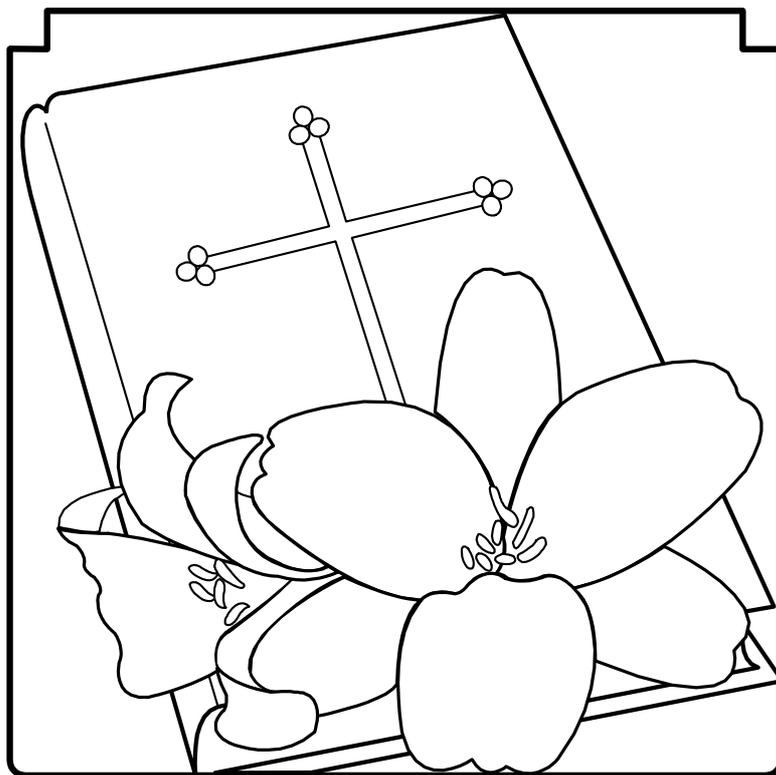


GROVE VINE

**The Magazine of
Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth, Leeds**

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**The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the
Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in
worship, service and mission**

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Regular events

Sunday

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 258 3509
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 258 9093

Monday

- 12.15 Luncheon Club 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.00-12.00 and 12.00-3.00 Pre-school 258 9093
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre small hall 258 3568; quiet room available for prayer. Jean Kemp's hand-made greetings cards will be available on the first Tuesday of each month
- 6.00 Rainbows (5th Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 202 9010

Wednesday

- 9.00-12.00 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734

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There is an opera which many hate

Although frequently the loathing is for the wrong reasons. It is called “Jerry Springer, the Opera”, and you may remember there was a lot of fuss and bother about it some few years ago. We were told it was foul-mouthed and blasphemous, and mocked God in general and Christ in particular.

Personally, I thought it was wonderful. It was utterly foul-mouthed, something not always easy to deal with, but that was because it was imitating life, the everyday life of many millions of Americans as so often displayed on the Jerry Springer show. It didn’t mock God, only our ways of approaching and understanding God. Jenny and I were watching the DVD of the opera yesterday evening, and I decided to share one of the (few) songs without objectionable language with you. God sings

It ain’t easy, being me. Oh it so ain’t easy, being me!

Millions of voices, making all the wrong choices, then

Turning round and blaming me. Oh, it ain’t easy being me!

One of the most debated subjects in the history of religion is “Why does an all-powerful, loving God permit evil and suffering in the world?”

I have to say that I think that that is the wrong question to be asking. Rather let us ask

“If we believe in goodness and love, why do we not act to alleviate the suffering in God’s world?”

We get nowhere trying to second-guess the creator of all that is. We believe that Christ came and died and wouldn’t stay dead *for our sakes*, so we know that God loves us beyond all reason. So when we see that the world is far from good, let’s not turn around and blame God, but walk forward, take up the cross, and do what we can to make it better.

