Dear Friends,

Dorothy, more commonly known as Dora, Greenwell was born at Greenwell Ford, Lanchester, County Durham in 1821. She was a poet and many of her works had Christian religious themes. She was often compared to Christina Rossetti and dedicated a book to Elizabeth Barrett Browning. In addition to poetry, she wrote essays on women's education and suffrage and attacked the slave trade. Some of her verses were set to music as hymns. I tell you all this by way of a rather long-winded introduction to one of Dora's best loved and perhaps most inspired poems/hymns which used to be in our hymn book but unfortunately was not included in Singing the Faith. It's a hymn which could usefully be sung at any time of year but is especially appropriate for the present season and for the present state of the world.

And art Thou come with us to dwell,
Our Prince, our Guide, our Love, our Lord?
And is Thy Name Emmanuel,
God present with His world restored?

The world is glad for Thee! the rude Wild moor, the city's crowded pen; Each waste, each peopled solitude, Becomes a home for happy men.

Thou bringest all again; with Thee Is light, is space, is breadth and room For each thing fair, beloved, and free To have its hour of life and bloom.

Thy reign eternal will not cease;
Thy years are sure, and glad, and slow;
Within thy mighty world of peace
The humblest flower hath leave to blow.

Then come to heal thy people's smart, And with Thee bring thy captive train; Come, Saviour of the world and heart, Come, mighty Victor over pain,

And let our earth's wild story cease Its broken tale of wrong and tears; Come, Lord of Salem, Prince of Peace, And bring again our vanished years. The world is glad for Thee! the heart Is glad for Thee! and all is well, And fixed and sure, because Thou art, Whose Name is called Emmanuel.

I hope that this hymn can be an antidote to all the seriously unjust, wrong, evil things that are going on in the world...the deliberate use of misinformation by power hungry individuals in the USA, what the Pope has called the 'shameful' situation in Gaza, the devastating destruction in Los Angeles, the antics of extremist politicians in the UK, the imminent, frightening handover in America etc etc.

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Blessings, Allan

### **Resources/Good News**

### The Methodist Church has just launched its Lent material for 2025

Follow this link to get a daily bit of Soul Food for your Christian journey through Lent...

https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/soul-food/



## "Church buildings are not the only place where important conversations take place about faith"

You may remember back to last summer; the circuit letter featured a piece on the Methodist Church's award-winning garden at the RHS Tatton Garden Show.

This lovely video showcases the garden and the important messages it highlights.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= hqo1LjD61k



### Clothes4U

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Broadway, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2DR



### Saturday 18 January 2025 2 - 4pm

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All are welcome to join us for tea, coffee, cake & a chat in a friendly environment Whether you're looking for clothes for yourself, friends, or family We have lovely, pre-loved clothes for everyone to take away & enjoy wearing

We look forward to meeting you & your family If you would like to donate clothes, please contact us on the email below

If you would like to volunteer, we would warmly welcome your help

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(use glass door down side passage) 1:30-3:30pm on these dates:

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# SUNDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 4.00 PM

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If you like a good pudding come and taste some

Be uplifted by great praise songs led by 'Breeze'

# PUDDING AND PRAISE

This will be led by

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