreath.

**Saturday 6th December, 2pm, in Church**

All materials will be provided.

(Please bring your own scissors and secateurs  
and your own greenery if you have something  
you want to use)

**Cost £35**

Book with Emma Archer - 07870149562 -  
You will be added to a WatsApp group for  
payment and further details).

Number are limited - book early to ensure a  
place.

## Deanery Synod Events

Jane Closs and Anita Campbell, CCD  
Deanery Synod Representatives, wish to  
encourage members of Christ Church to come  
along and see what is happening in Sheffield.

These are two key events coming up:

**Twinned Deanery Gathering with  
Bishop Pete & Bishop Leah**

*Thursday 11th December, 19.00*

*All Saints Ecclesall*

An opportunity to meet Bishop Leah, hear a little  
about her faith in the Lord Jesus and learn about  
her hopes of her ministry as Bishop. This event  
is open to all church members.





**Dore Male Voice Choir  
Annual Christmas Concert**



***Christ Church, Church Lane, Dore  
Sheffield S17 3GY***

***7.00pm 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025***

***Tickets £13.00 including programme, drink and mince pie.***



**Music Director Joan Spencer  
Accompanist Jonathan Lazell**



***Guest Artist: Matt Secombe***  
**Bass Baritone**

*All concert tickets can be booked On-line at  
doremvc.com or via the attached QR code  
and through Norman West, Tel: 0114 296 0797*



## **A Rocha UK Silver award; what next?**

In 2022 Christ Church was awarded an A Rocha Eco Church silver award for the work we had done improving our carbon footprint, the biodiversity in our churchyard and our community engagement. We were rightly proud of this achievement as we were one of the first churches in the Diocese with a silver award. The jump from silver to gold, however, is a big one and we are in the process of getting back on track after the re-ordering.

The re-ordering in itself will help us enormously by reducing the fuel we use to heat and light the building. However we will need to quantify this by comparing figures for 2023 with 2025/6. The road to the gold award is made up of many small things which are achievable if the church family gets behind this. The Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission states that we should strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We have 2 eco-champions and welcome more people to support us. We are Angie Clarke and Anita Campbell and we can be contacted through [fabric@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:fabric@dorechurch.org.uk)

The community engagement part of the A Rocha award programme has been supported by our Local Mission Group. This group has helped such events as Rake and Cake, Adopt a Grave and Count on Nature.

With the help of Andy Patrick we have designed a poster to communicate how easy it is to help our efforts with small actions. We have inserted the poster here for you to read. Let us know if it is something you want to help out with or you have another idea for us. The PCC has agreed a Mission Action Plan and we are really pleased that achieving the gold award is on there under the heading "Social Transformation". Social transformation can come about with the small actions of many people. Isaiah 65 talks about new heavens and a new earth in verses 17-18, "Behold I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create."

Anita Campbell

Angie Clarke

# CHRIST CHURCH DORE ECO PLAN

## What we've done so far...



### Reduced carbon footprint

through roof insulation and efficient underfloor heating



### Use of Cheribim

temperature and humidity sensors along with NeoHub control to balance comfort with fuel consumption



### No Mow May

to give wild flowers a chance and increase biodiversity



### Worship and Services

On the theme of God's creation and our responsibilities



### Fairtrade

Only using Fairtrade products in church



### Recycling

Use of recycling bins and composting



### Environment statement

re-affirmed each year



### Sustainable cut flowers

grown in churchyard for display in church



### Cycle rails

Encouraging people to take clean transport to get to church



### LED lights

and motion sensitive off switches in church



### Adopt a Grave scheme

along with Rake and Cake tidy up with no pesticide use



### Bird and bat boxes

Providing shelter and habitat for wildlife



### Community Activities

in the churchyard involving partners such as Dore Primary School



# CHRIST CHURCH DORE ECO PLAN

## What we plan to do...



### Increase Engagement

Increase the profile of our Eco Church journey in services and home group discussions



### Active Travel

Increase active travel to church and church activities



### Net Zero

Actively engage with the Diocesan Net Zero Plan



### Swift Boxes

Install Swift Boxes in the Belfry



### Further Activities

Use churchyard for more activities in the fresh air and surrounded by nature



### Mend, Upcycle, Recycle

Promote mending, upcycling and recycling opportunities locally



### Landscape Plan

Develop a landscape plan for the churchyard



### Reducing Plastic Use

Work with the community to encourage natural flower displays in the church and churchyard



### Litter Pick

Support litter picks in the churchyard and in the community



### Teaching for Kids

Children's teaching to address eco issues



### Donate

Annual donation to A Rocha Eco Church to help other churches on their eco journeys

## Got any further suggestions?

## If so, email [fabric@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:fabric@dorechurch.org.uk)



### Useful information

**Parish Office:** [office@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:office@dorechurch.org.uk) 0114 236 3335

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**Safeguarding Officer:** **Dawn Carter**

**Website/Facebook:** [www.dorechurch.org.uk](http://www.dorechurch.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/dorechurch](https://www.facebook.com/dorechurch)

**Monthly Newsletter:** articles submitted by 19th please via the Parish Office on 0114 236 3335 or [news@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:news@dorechurch.org.uk) Please note that 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, 7.45pm (not August).

**Thursday** Toddler Group: 10.00am till 11.30am during term time.

#### Information from the Parish Office



The Parish Office is closed from Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January 2026.

The answer phone will be checked during the holiday as will the office email [office@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:office@dorechurch.org.uk).

Or if you have an urgent enquiry please contact the Wardens via [wardensarah@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:wardensarah@dorechurch.org.uk) or [wardenlena@dorechurch.org.uk](mailto:wardenlena@dorechurch.org.uk)

#### Useful phone numbers and contacts

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

#### *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***