

# Moving Forward in Worship and Mission

The Grove Methodist Church  
Horsforth  
2018



*The Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth.*

Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

&

our 222<sup>nd</sup> Year of Methodist Fellowship  
and Witness in Horsforth

Programme of events

## Moving Forward

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this important anniversary we are marking a significant milestone in the life of The Grove Church. This anniversary is a time to thank God for all that has happened over the last 222 years and particularly the last 150 and for all the memories that we treasure. It is right that we should pause and give thanks for those who have been part of the church family here and for all they have done among us in God's name.

We remember the past with gratitude but on this anniversary we must also look to the present and to the future.

We all have a part to play in the life of the church. When we come together to worship God we each have something to contribute. If we are to be a caring church then we all have a role to play in offering each other Christian love and care. As we live the Christian life we each play our part in the mission of the church to make God's love more fully known, and to encourage others to find for themselves what we have found to be true.

At this time of celebration we look forward to the coming years knowing that we need to be committed to meeting the challenges of this age. The situation we face and the lives we live in 2018 are very different from those of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. We are a pilgrim church and God is constantly leading us forwards.

This anniversary offers us the opportunity to renew our personal commitment to Christ and to rededicate ourselves to his service.

With best wishes,  
Mark

(The Rev'd Mark Godfrey, Minister)

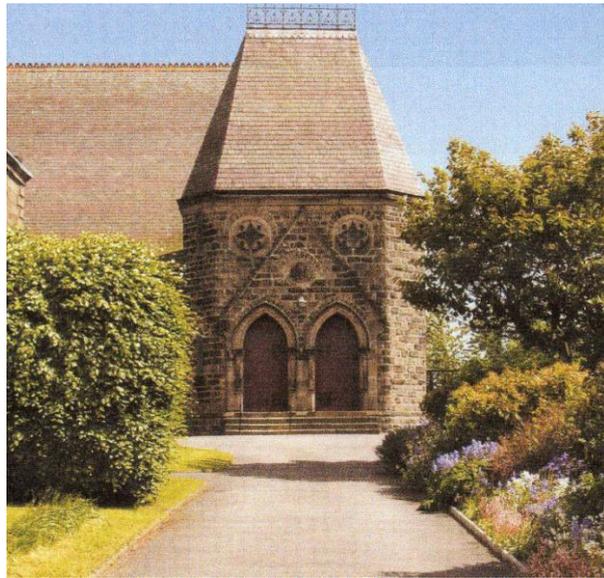


## Greetings from members of The Grove

### **Welcome**

to The Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth,

and to our notable anniversary year. Greetings and good wishes if you are reading this special anniversary programme and especial greetings should you choose to visit our church at some point in the year or to join our fellowship and celebrations planned throughout 2018.



Our building is 150 years old this year, being opened on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1868, and we have been enjoying worship, fellowship and outreach in this part of Horsforth for 222 years. Our first chapel was in New Street, opposite our present building, where the opening service was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1796.



1796 – 2018 222 years of Methodist witness  
2018 150 years in our present building

Love, hope, faithfulness, sacrifice and trust are at the heart of the Christian Gospel. They are also the themes that have held this church together since the first Methodists met in Horsforth over 260 years ago. So that makes 2018 a very significant year in our history; the 222nd anniversary of Methodist witness by the people called The Grove and the 150th from our home site in the present building. Such a noteworthy year calls for celebration but it also calls for reflection and renewed service and outreach into our local community and to our neighbours further afield. We hope that the events outlined in this programme will reflect some of our intentions.

May you find this anniversary programme of interest. May you find something in it that encourages you to come and experience our worship and fellowship at The Grove. May you find welcome and enjoyment, if you choose to visit us at some point in the year. And may you find meaning and hope if you explore with us our heritage and our calling to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we live out our discipleship in worship, service and mission.

