

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) 216 0678
- 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 2285
- 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
- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 10.00-11.30 Coffee in the Centre small hall 258 3568; quiet room available or 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

- 9.15-11.45 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
- 8.00 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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The Minister's Missive

Follow the star

The theme of the Flower Guild's beautiful decorations this Christmas was "the star". During the period we call Epiphany we often think about the star leading the wise men to Bethlehem.

In pre-scientific thought unusual astronomical occurrences evoked wonder and amazement as well as fear and were thought to be a sign of some significant and important event, either good or bad. (A comet, now known as Haley's was seen just prior to the Battle of Hastings, for example)

In the book of Numbers Balaam in a prophecy speaks of "a king, like a bright star" arising in Israel and so it comes as no surprise that Matthew, in the most Jewish of gospels, links the "star" to the birth of God's chosen Messiah. What is much more surprising is the fact that three gentiles follow the star to Bethlehem. Is Matthew trying to tell his readers that the Messiah is not to be seen solely as the "king of the Jews", but as the Saviour of the world?

And what do these strange men, magi or astrologers bring as presents? The things they use as part of their trade; myrrh and frankincense as well as some of the gold they earn. The message is clear - we bring what is important to us day by day and a proportion of our wealth as part of our worship.

Greg



From the Editorial Group

Rumour has it that there is a view that the *Grove Vine* “is a waste of money.” What do you think? We should be interested to hear if this is the general opinion of the church as it is not what we have gathered ourselves. Please email or write to let us know. We should also be more than happy to have suggestions of what you would like to read and to receive more contributions.

We should like to wish all our readers a very happy new year!

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Sunday Services in January

3 rd	9.00	Rev. Greg Haynes	Holy Communion
	10.30	Mr Ian Batty	
	6.00	United service at Central	
10 th	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes	Covenant Service
	6.00	Rev. George Bailey	
17 th	10.30	Mrs Kirsty Butler	Church Anniversary
	6.00	United service at Central	
24 th	10.30	Rev. Karen Marshall Curate at St Margaret's	
	6.00	Rev. Greg Haynes	Taize Service
31 st	10.30	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson	
	6.00	United service at Central	

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.

From the Church Registers

Baptism

13 December Leah Rose Kirsten-Gaunt daughter of Garth Kirsten-Landman and Lucy Gaunt

Church Family News

Jeanette Speight would like to thank friends at the Grove for their cards, prayers and kindness during her stay in hospital. She is now home and progressing well.

Alan & Christine Reid thank all friends at the Grove who have been kind enough to send Christmas cards and email greetings – lovely to hear from you all. We have settled well in our new home and are starting to make new friends. Best wishes to you all for a very happy new year.

Margaret and David Pontefract have moved to 23 Aldersyde Road, Guiseley LS20 8QR Tel:01943 877503

Please remember in your prayers: Janette Mawson, Jeanette Speight, Wilf Hoyle and any other friends who are housebound and need our prayers at this time.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal raised the wonderful total of £310.00

Your very generous gifts have been gratefully received and the following presents will be sent from the Grove on your behalf: Books and Pens for 30 children, 6 Pigs, 2 Goats, 1 Wormery, 50 Fruit Trees, 2 Taps, Toilets and Sinks, 1000 Saplings, 32 Ducks, 3 Brood of Chickens, Mosquito Nets, and a Bee Hive!!

Many thanks to all including Greg and Beryl Thompson who did the financial bit!



Barbara Buckley

Late news:In addition the Grove Pre-school collected £102; and has given: nutritious meals for 80 children, tap toilet and sink, 3 mosquito nets, school shoes, a wormery and a goat.

Modern Hymn Writers

BRIAN WREN

Brian and I were contemporaries at Oxford University in the late 1950s when he was a leading light in the student Congregational Society and I was a member of the John Wesley Society. He gained a doctorate for a study of the Old Testament prophets, and the prophetic note and deep social concern are never absent from his hymnody. He served as a consultant with the British Council of Churches and has been much involved in campaigning on behalf of the Third World. As an ordained United Reformed Church minister, currently residing in USA, he fulfils a freelance role encouraging ministers, worshippers and church musicians to improve their poetical appreciation and musical skills.

He has written over 50 hymns of major value, many celebrating the main Christian festivals. Ten appear in Hymns and Psalms which was published in 1983, of which the following are often sung at The Grove: 'Christ is alive, let Christians sing' (190), 'There's a spirit in the air' (326), 'I come with joy to meet my Lord' (610) and the matchless 'Lord, God, your love has called us here' (500). Amongst those not included, I love 'This is a time of new beginnings'. It is to be hoped that many more of Brian's compositions will be included in the new Methodist hymn book. All are worthy of quiet private meditation as well as hearty congregational singing.

