

*This week and into next.....*

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	9: 00 am	Prayer Meeting in the Quiet Room.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:30	Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Small Hall.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Wednesday Break at the home of David & Barbara, 9 Poplar Dve. Faith Supper & Carols.
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>		No Bible Fellowship today, will be resuming in January.
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 pm	Ladies Group meet in the Small Hall. Christmas Party. Please bring a present for Secret Santa – no more than £5 on value.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	Shoppers Coffee Morning at Central.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 15th December is our last Coffee Morning before the Christmas and New Year break. Do join us for mince pies, Christmas cake and cheese and listen to Norman playing carols. Thank you for your support this year and an especial thank you to all our helpers. We're open again on Tuesday January 5th. Jean Fox.

Sunday morning coffee Rota for 2016

The new Rota for 2016 is now ready and can be collected from the table in the Narthex at your convenience from 13th December.

As always I would like to express my sincere gratitude and admiration to all who partake in making sure the wonderful fellowship that is Sunday morning coffee, possible throughout the year. Unfortunately this year there are at least three weeks when cover is not available. In due course I will make an appeal for help, but I am very aware many people already partake more than once within the year. in addition to their other important commitments here at the Grove.

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# GROVE METHODIST CHURCH



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## BULLETIN

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Minister: Rev'd Alistair Jones**

**Your organist's today are: Dr Anthony Orton (am)**

**& the Revd Peter Reasbeck (pm).**

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### All Age/Nativity Service led by Mrs Jean Orton.

**Introit:** "Alleluia, praise the Lord" from Nigeria

Call to Worship from Psalm 126

**Advent Candles:** see next page for response. (inc: StF 165 v.3)

Prayers of thanks (**Response: 'Thank you, Lord'**)

**Hymn: StF 207** "Jesus is the heart of Christmas" (offering)

**Children's Christmas story**

(inc:verses from StF: 213, 221, 190, 206, 224, 191, 190)

Family News

Children leave

**Cong: The Lord be with you**

Anthem: "Come and hear the joyful singing"

**Readings:** Isaiah 12: 2-6 (P697)

Philippians 4: 4-7 (P1181)

**Hymn: StF 182** "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

**Reading:** Luke 3: 7-18 (P1029)

Reflections

**Hymn: StF 330** "Joy to the world"

Prayers for other people using the **sung response**

**'Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come'**

**The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

**Hymn: StF 169** "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Closing Prayer and The Grace



**6:00 pm Evening Service at the Grove led by Superintendent Rev Tim Boocock.**

Service to be announced.

Hymns included in the service are: StF 181 – 189 – 162 – 696 and 177.

Reading: Luke 3: 1-16 (P1029)



**FAMILY NEWS: Please remember friends who would value your prayers.**

Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Ros Revell, Christine Wilson, Kathleen Taylor, Florence Bonfield, Margaret Bosomworth, Simon Benson, May & Harry Tripp and Tony Emmott.

**BIBLE READING NOTES**



from the IBRA

*Fresh From the Word: the Bible for a change* offers a fresh approach to Bible reading and is written to support all readers of the Bible from new Christians to those seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Bringing together over 50 international writers to give us new insights every day, *Fresh From the Word* contains Bible verses, notes, prayers and action points.

Contact Jean Orton (2589093) if you would like to order a copy for 2016.

**Can you help persecuted Christians?**

Receiving a card or letter can bring hope and encouragement to victims of violence and or harassment. If you would like to send a card or letter do take a copy of the booklet "Connect and Encourage" from the narthex. There are also prayer sheets to take to guide our prayers for Egypt.

**Horsforth Foodbank**

Many thanks to all who bring packets and tins for the foodbank trolley in the porch. Your gifts are much appreciated, especially at this time of year, when several people face extra bills for heating and lighting etc, and have difficulty finding enough money to buy food.

**HORSFORTH MINI BUS**

Many thanks to everyone who gave transport to the ladies since the beginning of September for the Luncheon Club and Fellowship on Mondays.

We all appreciate it very much and wish you a happy Christmas and God bless you all for your kindness.

From all the Bus Ladies.

**NEXT SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

**10:15 :Crèche UP TO 4 YEARS in the Main Hall.**

**10:20 :J-Team in the Small Hall.**

**10:30 :All Age Service/Nativity at the Grove led by Mrs Jean Orton.**

**6:00 :Evening service at the Grove led by Miss Cathy Boocock.**

**Also Today.....**

**10:15 -Crèche up to 4 years in the Main Hall**

**10:20 -J- team in the Small Hall.**

**10.30 -All Age Service/Nativity at the Grove led by Mrs Jean Orton.**

**6:00 -Evening Service at the Grove led by Superintendent Revd Tim Boocock.**

**Morning Coffee/Tea served in the Main Hall after the Service today by Members of the JMA.**

**Your Stewards for today are:-**

**Michael Wallis & John Bussey.**

**You were welcomed at the door by:-**

**Beryl & Howard Thompson.**

**Flowers were provided by:**

**Mr & Mrs L Wolfe.**



**Helping with J-Team on a Sunday morning.**

We are looking for people to help support our J-Team Sunday school during church services. No experience is needed and any time you can offer would be very much appreciated. If you would like to help on a Sunday morning then please get in touch with Mitzi on 0113 293 6745 or Paul on 0113 250 2775.

**Advent 3 – John the Baptist. (Jean & Trevor Fox)**

Jesus said “No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he”

**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The third candle is lit and this response is used.*

**Jesus is the light of the world.**

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

**We will sing the Hymn StF 165, verse 3.**



Items for the bulletin should be posted through the Parlour door or telephoned to Sharon Firth on **0113 2582742** OR

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Off duty Sat from 12.00 noon and all day Sunday. Would any group wishing to remove items of equipment from the premises please contact Alan in the first**