Anniversary Committee: Rev'd Mark Godfrey, Kath Ashby, Kay Bassett, Anne Blackburn, Jean Douglas, Cynthia Hatton, Christine Mathers and Peter Mawson



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## Calendar of special anniversary services

- Sunday 7th January:** 10.30am Special service 1:  
Opening Communion Service for the start of the anniversary year, led by the Rev'd Mark Godfrey (2017 to date)
- Sunday 21st January:** 10.30am Special service 2:  
Celebration of 150th Anniversary of the present building, led by The Rev'd Dr. Roger Walton, President of Conference 2016 – 2017 and Chair of the Yorkshire West District.
- Sunday 4th February:** Special service 3:  
Morning worship led by our past minister, The Rev'd David Hall (2001 - 2005)
- Sunday 4th March:** 10.30am Special service 4:  
Morning worship led by our past minister, The Rev'd Greg Haynes (2005 - 2010)
- Sunday 8th April:** 10.30am Special service 5:  
Morning worship led by our past superintendent minister, The Rev'd Marian Jones ( 2001 - 2009)
- Sunday 13th May:** 10.30am Special service 6:  
Celebration of our 222nd Anniversary of The Grove Church, led by the Rev'd Dr Neil Richardson, former President of Conference 2003 - 2004
- Sunday 3rd June:** 10.30am Special service 7:  
Morning worship led by our current supernumerary minister, The Rev'd Albert Jewell,
- Sunday 1st July:** 10.30am Special service 8:  
Morning worship led by our current supernumerary minister, The Rev'd Peter Reasbeck,
- Sunday 2nd September:** 10.30am Special service 9:  
Annual Covenant Service - Morning worship led by our current minister, the Rev'd Mark Godfrey.
- Sunday 7th October:** 10.30am Special service 10:  
Morning worship led by our past minister, The Rev'd Alistair Jones (2010 - 2017)
- Sunday 4th November:** 10.30am Special service 11:  
Morning worship led by our past and current Local Preachers.
- Sunday 2nd December:** 10.30am Special service 12:  
A closing service of thanksgiving and dedication for the end of the anniversary year, led by the Rev'd Mark Godfrey

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Other special services in our anniversary year

- Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> January:** 10.30am All Age Parade led by the Rev'd Mark Godfrey
- 18-25 January:** Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Sunday **28<sup>th</sup> January:** 6.00pm Taizé Service
- Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am Scout and Guide Service
- Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> February:** 12.30pm Ash Wednesday led by Rev'd Mark Godfrey
- Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Mothering Sunday & All Age Parade Service
- Sunday **25<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am Palm Sunday
- Thursday **29<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday **30<sup>th</sup> March:** 11.30am Good Friday Walk of Witness  
7.30pm Good Friday Music & Meditation Service
- Sunday **1<sup>st</sup> April:** 10.30am Easter Sunday Service led by Rev'd Mark Godfrey
- Sunday **29<sup>th</sup> April:** 6.00pm Taizé Service
- Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> May:** 12.30am Ascension Day led by the Rev'd Mark Godfrey
- Sunday **13<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.30am All Age Parade
- Sunday **20<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.30am Pentecost
- Sunday **10<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.30am All Age Parade
- Sunday **8<sup>th</sup> July:** 10.30am All Age Parade
- Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am Harvest Festival and All Age Parade
- Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> November:** 10.30am Remembrance Sunday
- Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am Toy Service and All Age Parade
- Sunday **23<sup>rd</sup> December:** 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
- Monday **24<sup>th</sup> December:** 6.00pm All Age Christingle Service
- Tuesday **25<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am All Age Christmas Day Service



## Open Weekend

### **12th - 13th May**

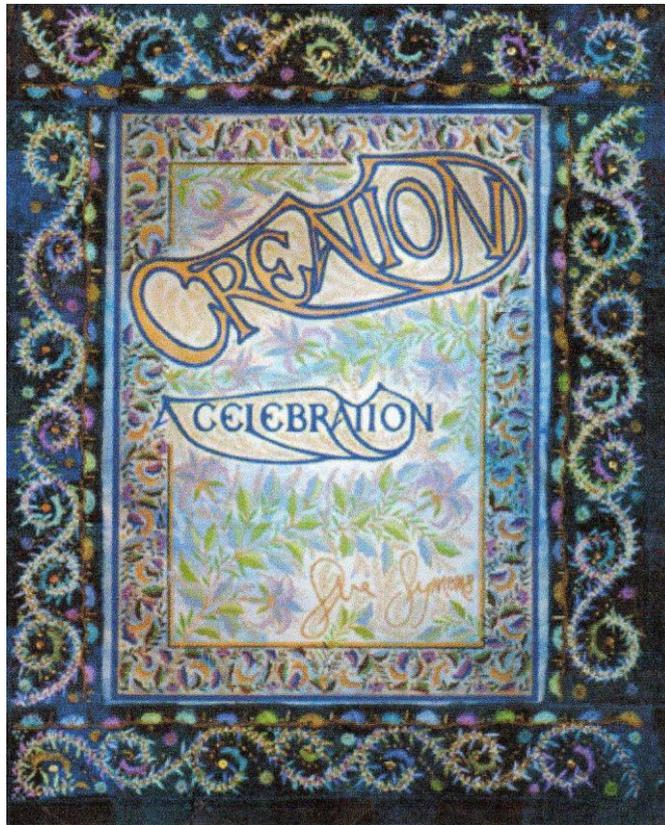
is our Open Weekend, a time to reflect upon, and celebrate, the successes and achievements of the people called Methodists at The Grove over the past 222 years or so.

