



# **Christ Church Stocksbridge**

## **Crane Moor Methodist Church**

## **Green Moor Methodist Church**

for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear

It's great to see a bit of the sun, isn't it?

I hope it also is a time of preparing ourselves to be ready to get out more. It will be strange for many of us, and we will take it gently. But it is hopeful.

Birthdays this week are:

19 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Jowett
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine Gilbert
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Reale

Happy birthday to you all!

Our love and thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy and Brian Kirbyshaw as they cope with Brian's developing dementia.

Maggie Herbert is progressing well at home after her heart surgery, and she asked me to pass on her thanks for all the kind greetings she has been sent.

Many of you will know of the sad death of David Bailey last week, but in case you have not heard I'm telling you about it here. His heart failure finally overcame his will to live. David and his wife Dorothy moved to Stocksbridge many years ago. His original home was Ripon, where they still had links with family and friends. They were members here at West End Methodist Church, (now the Rugby Club opposite the Fire Station), and moved to Wesley Methodist in Deepcar, and then to Christ Church on the joining of the two churches. Dorothy is one of those who dug the first sods for our re-development. Their daughter-in-law, Marion, who has been coming to help them sort out things as they found things harder, still lives in Ripon, and has found a place in a nice home there for Dorothy who is struggling with dementia now. They expect the move to take place on Monday, as I write this, so Dorothy will have moved physically as well. Marion is going to keep in touch with us as things go.

The funeral of Audrey Sheila Smith from the Lunch Club is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Her son, Craig, says how much she enjoyed the Lunch Club, and how good it was for her well-being. I will share your love and prayers with the family.

Thank you to those who have sent the response cards back. There is still time to think about it and send it back. I would like to clarify one thing. Two of the questions are about asking if anyone would share the service at their home or someone else's home, so that someone who lives alone, and is not online, can share the service in company. I had not meant this to be every week. I want everyone who can to be able to share together in worship when we are back in church. I think I meant perhaps once a month; perhaps the communion service would be the best one to be together for. So please think if you could share service online with someone who is alone and cannot.

We are having some work done at the back of church at the moment. The Meeting Place has got a grant to improve the area between the church and the takeaway shop. It is mainly about tree maintenance and planting plants to make an improved place for relaxation out of the back of the French Windows in the hall. It is an improvement that will make it better for all our user groups. Tea in the garden perhaps?

Next week the National Grid are installing a new 'improved' transformer in their substation at the back of church, so there will be disruption for nearly a month while that happens. But they are installing a temporary unit as well so that supplies are not interrupted. Perhaps our power supplies will be more stable when they are finished?

We have now trialled the use of a DVD and a USB stick in two homes and we are progressing to the 'roll-out' phase. So for people who have not been able to watch the weekly service we hope some of you will soon be able to watch it afterwards, as you did with the old sound recordings. Thanks to Simon and Ray for their help with this.

It was wonderful to see the children sharing in the Easter walk and other activities. SOoo much was raised for the Children's hospital. Well done everyone.

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

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