Albert Jewell

Flower Rota for January

	3 rd	Mr & Mrs P Boyes, Mrs J Kemp
10 th	10 th	Miss H Watkins, Mrs D Maud
	17 th	Misses Mathers, Mrs V O'Hara
	24 th	Mrs M Heaton, Mrs E Hudson
	31 st	Mrs E Whiteley, Mr & Mrs B Ball
Feb	7 th	Mr & Mrs P Harding, Mrs A Blackburn

THE GROVE LADIES GROUP

This happy, friendly group meet in the Small Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month (barring August and Christmas weeks). We always make new members welcome, and although our membership is around 40 ladies, there is always room for more.

The group started a long time ago and was originally known as "The Young Wives" - then it became "The Wives" and now we are all LADIES! How about that then!

The only qualification to join is a sense of humour as lots of our speakers are great comedians.

Choosing speakers is one of the most important elements for a successful, interesting or entertaining meeting, therefore selecting speakers can be a daunting task. The two Secretaries do their best to provide a great variety of talks on various subjects which can be travel, historical, humour, educational or charitable organisations and much, much more.

Every year we have a Birthday Event in the Grove Centre when we sell as many tickets as possible (men welcome too!). This event is something special with coffee/tea and home-baked delicious cakes made by the members. The money raised is distributed to various charities, and our own Church. The 2010 Event will have a swinging Jazz Group to entertain us (7 men and a lady singer). This promises to be a good night - not to be missed. Watch out for details for 3rd June 2010.

Apart from all this we organise outings and theatre nights.

The annual subscription is £10 and £1 at each meeting attended which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Pauline Low
(Joint Secretary)

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Brian Wren

The Grove Tots and Tykes

Each Thursday morning The Grove Centre is transformed into a hive of activity, Babies, Toddlers, Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and a committed group of helpers joining together as “Tots and Tykes”.

The group started in January 1996 when my youngest son was 3 weeks old. Andrew is now 14 and the rest as they say is history! We began as a very small group meeting in the church parlour, led by me and my sister-in-law Shirley, with help from some of the ladies from church (our “Grannies”). They came each week, made cups of tea for the Mums and generally got alongside and helped form friendships.

Our biggest aim was to make sure that everyone who came to the group had someone to talk to and was made to feel welcome. We found that many of our Mums and Dads had no family living nearby they could turn to. We tried to provide listening ears and helping hands. We have laughed and cried with them, encouraging them to talk to each other and make friends. We found that whatever problem they were going through, if they opened up then someone in the group was likely to be facing the same thing, and that in itself was a massive help. The “Grannies” are invaluable. With their wealth of knowledge and love they became “adopted” Grannies to many of our Tots!

The group grew very quickly and we moved into the main hall. We now take over the entire centre with the toys in the main hall, picnic tables and chairs in the activity room, and singing and musical instruments in the small hall.

The admission charges were ploughed back into the group at the beginning to provide an excellent standard of toys and equipment.

However, we are a Church-led group, and any spare money is given to Church (we aim to give at least £1000 a year). In the past we have fundraised for the Church with some very successful Auctions of Promises, which raised thousands of pounds (who will ever forget Chris Seller as our fantastic auctioneer?)

Each year we donate to N.C.H (now Action for Children) and have given to other children’s charities. In the last few years our group has funded Grove’s Christingle. We have also purchased equipment that Church has needed.

Every year we invite Tots and Tykes past and present to our Mothering

Sunday service, organizing activity tables in the main hall so the children can, with help, make presents for their mums, whilst the Mums relax with a coffee and chocolates! The group always provides Easter eggs for the children, and Santa always manages to come to our Christmas party with a sack full of presents. Birthdays are celebrated at singing time and every child receives a birthday card from Tots and Tykes.

Over 14 years our group has grown and evolved. “Leadership” of Tots and Tykes is very much a team effort. Thank you to Julie, Janet, Doreen, Evelyn and David, Joan, Jill and Stuart, Kathleen, Selina, Greg and Alan!

Tots and Tykes is a massive outreach from our Church into the community. It is a big commitment, hard work, fulfilling, busy, noisy, hectic, and lots of fun! Thank you team for all you do week after week.

Allison Maud

Scout News

In early December a group of Explorer Scouts (6 male 1 female and 2 leaders) braved the elements to try to understand a little better, what it must be like to be homeless.

This was part of the larger event organised with the support of Emmaus, a Christian charity that works to support the rehabilitation of homeless people back into society.

The Explorers were shocked and moved by the experiences of one companion who described his experiences whilst being homeless. It was in many ways the most mundane of things that were the most thought provoking.....the things we all take so much for granted.