Ali (Rev. A S Jones)

From the Editorial Group

Thank you for your interesting articles and reports. Please keep them coming. **The editorial teams alternate.....so, the June issue will be prepared by Gordon, Mary and Margaret and you should send your items to them no later than Wednesday 23rd May.**

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Flower Rota for May



- 6th Mr & Mrs H Liddell, Mr & Mrs D Hodgson and Mrs E Ramsden
13th Mrs M Smith and Mrs J Redfern
20th Mr & Mrs E Douglass and Mr & Mrs M Sykes
27th Mr & Mrs G Hoyle, Rev & Mrs P Reasbeck and Mrs J Hunter

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Ros Ansell, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, John Hardaker, Harvey Liddell, Nancy Mathers, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros and Ralph Revell, Chris Shagouri and Eileen Stones. Let us also remember the families of Frank Bagshaw and Pat Blackah and others recently bereaved. Also remember friends who are housebound and those who are caring for loved ones. All need our prayers and help at this time.

Sunday Services in May

6 th	9.00	Rev. Dr Albert Jewell – Holy Communion
	10.30	Dr Robert Moore – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
13 th	10.30	Rev Dr George Bailey
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Cafe Worship
20 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
27 th	10.30	Rev Alistair Jones - Pentecost
	6.00	Rev Alistair Jones – Taize with Holy Communion

If you are unable to get to church because of transport problems, please phone the Hearn's on 281 8176; they will be happy to arrange a lift for you.

Stewards on Duty in May

6 th	Andy Walker and Margaret Bosomworth
13 th	Kay Bassett and Carole Abel
20 th	Cynthia Hatton and Gordon Mellor
27 th	Betty West and Margaret Bosomworth

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The June issue of Grove Vine will coincide with the weekend of the Celebrations. 60 years service is remarkable by anybody's standards and only the second in our history. We want to include a special feature of your memories.

Have you ever met the Queen?

Have you been to Buckingham Palace?

What are your recollections of the Coronation in 1952?

DIGGING FOR EASTER GOLD

Digging for Gold? Three times I was asked that question by passersby in Town Street as I dug the hole to receive the Lenten Garden Cross. Some people were interested to see the ritual being carried out as at other Easter-times. Some, as in Jesus' day just looked on and probably just wondered what was happening. Those people in Jesus' time shouted "Save Yourself". I was preserved from the scoffing but blank disinterest covered others' faces, that is if they happened to look at all.

Three people said, "Are you digging for Gold?" At £450 an ounce that might be a pretty good idea especially if we are thinking about new Church heating and repairing the tower! Anybody who considers it wrong to think that money is unimportant is foolish. People have been known to say that the Lord will provide. Well, he will, and does, but he relies on us quite a lot of the time to be the source of his goodness and gifts. If only we had an oil well at the bottom of the Church Garden! We haven't. Do we have Gold? Yes we do. At the foot of the cross we have all that we can possibly need and that it is free and abundant. We find love, strength, mercy and pity there; the love we need both for ourselves and to share with one another and with those whom the world derides and cheats. We find strength to endure whatever life will undoubtedly throw at us and we will bounce back.

Portia said "The quality of mercy is not strain'd. It droppeth as the gentle dew from heaven". At the cross we are shown mercy by Jesus' life, death and his rising again. This is our high calling to share that mercy with those so disadvantaged in life.

Each drop of blood that fell from Jesus shows pity which is 'love in action'; pity for those whom, perhaps, we find not to our liking or without our interests. Pity is for those in parts of the world who do not have our political stability or the freedom to worship or more likely the freedom not to bother to worship. What pot of Gold are you seeking? It can be wealth, but alone it will not suffice. We all need good health but no amount of keeping fit will make us content. I am sure that the only way to peace and contentment is acceptance of the love that is shown in Jesus and in his life. He returned to life from the dead and he has to reign in our lives each day.

By the way, I didn't find any gold in the hole but I did find the biro I dropped last year doing the same job so who can tell what I might uncover in the future.

Trevor Fox

Choral Conundrum

Can you match each composer to a choral piece for which they are well known? Can you also put the list in the order in which the composers were born? The solution will be given next month.

