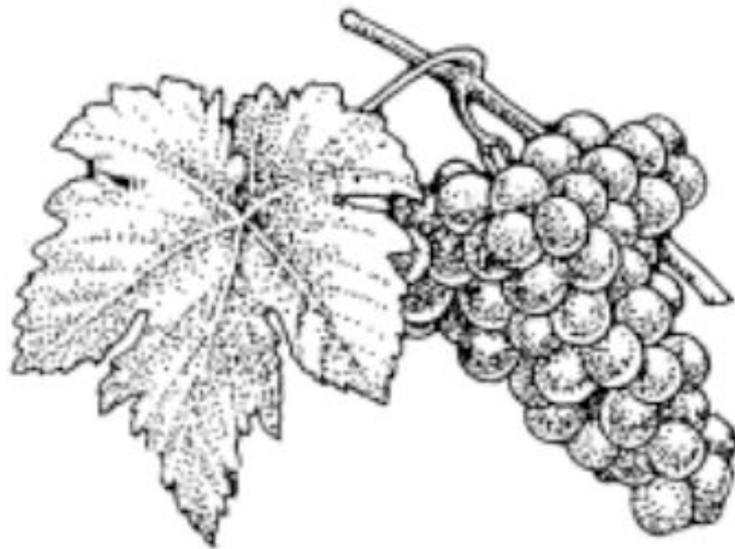


# **GROVE VINE**

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

**February 2010**



**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month) 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.15-11.45 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 (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 202 9010

### **Wednesday**

- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14<sup>th</sup>) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14<sup>th</sup>) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 8.00 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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## **The Minister's Missive**

### **The big stories.....**

Winter certainly hit the United Kingdom with a bang, but some of the reporting in the media gave the impression that we had never seen snow before and that the authorities failed abysmally to keep us safe and moving. One report on the BBC, to illustrate how bad things were, showed a shivering reporter at Ainley Top. On the M 62 behind her the traffic could be seen moving freely, so the camera panned quickly to three sheep huddling against a wall. Of course, there were also many reports of “subzero heroes” who went far beyond the call of duty in helping those affected by the big freeze. Adversity brings the best out in some of us.

The really big and tragic story was the earthquake in Haiti, which caused the death of tens of thousands of people, serious injury to many more, loss of homes and livelihoods etc. It is hard to imagine the scale of the disaster.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. It is crippled by debt. It has been governed by a succession of leaders who have been despotic, corrupt, incompetent or all three. The United Nations main building was destroyed by the quake, thus disabling the very body which would have coordinated the relief effort. Most of the government buildings and hospitals were also destroyed.

There has been a wonderful response internationally both by governments and charities. Much of the money will be needed for rescue and relief, but much more will be needed to rebuild the nation. Haiti will never be free of the threat of earthquakes, but we need to pray for and support every effort to build a country with proper governance, which is both more prosperous and fair.

Watching reports from Haiti does of course make our troubles seem trivial and any propensity we might have to grumble about them rather feeble.

## From the Editorial Group

Following last month's comment "is The Vine a waste of money", we are grateful for your feedback. It seems you don't think so. "I enjoy reading it and look forward to each edition"; "I think the magazine has been very good and is doing a very good job as part of the Church's voice"; "keep on with the good work, please" and many more. Thank you. Also: "Trevor Fox says, "as a previous Scout Leader for 24 years it was good to read what the Troop has done recently, especially sleeping outside in the cold and rain. Well done all of you".

We would still welcome articles for inclusion.

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## Sunday Services in February

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Family Parade
	6.00	Circuit Songs of Praise at Rodley
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion
	6.00	Mr Stuart Westerman – in the Small Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Rev. Norma Browning – Mission in Britain Sunday
	6.00	United Service at Central
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. Albert Jewell
	6.00	Rev Debora Marschner – in the Small Hall

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

## Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers any family and friends who are ill, housebound, or who need our prayers and help at this time.

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### Dorothy Leary

Dorothy Leary attends a house church in Horsforth. In her youth she was a member of Kirkstall Zion Methodist Church. She trained as a nurse at Bradford Children's Hospital. After the birth of her daughter she fostered many children and adopted two. When her children grew up she also adopted a profoundly disabled girl and fostered another one – also disabled.

Now both girls are aged over 18 and in residential care. Dorothy is still able to fulfil her lifetime ambition to go to Africa. She has supported the charity 'Christian Partners in Africa' for many years and last October she went to Malawi to see what they do there with a view to joining them. The experience was everything she had dreamed of and she hopes to be able to go back to work with them in the near future.