There should be much to enjoy, see and do.

'Creation: A Celebration', an awe-inspiring exhibition of 22 frames containing embroidery, paintings and multi-media pictures is on special loan from the Bible Society.

Across the month the exhibition will be open weekdays and Saturdays  
1.30pm – 4.30pm & 6.00pm – 9.00pm  
10<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May

Free entry, donations welcome.



The weekend will also include:

A special exhibition of memorabilia linked to the Grove's history.

Flower displays around the church, arranged to complement the guided stained glass windows walk.

A display of paintings from the Art Group that meets on the premises, based on the theme, 'Creation and Celebration'

A Teddy Bear trail for the young at heart with a prize for those who successfully find the teddy bears.

Messy Church from 4.00pm – 5.30pm with all the fun of games, craft activities and tea.

Light refreshments for sale throughout the day.

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“Moving Forward

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1868 – 2018”

A specially commissioned booklet, “Moving Forward 1868 – 2018: The Building of Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church”, has been written by Christine Mathers, Church Member and Local Historian.

In celebration of 150 years since completion, Christine has charted in a 30 page, illustrated booklet the construction and opening of the present church building. Christine outlines local, national and international factors that influenced the band of Victorians who worked diligently to bring their vision of a new chapel into being.

Copies, priced £3.00 (plus normal postage and packaging rates), can be ordered from: [council@grovemethodist.org.uk](mailto:council@grovemethodist.org.uk)

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### Special Events

Beginning in March 2018 The Grove will host an Anniversary Concert Series open to anyone and everyone who might appreciate a wide range of musical styles.

**Sunday 18th March:** 'From Pharaoh to Freedom', written by the widely acclaimed Christian composer, Roger Jones, The Grove Choir will bring to life through great songs, the story of the Israelites exodus from Egypt. 2.30pm start.

**Saturday 21st April:** An evening with The Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band. 7.00pm; Admission by ticket but free of charge, collection to be taken for Wheatfields Hospice

**Saturday 19th May:** 'The New Creation' by Brian Hoare, a multi-media presentation by Knaresborough Choral Society & Orchestra. 7.30pm start; tickets £10, children with adults free

**Sunday 17th June:** Celebrity Concert with Julia Breakspear (flute), Liz Kenwood (oboe) and John Mellor (clarinet), accompanied by Peter Reasbeck (on piano). 3.00pm start; tickets £10, children with adults free

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Picnic Concert with The Grove Orchestra, Mitzi Whitham and Peter Reasbeck.

6.00pm start; limited numbers - tables booked at £5 per head, children with adults free; bring your own food, we provide tea, coffee and juice

**Saturday 13th October:** Harvest celebrations with The Aires & Gracenotes accompanied by Peter Reasbeck.

Harvest Tea 5.00pm – 6.00pm; concert 6.30pm; tickets £6

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** An evening with Simon Lindley, Organist Emeritus of Leeds Minster, choirmaster, conductor and composer, a time to celebrate the newly refurbished Rushworth and Dreaper church organ; tickets £10

**Saturday 1st December:** Christmas Tea with the Wesley Singers.  
2.30pm start with tea at 4.30pm; tickets £7

Tickets booked through Kay on 0113 2583346

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## Anniversary Charity

Our anniversary year is a time to count our blessings and we, at The Grove, have many blessings to count. Next year is the time we remember them and give thanks. We give because we have been given much! We can do that by making a real difference to a small part of Northern Uganda.