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| 1 | Benjamin Britten | A | Irish Blessing |
| 2 | Bob Chilcott | B | Ave verum corpus |
| 3 | Richard Farrant | C | O, for a closer walk with God |
| 4 | George Frideric Handel | D | Mine eyes for beauty pine |
| 5 | William Harris | E | Hosanna to the Son of David |
| 6 | Herbert Howells | F | Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake |
| 7 | James MacMillan | G | Jehovah, quam multi sunt hostes |
| 8 | Claudio Monteverdi | H | The Lamb |
| 9 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | I | The Strathclyde Motets |
| 10 | Henry Purcell | J | Blessed be the God and Father |
| 11 | Charles Villiers Stanford | K | Set me as a seal upon thine heart |
| 12 | John Tavener | L | Faire is the heaven |
| 13 | William Walton | M | Hymn to St Cecilia |
| 14 | Thomas Weelkes | N | Beatus vir |
| 15 | Samuel Sebastian Wesley | O | The King shall rejoice |

[This puzzle is reprinted from the June 2010 issue of *Church Music Quarterly*, the magazine of the Royal School of Church Music, by permission of the editor: www.rscm.com]

Tony Orton

From the Church Registers

Funeral: Mary Burnett	10 th April 2012
Pat Blackah	19 th April 2012
Frank Bagshaw	27 th April 2012

50 Years Ago Feature Methodist Recorder, March 8, 1962

The Rev Leonard P Barnett, former MAYC president and secretary, introduced a discussion on “Love and Marriage” at the 1962 Leeds District MAYC congress, held at West Park School, Leeds, and attended by more than 500 club leaders and members.

In consequent question and answer with the young people, Mr Barnett brought out the right and Christian attitude to personal relationships between the sexes. Later, in the epilogue, two members of Ossett St John's club, who are engaged to be married, spoke of their future hopes as young Christians.

The national MAYC vice-president, the Rev Eric Bareham, had led the opening devotions and the Chairman of the District, the Rev EJ Prentice, brought greetings from the wider family of Methodism. The new District president, Mr Ron Gray, of Burley-in-Wharfedale, was inducted by the retiring president, Miss Norma Woolmore.

Seven clubs provided high-standard entertainment, and the show was produced by Mr Tony Rushworth of the Grove, Horsforth.

(This article was printed in the Methodist Recorder on the 8th March 2012)

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Fast forward now to 2012 and co-incidentally on 17th March there was a young people's guild / youth club reunion in the Grove Centre when over 70 of us met to reminisce and have a meal together. A good few of us had taken part in the above event, and the opening of the show was actually the Grove club doing selections from Carousel. Happy memories!

Philip Abel

A Day Out with the Weekday Wanderers

Since November 2004 I have been a member of the very informal, friendly, local walking group: Weekday Wanderers.

I was reminded of this date as the beginning of the November 2011 walk followed exactly the same route. I should point out, however, that no walk has ever been repeated in its entirety.

We meet on Thursdays, usually the third Thursday of the month, and take ourselves off for a hike – come rain or shine. But we definitely prefer shine, of course. At 9.00am on the appointed day we assemble at the Grove Parlour car park, decide who will drive, and car share appropriately. We take it in turns to lead and plan the walk, which is usually around 8 miles.

We certainly had shine on our November walk! A fifty minute drive from home brought us to beautiful Bolton Abbey in the Yorkshire Dales. A handy tip is that parking at all Bolton Abbey car parks is free on weekdays between 31st October and 16th March (except during school holiday weeks).

After a short bit of road walking we headed off through fields and woods and climbed up above the Wharfe valley where the views and colours were spectacular. Eventually our path brought us down to The Strid car park. From here we followed the River Wharfe along The Dales Way, but before joining this track we stopped for our picnic lunch.

This just happened to be at a viewpoint from where J.M.W. Turner painted one of his watercolours. An information board explains the fact, and shows a copy of his painting. A Turner Trail has been developed in Yorkshire by the Tourist Board and there are accompanying leaflets and a website.

The final part of our walk kept to the higher paths above the river and eventually the romantic ruins of Bolton Priory loomed into view. These were also painted by Turner and the scene has changed very little since 1816 when the artist toured the Yorkshire Dales.

We are so lucky to have this beautiful countryside on our doorstep and it's great to be able to take full advantage of it in such good company and fellowship.

