



Christ Church Stocksbridge

Crane Moor Methodist Church

Green Moor Methodist Church

for Sunday 21st March 2021

Dear

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

We've got quite a few birthdays in the next week:

- On Monday 22nd it is Anne Hetherington and Imogen Goddard
- On Wednesday 24th it is Samuel Guiliano
- On Thursday 25th it is Mary Bentley.

And we wish Mary Bentley all the very best as she gets her new flat ready in the Newton Grange. We hope you really enjoy being there with our other friends.

As I write Maggie Herbert is preparing for heart surgery, and so our thoughts and prayers are with her. By the time I speak with you at the service I will have further news, but in the meantime I am sharing your thoughts and prayers with her.

As they are to Jean Hoyle, our wonderful lunch club volunteer, whose husband died recently. Our condolences to you Jean, and to your family, whom I know have had Covid this month. What a terrible time for you all.

As I write Norah Throssell is recovering from her broken hip in hospital. I hope we will have more news soon.

I hear the gifts for the Children's walk are rising; wonderful. Thank you to each of you who is walking.

Leadership Team

On Tuesday this week, 23rd March, it is the next Leadership Meeting at Christ Church. The meeting decided that we will focus this meeting on two discussions:

1. How should we plan for the return to worship and other activities?
2. How can we increase our connection with each other and with others not yet part of our church community?

It would be really good if you could all share your thoughts about this with your congregational representatives on the Leadership Team or one of the other officers. They are

Congregational Representatives:

Alyson Hardisty, Pat Wainwright, Jan Fly, Dorothy Lunn, Sandra Taylor,

Church Officers:

John Cornell, Ian Lucraft, Sarah Knightley, Margaret Marsh, Ronnie Hawley, David Thomas, Simon Utting, Evelyn Windle, David Beatson, Rachel Proctor, Sue MacIntyre, Kathryn Oakley, Christine Utting, Mike Clarke, Jenny Clarke,

I hope that we can begin to think seriously about the near future and share some ideas for bringing our lively presence at Christ Church back into focus.

I think the time is coming when we will want to have the same conversations at Crane Moor and Green Moor. Perhaps we could have a telephone consultation in each place?

I note that the Methodist Circuit is not expecting to write a Circuit Preaching Plan until September at the earliest. So in all three churches we will have to ask people we know locally or around if they will help us with the services that we expect to have in the summer months, and it will be even more important that the members of the three churches are ready to step in either singly or in small groups of two or three, to take the services we hope to hold.

Lots to think about.

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

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