Unfortunately all this costs money. She has to pay for her own accommodation which must be in a protected compound. Please pray for her that she may find the wherewithal to achieve her ambition.

*Dorina Overson*

Postscript: Some of you may remember one of Dorothy's adopted children – John – he was a Member of our Scout Group.

*"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain "*

## **Blast from the Past**

We keep our Christmas decorations in a box in the loft. We had it down a few weeks ago, to trim our tree, and eager as usual to do anything BUT assist, I found a treasure in the bottom of the box, a copy of the “Wharfedale” dated 27 December 1968, being used as the lining.

It is great. I am amazed at the range of attractions on offer. You may recall that the front page had adverts, just like the Times before Rupert Murdoch! “Carry on Camping” was on at Yeadon pictures, with “The Graduate” as a forthcoming attraction. The Tremeloes were starring at Batley Variety club, if you could afford 11s 6d, and Al Read was on in January for 7shillings. No fewer than eight dances are advertised for the New Year period, many featuring live groups.

Inside the front page is a review of the year. In January the Grove celebrated their Centenary with a fortnight of celebrations, the Duke of Edinburgh opened the new TAS College in March, and Rev William Roberts left the Grove in August to take up a new appointment. Did you know that Jack Charlton presented prizes at the Grove Youth Club in October? Jack can add a postscript to this if you ask him.

But perhaps more interestingly, a news item declares “The stone-laying ceremony of the new £24,000 Grove Youth Centre is to be held on Saturday January 25, to coincide with the anniversary weekend. The stones will be laid by Mr H. H. Blackburn and County Coun. J.R.B. Turner, Chairman of Horsforth UDC.”

These, of course, are the stones re-laid when the Centre was refurbished, and still on view in the entrance hall.

*Keith Whitham*

## .....And How Time Flies!

It is already five years (January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005) since the Grove Centre was officially opened. It marked the completion, largely, of our original Vision Project. We hoped that the Church and the community's use of this facility would fulfil much of that "Vision". Well, it has! What follows makes interesting reading, we think.



In analysing the use of the Centre and Parlour for February 2010, we find that there are "bookings" covering 45 different users. Importantly, 19 of those users are not Grove Church organisations.

All our users represent a success story; all help to serve the community. Where would we be without regular contact through Tots & Tykes; Pre-school; Network Women's Fellowship; Tuesday Coffee Morning (regularly attracting 50 people) and the Uniformed Organisations? Some users reach the wider community, for example the National Childbirth Trust; Dr Barnado's; Yoga sessions for people with learning difficulties and the Blood Donor Service. There are weddings and funerals and children's parties and concerts and rehearsals.

It is very satisfying to report that, of the outside organisations, some have been with us from when our premises were less user-friendly! Blood Donors, of course, and Slimmers World; Rhythm Time and the Recorded Music Society. Forum 2000, meeting on Wednesday mornings, regularly attracts 100 people and one of their recent visiting speakers referred to "this superb facility".

We are grateful to ALL users and very grateful that we have this opportunity to serve.

*Alan*

*Firth and Gordon Mellor*

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year the  
Service will be held  
at St Mary's  
Church Broadgate



### **Grove Winter Concert Series**



know your love and hope as they start to rebuild their lives. Amen

## **Modern Hymn Writers**

### **BORN IN SONG**

**BRIAN HOARE**

Why does hymn 486 make me think of an English country house and an Austrian musician?

The hymn is ‘Born in song’ and my heart is always uplifted when I see that number on the board. It is my favourite of all the hymns that were new to us in this present hymn book.

The six verses express the heart of our faith and tell of that gospel we proclaim when Christians meet in worship. One verse is on the need to spread the gospel and the last anticipates singing the same song at ‘the end of all earthly days’.

Like many favourite hymns, the tune has much to do with it. And what better than with this, where both words and tune are written by the same person, Brian Hoare?

Brian has only the words of one hymn in our book, but four tunes. He has written a wide variety of words and music. Perhaps his best known work is ‘New Creation’, a musical presentation for choir, soloists and congregation.

As one of our ministers, he has served the church in different

leadership roles, including that of President of Conference, but many would say that his greatest contribution has been his music. (He has been to the Grove at least twice.)

But why an English country house?

The tune is called Chatsworth. There are spectacular upward leaps, in octaves. These form a musical equivalent of the leaping water in the tall fountain in the grounds at Chatsworth. The water then trickles down only to rise again. Sing it to yourself.

And why an Austrian composer? Both words and music were written during a train journey from London to Chesterfield. It reminds me of Franz Schubert, of whom I heard as a boy, eating and drinking in a Viennese café and being given the words of Hark, Hark the Lark. He immediately wrote music for the words on his menu. How could anyone be creative in a railway carriage or cafe? I have difficulty reading anything serious apart from a newspaper.