Barbara Howard

A Community Church of Methodists and Baptists in the village of Farsley



The first Methodist Chapel in Farsley was on the left side of Back Lane in 1827. Land was purchased for building the second Methodist Chapel in 1841 and in 1842 members were called together to discuss the erection of the new Chapel. Like all good meetings it took place over a cup of tea! The foundation stone was laid towards the end of 1843 and opened

towards the latter part of 1844 at a cost of £1,250.00. The opening sermons were preached in the Chapel by the Rev. Dr. Beaumont and the Rev'd James Everett. On the following Sunday the preacher was the Rev. Samuel Dunn. Strangely there is no record of the precise date of these two important days, but the traditional date of the Chapel Anniversary we understand as the first Sunday of December 1844.

There then became an unhappy time in the Methodist movement here in Farsley. A Wesleyan Reform Movement was started up and classes started to meet again in the vestry of the new Chapel. Separate Sunday services were arranged, first in the old village school and later in the old Chapel, which was purchased by the reformers in May 1851. This division led to an unhappy result, with the large new building almost empty and without worshippers, whereas the old smaller Chapel was crowded to the doors. This went on until spring 1852 when the trustees of the new Chapel, having a debt of £940.00 and no income decided to sell the building. The conditions of the sale stipulated that the doctrines preached in the building must be those of John Wesley. There was an enlargement of the Chapel building in 1860 and a Sunday School built (the present building used now) in 1869.

The first Baptist Church was built in 1777 at Bagley and the first Minister was the Rev. William Roe. There was no heating or lighting in this building and because they could not pay for all the building part was rented off as a carpenters shop and some was partitioned off and used as a stable! This building was eventually pulled down and a dwelling house and a vestry communicating with the Chapel were built on the site. In 1836 the

Chapel was enlarged and called Rehoboth. In 1844 it was necessary to enlarge the Chapel again adding another 8 yards to the back of the building and providing a school room in the basement. In April 1868 the foundation stone for the new Chapel was laid at the corner of Priesthorpe Road and Calverley Lane and this cost £2,855.00. Tea was provided in a local warehouse for 1,100 people who attended the event. On October 13th 1869 the new building was opened. In May 1906 the foundation stones for a new Sunday School were laid and opened the following year. Like the Methodists this building was later used as a Church and Sunday School, opening on Saturday 18th December 1971.

In September 2004 the Baptist Church in Bryan Street closed and members moved to join with the Methodist Church in Back Lane. September 11th 2005 saw the signing of the agreement to form a partnership between the Methodists and the Baptists to be known as Farsley Community Church. So we move from our 18th century roots to our 21st century vision.

The church is very active in the community and works with St John's Parish Church on many events including the Annual Farsley Festival in the park, the Farsley lights switch on, the Sunday Service in the park after the Festival.

Our building has undergone a big transformation within the last 12 months and the premises are now modern with new facilities and easy access to the large upstairs hall. This has proved to be very popular with the Big Farsley Community Christmas Sing in aid of Christian Aid plus activity days for young people to come along with their mums, dads and grandparents at half terms.

The church has also been active in introducing worship activity evenings for the uniformed organisations in Farsley.

John Proctor

This is the last of the series about our circuit churches – we apologise that it missed being in last month's edition. We hope you have enjoyed learning more about our Wesley Circuit. If you have an idea for a series that you would like us to run please contact one of the editing team.

What's in a name? "Network" – "MWiB"!

'MWiB' does not slip easily off the tongue but it means 'Methodist Women in Britain' although locally we are still able to use the name Network.

Over recent months the Women's Fellowship has been hearing a lot about the launch of our new name. At our meeting on 3rd October 2011 and at the Circuit Service of Intercession in March 2012 our District President Mrs Christine Baker spoke of the eight points of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and urged us as women to "Never give up" - another story to tell on another occasion!

MWiB Launch Roadshow is a feedback from 'BANBELELA - Christ is our hope' from the World Assembly in Johannesburg. The Launch had six venues throughout Britain from the Methodist Central Hall Westminster last September and culminating in Edinburgh this month.

Our Roadshow was held in the Central Methodist Church in York on March 24th. We arrived early for the start and by 2.30pm the church was filled with about 500 members from all over the region including quite a number of gentlemen.

After the welcomes the Rev Stephen Burgess, York and Hull District Chair, gave greetings on behalf of the Connexion and led the re-affirmation of the Launch Promises made by the MWiB Officers: Bringing Women together to know Christ and to make him known; encouraging, equipping and enabling them to serve God in the Church, the Community and the World; connecting women in Britain with Christian women worldwide. This was followed by prayers led by Liz Marriott and Gillian Pengelly.

