



**Christ Church Stocksbridge
Green Moor Methodist Church
Crane Moor Methodist Church**

NEWS LETTER

For Sunday 6th June 2021

The Theme this week is "The In Crowd"

Dear Friends

This letter comes with the best wishes of the worship team together with our thoughts and prayers.

Although we are still under restrictions, it is clear that the government are cautiously moving towards making a decision regarding lifting the remaining constraints. The church officers have met to consider how we might respond to the changing circumstances and be in a position to act responsibly with any new recommendations that may be announced on June 14th for implementation on June 21st. We are clearly bound by what is announced on June the 14th and the Leadership Team, on the 15th June, will reach a view as to our next steps. Whatever we decide, we wish to ensure that everyone will be able to experience our weekly worship, in some form or another.

Margaret tells me that Crane Moor did open up a couple of weeks ago and had an "own arrangements" service which they thoroughly enjoyed, despite all the constraints and are looking to repeating the experience in the near future. Otherwise, things are fairly uneventful.

Brenda, from Green Moor, is delighted to announce how pleased everyone is that Peter, despite having to have gone back into hospital because of complications of his previous treatment, is now home and recovering well. They all feel this is a real answer to prayer.

As part of our preparations, we have also been thinking how the work of producing a weekly worship service can be shared out, given the decision by the Methodist circuit not to publish a preaching plan until at least September. Even then, it is likely to require us to arrange more services ourselves, as the number of available lay preachers has markedly reduced due to deaths, shielding, reluctance or inability to travel to varied venues and retirement. As you know, to this end, Simon arranged a Zoom meeting for members who expressed an interest in being willing to help. This was an encouraging meeting and the Leadership Team will discuss the proposals and take things forward over the next few weeks. In the meantime, Ian, Simon and John will continue their contributions to the rota for July and August. And maybe Katie and co. after the success of last week's service.

We have one known birthday this week - Denise Wilkinson on the 8th June, the same day as my Edward, so happy birthday to them.

Each week, the Methodist Circuit produces a newsletter covering a range of material from meetings, to what is going on the churches, job vacancies, activities, and so on. I came across the following advert this week and thought I would pass it on, as it may be that some of you would be pleased to have an outlet for pre-loved shoes.

Africa's Gift - 'Have you any shoes you no longer require?'

Africa's Gift is a charity set up by former Sheffield geography teacher Ken Dunn. In addition to taking volunteers to work in Lesotho, Ken sends out consignments of shoes which are distributed direct to people in towns and villages. Lesotho is one of the poorest countries in the world. Children are not allowed to go to school without shoes, and adults need them to work the land. Most of the shoes are given away but some are sold to those who can afford to buy them, with the proceeds going towards the charity's horticultural week. If you have some shoes to donate, please contact Shelagh on 07575 720702 before the end of May if possible. (perhaps worth trying, though Shelagh didn't answer my call when I rang to check!)

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This week is also Carers' Week from the 7th to the 13th June. Sheffield City Council have various ideas and support for carers and information can be found at:

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Have a good week, and as Pat says on Whatsapp "stay safe"

Every Blessing



John and the worship group - "C team"