Shirley is a church member who in recent years has worked for a Bradford based charity. She is their Christian voice in the village of Pece, 20 mins walk from Gulu the nearest town and the epicentre of the Kony civil war that decimated the area for over 20 years. Life in Pece is far from easy. Any home you might have is surrounded by very poor families living in grass-roofed, mud houses, predominantly inhabited by single mums struggling to feed and clothe, on average, 8 children. HIV/ AIDS and abject poverty are relentless and many of your neighbours cannot afford to send their children to school. Their future is bleak.

Currently, Shirley works with 6 viable projects that all respond to local conditions and meet identifiable needs within this specific part of the country. All projects are up and running, are sustainable and make an immediate difference to the community and its people. All the projects

need support. They are:

**Educational provision for village children** - A Fun and Educational Club for 60 + children coming on a weekly basis to Shirley's garden to access books, jigsaws, building blocks, craft, sports, music, and to make a start on learning early literacy & numeracy skills.

**Juvenile Remand Home** - support for adolescent boys and a smaller number of very vulnerable girls held in a remand setting, often with no good reason, with limited access to medicine, food and emotional security.

**Keep a girl at school** - At puberty girls often drop out of school and become vulnerable to abuse; the project aims to provide basic needs of underwear, sanitary pads etc., thus overcoming individual difficulties and enabling girls aged 10 – 18 years to stay in the educational system and avoid exploitation.

**Christina's House** - a haven for pregnant teenagers; it receives 400 applicants a year but can only take 20 of the worst cases into residential care; and so it is seeking to expand day care and is desperate for funding.

**Baby Home** - Watoto Home for orphans is saving the lives of orphans and the most vulnerable babies and providing the love and care they so desperately need; it is in need of all kinds of baby resources.

**Mama Kits** - In this very poor area with no maternity resources; midwives are in short supply and currently stationed 2 miles north of the village in the Government Clinic. If used, mother must provide ground sheet, sterilised knives for cord cutting, sanitary pads, sterile gloves for midwife, plastic basin for bathing baby, soap, underwear etc., baby towel, new vests ; Often mothers can't provide these necessities and thus have no access. The consequences are the deaths of babies and mothers. £7 covers the cost of the kits and saves lives.

**The Grove Methodist Mission Project 2018** will run across next year for those who choose to support it. The church project opens with a fund raising luncheon in aid of the Village Fun and Educational Club on Sunday 21st January, when we recall the opening of our current building in our 150th anniversary service led by the Rev'd Dr Roger Walton, President of

Conference 2016 – 2017 and Chair of our Yorkshire West District. Three courses will be served at a cost of £6 per ticket, available from any of the Anniversary Committee or Church Stewards. Thereafter, Shirley's work will be the focus of the two-monthly carboy appeal with further details about each aspect as they arise in succession:

- March – April: Juvenile Remand Home
- May – June: Keep a girl at school
- July -August: Christina's House
- September – October: Watoto Home for babies and orphans
- November – December: Mama Kits

Whatever is collected is to be donated directly to each of these worthy charities so that we can make a difference. Together we can begin to change this small part of Northern Uganda for the better. Please keep a look out for details of each project as they arise and give as much support as you are able.

Thank you.  
Grove Methodist Church Activities  
Regular events

### **Sunday**

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 0113 258 3509
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 0113 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (see Grove Vine for venues)

### **Monday**

- 12.00 Luncheon Club 0113 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 0113 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 0113 250 6786
- 6.15 Cubs 0113 250 6786
- 7.45 Scouts 0113 250 6786
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 0113 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 0113 258 8803
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 440 6480;
- Quiet Room available for prayer. Jean Kemp's hand- made greetings cards are available on the first Tuesday of each month
- 6.00 Rainbows (5th Horsforth) 0113 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 0113 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 0113 202 9010

## Wednesday

- 2.00 Line Dancing 0113 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 0113 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 0113 250 4907
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 0113 225 2734
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 0113 258 0882

## Thursday

- 9.30–11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs) 0113 293 8458
- 11.00 Bible Fellowship 0113 258 3239
- 6.00 Cubs 0113 250 6786
- 6.15 Beavers 0113 250 6786
- 7.45 Scouts 0113 250 6786
- 7.45 Ladies' Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

## Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 0113 258 9093
- Walking Groups: on **1st Saturday** and **3rd Thursday** of the month.  
Contact Jean 228 8334 or Keith 258 6316