Our first MWiB president Mrs Jill Baker invited the Vice President, the Rev. Julie Hulme, to speak to us. Julie had been having chemotherapy for a recurrence of cancer so it was very special to have her with us that day. She thanked everyone for their prayers and support during this time and led the congregation in prayers of intercession.

There followed a drama written and performed by Peter Baker, Jill's son, the theme being 'Women for such a time as this – the story of Esther'. This was very well performed and most moving. Alison Judd and others gave

feedback on stories from the World Assembly in South Africa about women across the world who were working to fulfil the MDGs. World Wide Web of Wonderful Women do not give up – Christ is our Hope, Let Justice be done.

Our guest speaker Mrs Margaret Sentemu (whose husband happens to work locally!) was introduced. She began by affirming MWiB and its aims, saying that, as an Anglican, she was quite envious of Methodist Women in Britain having listened to what the speakers had to say. She spoke about how fortunate she had been to have primary and secondary education in Uganda, whereas many girls of her generation received no education and so had little status or respect. She referred to an African proverb “Educate a man and you educate an individual; educate a woman and you educate a family.” Women could help deliver the MDGs: women give women opportunities, legal and economic justice, health care and education.

Then Helen Veitch, the Director of a small charity “Children Unite”, working in partnership with MWiB to protect child domestic workers, spoke about this form of abuse and interviewed, through an interpreter, a former child domestic worker from Peru, Anali Baltazar Sanchez. She told of the long hours she had worked with little free time, no remuneration, no chance of education, no friends and being away from her family. She felt unprotected, vulnerable to physical and sexual abuse. Eventually she was helped by La Casa de Panchita, a Peruvian charity in partnership with Children Unite.

Having sat enthralled at what we had heard for almost 2 hours, (we had literally 2 minutes to stand and stretch our legs and a quick word with the person next to you,) my main thought was to wish I was twenty years younger to have an opportunity to see all this come to fruition. I have only touched on all we heard, it was moving and inspiring. We had absorbed so much you felt there was no more you could take in.

“Never give up” – these words seem to be challenging me to keep on trying to do whatever I am called to do, for we have only touched the surface here on what we heard.

God, you call us to be women of our time, Let your Spirit fall on us and flow through us, That our lives might be an outpouring of Your love in the world. Amen

Muriel Christopher

**Christian Aid Week is 13-19 May and the theme this year is
“LET’S GIVE TOOLS...”**

For the people of Mo-Albert in Sierra Leone, fishing is a way of life. It provides food for the families who make up this tiny community, and – thanks to Christian Aid partner the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL) – the fish being caught now are beginning to bring in a more substantial income.

In 2011 MCSL provided the fishermen of the community with a large motorboat, allowing them to fish together as a group and to go much further out to sea. No longer required to fish alone in dugout canoes, these men can now help each other to bring in much larger hauls of fish from their longer fishing expeditions. The women of the community smoke the fish to sell at market and, thanks to a new smoking oven provided by MCSL, they now have a quicker and more efficient way of preserving their fish than the smoking huts they have traditionally used.

The changes in Mo-Albert have been brought about by the community working together with MCSL’s help – and the benefits are being felt by everyone, from grandparents who have fished all their lives, to small children who are now getting enough to eat and have the promise of a brighter future.

This Christian Aid Week, let’s give the tools to help people in poverty out of poverty. By taking part in a Christian Aid Week collection, event or service you can help families fish their own way to a better future.

(Taken from Christian Aid News Spring 2012)

How you can make a difference...

The Global Hunger Index ranks Sierra Leone as the sixth hungriest country on Earth, with levels of hunger described as ‘alarming’.

£4.17 could pay for a bushel of rice or ground nut seeds for a community such as Gbap to plant and harvest

£32.50 could provide five tools sets, each made up of a large and small hoe and a large and small farming knife, for a production group to farm a large area

£180 could provide a cassava-grating machine for a community allowing them to process the cassava they grow so that it can be sold for a higher price at market

If you can be a house-to-house collector please see Barbara Buckley asap.

