



# **Christ Church Stocksbridge**

## **Crane Moor Methodist Church**

## **Green Moor Methodist Church**

for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear

Greetings to you at Christ Church, Crane Moor and Green Moor!

We've got so much news this week, that we shared in the online service last Sunday, that I thought I would include it all in this week's letter so everyone is included.

We've got one birthday this week; Maggie Herbert is 86 on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Maggie is making masks for people who might want one. Thank you Maggie.

I want to say on your behalf a big "Thank you" to Brian and June Throssell and their family. They have made a very generous bequest to the church in Brian's name. We have put it into the Mission and Ministry fund at Christ Church, to help secure ministry for years to come. It is wonderful to know that the work of ministry which Brian shared in all his life will continue in the ministry of this church in the future.

- Sandra Taylor's neighbour's daughter has died, leaving a husband and two children. Our prayers are with you and them Sandra.
- Sandra Quilter at Green Moor reports that her brother-in-law, Gordon Butterfield is now home with virtual support from the hospital.
- Gwen here, reports that her brother 81, is progressing well at home now from his major surgery.
- At Green Moor I've spoken with her Kathryn Austin, and she is doing ever so well in very sad circumstances. She is blown away by the kindness of people and the love and support she and her family are receiving. There are no confirmed details yet about when the funeral will be.
- Doris at Green Moor is bearing up ever so bravely. She's had her ear implants fitted at Bradford and is now trailing wires, before two more visits to connect them up. She now also has better medication. Doris too is overwhelmed by peoples love and support.
- Jean Hoyle from Christ Church Lunch club volunteer team is also still waiting to get the arrangements for her husband Phil's funeral. Her family are supporting her wonderfully and she is bearing it very stoically.
- Sam and Sandra Reale are delighted that their young family have successfully got a home to live in, thanks to the support of Alyson and we wish them much happiness in their new home.

- Margaret Goldsborough has her second cataract op this week, on 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, on her left eye this time. We wish you all the best Margaret. Thank you Margaret for your comment about the improvement the tree work will be in the car park. She is thinking especially today about her cousins, one of whom died recently and whose funeral is today, and the other lives in Spain. A sad day for you Margaret and you and your cousins are in our prayers.
- Ronnie Hawley has been very moved by all the love and support she has received. She is getting lots of enquiries about what has been happening to her, and she has asked me to share it with you. She has eventually got a diagnosis... it is an uncommon syndrome which attacks vulnerable parts of one's body and also inflammation of the small blood vessels where the white cells attack the red cells; in her case her sinuses. She has started treatment so hopefully in about 3 months' time she should be back to nearly her "normal" self.

The circuit has turned down the request from Crane Moor and the request from Christ Church for some additional financial support during the pandemic. But the superintendent dealing with it has helpfully referred us to the District Officer who may be able to help. Thank you to Joan Sharpe at Crane Moor and Simon Utting at Christ Church for all their work on this.

**Pearl's Concert:** I've got some news of an event that Simon is running for us. For those who have missed Pearl Barrow not being able to host a concert of Young Talent in 2020, the solution is at hand. Using recorded material from previous concerts chosen by Pearl, we have been able to put together a concert to raise money for UNICEF. Pearl in the past has always divided the money raised at her concert between church and UNICEF. So this year the concert will be available on Facebook and the Church Website from next Friday 12th February. You can get it any time after that. If you feel moved to make a donation all will be gratefully received through the usual channels. Any cheques should be made payable to Christ Church Stocksbridge.

**New Officers:** Mike Clarke has asked me to advise you that the new officers have mainly taken up their duties. Specifically from this week Sarah Knightly is taking over as Church Secretary, and David Thomas is taking on the role of Property Secretary. Other posts are also migrating to their new holders; some already and some in coming time. Lettings will stay with Jenny Clarke for a little longer before they move to Sue Macintyre. The new officer details have been reported to the two denominations. Thank you to everyone involved.

**The new video system** was installed in church this week, though there is one item still to be resolved. We've now got to get used to it and make a cupboard for it, now we know what is required, like the ones that Roy and Nick have built already for us. It looks very good and we will spend a week or two learning how to use it, and then use it from Church whenever we choose to do so while the pandemic lasts.

**The Leadership Meeting** is on Tuesday evening by Zoom and members have had the papers emailed or delivered to them.

I shall be taking the service next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, and the week after that Simon is leading a service online for the start of Lent which will involve the children. We are all in for a real treat.

Gwen and I send you all our love and best wishes.

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