Following the talk the Explorers built their own shelter for the night using large cardboard boxes and whatever other materials that could be scrounged. Waterproof materials were in short supply! It was clear they were not in for a comfortable night.....but that was the point really! Once shelters were constructed the Explorers had soup and bread from the soup kitchen and warmed themselves around the wood burning brazier outside the church. Long after dark they settled into their 'home for the night'. It was cold, uncomfortable and by daylight very, very wet. The cardboard turned to pulp, sleeping bags were sodden and not much sleep had been

gained. The weather really contributed to the learning experience. The next morning four of the Explorers went to the front during the church service to report to the congregation on their experiences. All felt it had been a worthwhile experience, that had opened their eyes to some very real difficulties faced by a group of people society finds it easy to ignore. They were glad they had tried it out but were even more glad it wouldn't be repeated night after night.

Helen Haslam

COMMUNITY FUND RAISER

The following people have now joined the Community Fund Raiser scheme at the Grove, and are saving money for themselves and the Church. The approximate amounts they will save are shown below:
John & Doreen Hardaker £210.00, Anne Blackburn £340.00,
David & Pauline Quick £1,000.00, Ricky & Christine Hearn £70.00.

As a result of these bills, Utility Warehouse will pay the Grove Church approximately £160.00 during 2010, which is fantastic. The £100.00 cash back offer for new customers will finish early in 2010, so if there is anyone else who would like to join the C.F.R and save money for themselves and raise money for the Church, please see or call Ricky Hearn 2818176.

Grove Winter Concert Series 2010 at 7.30pm



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| 30 th January | Die Musici II
Elizabeth Kenwood-Herriott (oboe) |
| 21 st February | Richard Kenwood-Herriott - Piano |
| 6 th March | "Just Wyn" |
| 25 th April | Die Musici II Another chance to hear
Gregory Kenwood-Herriott's
"The Amazing adventures of Action Man". |

Contact Chris Seller 258 2662

Start thinking and sharpen your crayons !

The Leeds Wesley Circuit and Horsforth Churches Together will be taking part in the Art Competition "Images of Hope" organised by the Bible Society.

Using the Bible for inspiration: What would be your picture of hope?
What image would you create?

This is a competition anyone can enter and enjoy - adults, young adults, children at school and under 5 yrs. The prizes will be donated by the Bible Society.

The rules and entry forms will be available either from your leader or Anne Blackburn at the beginning of January 2010.

Look out for the posters and start thinking!!!



Father, let me dedicate all this year to Thee,
In whatever worldly state Thou wilt have me be:
Not from sorrow, pain or care, freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify they name.

Lawrence Tuttiett (MHB 957)

Events in January 2010

- Thurs 7th Ladies Group. “Life on the Ribblehead Viaduct in the 1880s”
7.45 pm Speaker: Mike Cooke Pauline Low 2586020
- Mon 11th 7.30 Church Life Committee.
- Wed 13th 7.30 Churches Together AGM at St.Margarets.
- Wed 13th Wednesday Break New Year meal.
- Thurs 14th 2.00 Church and Society Committee at 9, Poplar Drive
Barbara Buckley 258 3807
- Mon 18th 2.00 Church Finance Committee
- Thurs 21st 12.30 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Prayer Service
Followed by soup.
- Thurs 21st 7.45 Ladies Group “A Day in the Life of a Cancer Research
Shop Manager.” Speaker: Lynne Stevenson Tate.
- Wed 27th 8.00 Wednesday Break. At 17 Hunger Hills Ave. “Into Africa”
Speaker: Mohammed Sataar Doreen Wormald 2583490
- Sat 30th 7.30 Winter Series of Concerts. Die Musici II. Chris Seller

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 4th 7.45 Ladies Group “Grand Duchess Elizabeth –
Queen Victoria’s Grand-daughter”. Speaker: Christina Croft.

Please send your notices (with a contact telephone number please) to Gladys and Frank Pagden (228 8091) or email: frank@pagden.com by Tuesday 26th January for publication in February’s *Grove Vine*.

Regular events (contd.)

Thursday

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

10.30 Bible Fellowship 258 3239

12.30 Lunchtime service (Holy Communion on 1st Thursday), followed
by soup lunch

6.15 Beavers 239 7327

6.00 Cubs 258 9865

7.45 Scouts 216 9006

7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 225 2734

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580

Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

Stewards on duty

Jan 3rd David Buckley
Janette Mawson

10th Betty West
Jean Fox

17th Andy Walker
Kathryn Bussey

24th Jean Fox
Janette Mawson

31st Kathryn Bussey
John Hardaker

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary or Margaret by 27th January. Please include dates up to 7th February. Email would be appreciated!

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