Jenny and Graham Longbottom write:

March 16, 2012 Our Last Week in Sasamunga

We prepare this as we come to the beginning of our last week here in Sasamunga. Although it has only been 7 months with much coming and going, it has become home for now and we leave with some sadness. As always there are mixed emotions as we look forward to seeing family & friends again in the U.K. and are excited about our return. We also have 2 weeks back in Munda, our other home here in the Solomon Islands. As Jenny enjoyed her morning mug of tea sitting on the seashore with the moon reflecting on the water and the early dawn light rising behind her, she felt grateful for this chance to live and work in such a remote location.

It has been a busy time: a gentle knock at the door at 3-30am was the wake-up call to an unconscious convulsing 18 year old, the nurse on duty struggling to put in an I.V. cannula by torch-light. With help to hold him down this was achieved and he was given the necessary drugs to stop him fitting. The initial malaria slide was negative, but the decision was made to treat him for malaria anyway, and a subsequent blood slide was positive. He needed quite a lot of medication to stop his convulsions and this morning he is slightly improved. Whilst still busy replacing his drip which he had pulled out in his confusion, an antenatal mother arrived and delivered. With only one nurse aide on duty, we had to send for reinforcements, but thankfully we managed, only resuming “normal” duties of seeing out-patients, doing dressings etc. by mid-morning.

The community here is sad to lose “their doctors” after such a short time, but the new maternity unit is almost complete and we hope that the hospital is more prepared for an incoming doctor, if one can be found.

This will be one of our last BLOG entries before we leave the Solomon Islands to return to the U.K. after nearly 3 years and it is with great excitement that we look forward to seeing our family & friends. The last 6 months has been very interesting & enjoyable where we hope we have made some contribution to the health care in this remote location, but lack of internet access and difficulty with telephone communication makes us eager to catch up with you all again. We are both in Munda briefly – a Sasamunga delegation having come to meet Bryan and Rob from *Uniting World* in the hope of securing a share in their generous giving towards the

touring programs.

Writing this to the sound of wailing during the funeral service of an old lady who died last night, we are reminded of the fragility of life. The nurses here still re-live the experience of the tsunami of 2nd April 2007 when most of them lost their entire possessions as the wave spread through their homes. Fortunately there was not much loss of life, but with no insurance, people had to continue life as best they could, taking food from the sea and their gardens as before and gradually repairing their homes, some taking the opportunity to move further inland. There is no sense of bitterness, only thankfulness to God for each new day they live to enjoy.

Jenny and Graham arrived back in UK on 11th April and spent time with their family in Scotland. They spoke at our Woodside Church Anniversary on Sunday 29th April.

Jenny's District Testimony Service

Deacon Jenny Jones (wife of our minister Alistair) would like to thank you for your support and prayers over the past two years as she has completed her probationary period as a Deacon at Leeds Methodist Mission. On 1st July she will be ordained as a Deacon and received into full membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order at Gwennap Pit, near Redruth in Cornwall.

Cornwall is a long way from Leeds and few people will be able to make the journey there, so the Mission will be holding a special celebration service on **Sunday 17th June at 3.00pm**. This service will include Jenny's District Testimony Service and her admission as a Local Preacher. Jenny has chosen Ali to preach at this service. You are warmly invited to join Jenny for this special day as she journeys towards Ordination.

Bible Readers

We are updating the list of readers for the Sunday services, and if you would like your name adding to the list, or wish to enquire more please ring Kay Bassett on 0113 258 3346. Thankyou.

Britain's oldest Royal Air Force ex-officer has died

Frank Bagshaw joined the newly-formed Royal Air Force in 1925 soon after it had been formed. Born in Pontefract, he joined as a career serviceman at the age of 19 and served for 38 years. His daughter Marjorie, said he joined at the lowest rank as a “rigger and carpenter.” He rose to become Warrant Officer and Flight Lieutenant.

Frank served in Palestine, Greece, Egypt, India, Malta and South Africa. He was awarded several service medals, and at some stage in his career he was awarded the OBE, though neither his family nor the RAF have been able to trace the circumstances.

In addition to the Second World War, he served in the Korean Conflict in the 1950s, which ended with the division of the country into North Korea and South Korea.

Frank was a keen sportsman during his time in the RAF, enjoying cross-country running, fencing and was a top shot.

On his 105th birthday last year he was presented with a framed and signed print from the personnel at RAF Linton-on-Ouse who served on 207 Squadron. It was engraved with the words “105 years of Flight Lieutenant Frank Bagshaw”. At the time Flt Lt Blagojevic said: “Frank was somewhat taken aback when informed that he may be the oldest surviving former RAF Officer. He said that the secret to his longevity was that he was always fit, healthy and did not drink or smoke. Despite his modesty, we were left in no doubt as to the pride he had in wearing the uniform, the standards we all have to aspire to and the legacy that he and others who followed in his footsteps leave behind.”

Frank's funeral was on Friday 27th April 2012 at the Grove.

(We are indebted to an article in the Yorkshire Evening Post on Tuesday 24th April 2012 from which this information was taken.)

The Editorial that evening said:

“Frank Bagshaw was the RAF's oldest former officer, and served for nearly four decades and played his part in it's finest hour.
Farewell Frank. Thanks for all your years of service.”

Amen to that from all of us at the Grove.

Horsforth Churches Together

Together in our community

Hope in Horsforth aims to share the Hope we find in the life and teaching of Christ with all our community. It will take place between 22nd September and 7th October. Each church will be offering 2 activities to invite others in the community to share (e.g. sports, films, drama, musical events, Messy church) and there will also be big events organised by Horsforth Churches Together at the weekends:

September 22nd - Hope in the Park



+ Exciting inflatables, music, puppets, egg and spoon races, crafts, face painting, hair braiding, free food etc.

Fun for all the family!



September 29th - Hope and Humour

Enjoy the magic and humour of John Archer at Leeds Trinity Auditorium, and hear the remarkable story of a life transformed by Hope



October 6th - Harvesting Hope



As well as the Farmer's Market in the Grove church car park, there will be a market place of ideas exploring where our food comes from and how we can feed everyone, a fair trade café, seminars, school presentations etc

Can you help?

Horsforth Churches Together needs helpers for all the weekend events (stewarding, helping with refreshments etc). If you are able to help on any of the Saturdays please contact Jean (2589093) or Renée (2582285)

Hope in Horsforth Prayer Night

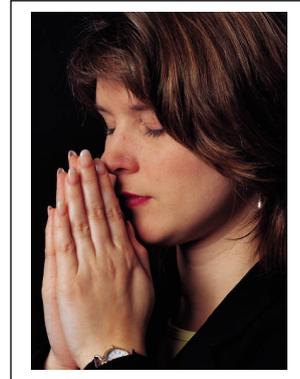
Wednesday 23rd May

7.30 – 8.30 pm at Leeds Trinity

An informative prayer evening

Catch the vision and

see how you can play a part.



Hope in Horsforth Fundraising Quiz Night

Thursday 14th June

7.30 – 9.15 at Lister Hill Baptist Church

Tickets £5 (£10 per family)

(including drinks, pie and peas)

from Jean (2589093) or Renee (2582285)

Come as a team or join a team

& support Hope in Horsforth



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Let us be more loving, more indulgent towards each other - we are all so much in need of mutual love and help, and all our difficulties and sorrows are so insignificant in the face of eternity.

Father Alexander Elchaninov

Celebrating 80 years of Friendships

Well it's all over bar the memories and I have plenty of those. What an exciting two weeks it has been that I have shared with so many dear friends.

The first celebration was March 17th when 70 teenagers of the 50's came for a re-union here at the Grove. It was wonderful to meet up with so many past members of the youth group started in 1955. Malcolm Peach (Superintendent Minister of Lichfield), who was a former member, led the Sunday morning service which happened to fall on Mothering Sunday. At the evening Circuit service "Mr Sankey & Mr Moody" was performed by the Choir with David Quick and David Hall as the two evangelists, Jean Fox as Narrator, Tony Orton conducted the choir and Mitzi Whitham was the accompanist. First presented 10 years ago, and written by myself and dear Jeanette Speight, the evening was especially moving.

March 24th saw the main evening when 160 friends from the Grove, past and present, gathered at the centre for a wonderful celebration of nostalgia for many of us. A wonderful dinner was provided by Dr B's of Harrogate, and the entertainment was by Paul Whittaker OBE founder of Music and the Deaf, and a young pianist James Holt, a member of their orchestra, played brilliantly. Rev Greg Haynes took the morning service when the two readers were Gail Ullrich, from John Bell's office at the Iona Community and Michael Kennelly, a friend from my RAF days of National Service.

Celebrations came to a close the following weekend when the Sheffield Salvation Army Corps band made its third visit to the Grove and played a varied selection of items and solos to a large audience, the proceeds going to Music and the Deaf.

The final and most enjoyable event was on April 1st when 33 ladies and myself went to the Peasehill Hotel at Rawdon for lunch. What wonderful ladies we have!

No presents were requested but donations to the Grove, Dr B's, The Leprosy Mission and Music and the Deaf were given totalling a magnificent sum of £2,828. My grateful thanks for this and also the many, many birthday cards.

Jack Myers



Cycle Ride to Santiago Compostela: The way of St James.

Next month, on 20th June, I am setting off with 2 friends to cycle the Pilgrim Way to Santiago Compostela in northern Spain. This is a distance of 540 miles and climbing 47,000 ft in total. The pilgrim trail starts at St Jean de Pied-Port at the French side of the Pyrenees to Pamplona in Spain, then onto Burgos, Leon and finally Santiago which we hope to reach in 14 days.

Along the Camino trail we travel through some of the most picturesque areas of the Basque region. Each evening we will stay in refuges or albergues. Some are attached to churches, which have been looking after pilgrims for hundreds of years. The churches are beautiful, magnificent buildings where the pilgrims have worshipped.

The pilgrim route for walkers is along the pathways through the countryside, whilst cyclists travel along the route by road, but all have to travel up the steep mountains and along the deep valleys.

St. James, the cousin of Jesus and brother of St. John, is as much a character of legend as St. George is in England. St. James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem in 44 AD, making him the first disciple to be martyred. St. James' remains are believed to be buried in Santiago, hence the pilgrimage made by people for the last 1000 years to this very special place in Spain.

The bike ride is a sponsored event and I am doing it for St. George's Crypt in Leeds, the charity for homeless people. If anyone would like to support me in my quest, I would be very pleased. Sponsor sheets will be in Church during June, or my telephone number is 2818176.

Ricky Hearn

Forthcoming Events in May.

12 th	Wesley Singers Concert	7.30pm	St Andrews	£5 inc refreshments
15 th	Christian Aid Tea Party	2.00pm	St Marks	
19 th	Film Club	2.00pm	St Andrews	'Gnomeo & Juliet'
26 th	Coffee Morning	10.00am to 12 noon	St Marks	

Wednesday 23rd May 2012 7.30 – 10.00pm £9 Bradford

Come and join a group going from the Grove to this major event led by Rob Parsons from “Care for the Family”.

If you have children of your own, or are involved with youth organisations here at the Grove, or elsewhere, then you will enjoy this event. The benefit of a group visit is that we can see how their ideas can be put in place here.

Rob Parsons has a national speaking / writing ministry and heads up Care for the Family.....a Christian organisation supporting all aspects of family life. Worship band Phatfish, and the Saltmine Theatre Company will support the message from Rob in what will be an excellent multi-media presentation.

To make a booking please contact Phil Maud 0113 293 8458 or maud.p@woodhousegrove.co.uk

Rawdon Amnesty Series 21st Anniversary

6th May 7.30pm “The Story of Shakespeare in love” performed by The Hope Theatre Group.

19th May 7.30pm “A Concert at the Assembly Rooms” presented by the early music group 'Arioso'

Both events at the Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon.

Forthcoming Events in June

Ladies Group Birthday Event

Thursday 7th June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Leeds City Council – Gold Medals at Chelsea

Presented by Mr Martin Walker

Tickets £5 from any member of the committee, or pay at the door
Light Refreshments included.

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Regular events (contd).

Thursday

9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458

11.00 Bible Fellowship 258 3239

6.15 Beavers 239 7327

6.00 Cubs 258 9865

7.45 Scouts 216 9006

7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 258 2097

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579 Sat. 258 4520

Items for the June magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary and Margaret by Wednesday 23rd May. Please include dates up to 30th June 2012. Email would be appreciated!

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