How do they do it?

*Peter Reasbeck*



## Book Review

**‘The Shack’ by Wm Paul Young (Hodder paperback, £7.99)**

This is said to be the book that everyone in Christian circles has been reading, though apparently more in the south than the north. Those who have read it tell us you will either love it or hate it. I shall forebear from giving my personal judgment. The book concerns a young girl (Missy) who is abducted whilst on a family holiday, evidence of her murder being found in an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, her father (Mack) apparently receives a note from God inviting him to return to the shack. What he walks into is part nightmare, part deliverance from his ‘great sadness’ and sense of guilt.



It is in many ways a strange book. To begin with, it is unclear whether it is fact or fiction (it is the latter). Think a mixture of Job in the Old Testament, the book of Revelation, the Narnia novels of C.S. Lewis, with an extended episode of Jesus (and Mack) walking on the water. It is very American, which may not appeal to British readers. However, it does engage with some deep theological issues, not least the problem of suffering, the nature of God’s judgment, and the difficulty of accepting and offering forgiveness. It also challenges our stereotypes of the Trinity. God the father (Papa) turns out to be a robust and hospitable black woman, Jesus a handyman, and the Holy Spirit (Sarayu) an Asian woman. A fourth person appears (Sophia – Wisdom) who is the agent through whom Mack gets to see Missy again, albeit fleetingly.

But read it for yourself and see if you love it or hate it!

*Albert Jewell*

## Flower Rota for February

- 7<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs P Harding and Mrs A Blackburn
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mr J Myers; Mrs J Douglas and Mrs B Carter
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mrs M Towler; Mrs C Abel and Mrs M Wilks
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs A Watt and Mr & Mrs K Whitham

# Raiders of the Lost Laughing Stone

## 9th Airedale Scout Pantomime 2010

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Thurs. and Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 3pm and 7.30pm

The Grove Centre, New Street, Horsforth

*Grove Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and other guest artists perform the usual sketches, pantomime jokes and community singing – fun for all ages.*

*Soft drinks and sweets on sale and a raffle in the interval.*

*Scout and Guide tea towels will also be on sale.*

Tickets: Adults £4, Child (15 and under) and concessions £3

Group Booking discount - 1 free ticket for every 10 purchased

**Box Office : Sally Wolfe on 258 7251**

Tickets available on the door - but it is risky to depend on that - the Thursday and Saturday evenings are usually a sell-out. Booking forms in the Narthex and the Centre leaflet display panels. A full house at every performance is super for the performers and more fun for everyone!



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## **Fairtrade Fortnight – 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March**



Many churches with a concern for justice are committed to supporting fair trading practices between rich and poor nations but one local church has probably done more than most. Trinity Church in Rawdon (not a particularly large or wealthy church) raised more than £10,000 in its annual harvest appeal in 2009. Of this, £6,370 was donated to Traidcraft Exchange to be used in its Sustainable Livelihoods for Poor Producers (SLIPP) project, which aims to help reduce poverty in northern Bangladesh.

Trudy Stewart, who runs the Fairtrade stall at the church, tells this story.

*“Some years ago, while working in Sri Lanka, I was walking back to my lodgings in the early evening along an ordinary city street. By our standards the streets of Sri Lanka are dirty and full of rubbish. Dirty water runs down channels at the sides. Oxen, goats, mangy dogs, chickens and rats are often seen on the streets.*

*As I walked along a pile of rubbish caught my eye. Just a pile of dirty rags in a heap at the side of the road. When I looked again, I realised it wasn't rubbish – it was a woman. She was lying, curled up, eyes closed. She had taken off her flip flops and was using them as a pillow. Her only bedding was the sari she wore, wrapped round herself to keep warm. She had nothing else.*

*I had mistaken her for a pile of rubbish and, indeed, that is what she was in this society. Nothing; of no value, discarded by the roadside.*

*I run the Fairtrade stall for her!”*

After over 30 years of campaigning for fair trading practices, much progress has been made but there is still a long way to go. Fairtrade Fortnight reminds us that when it comes to justice for the poor, we can never be complacent.

Look out for events to be held throughout Leeds during these two weeks.

*Pat Haynes*



## Hidden Treasure

Many people appreciate some daily notes to help them find the amazing challenges and promises in our Bible.

The notes “A Word in Time” are freely available on line and are linked with the Common Lectionary readings suggested in the Methodist Prayer handbook. They are excellent and found at [www.methodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurch.org.uk). Or you can follow the link given on the “Other Links” page of our own church website. (Just Google ‘Grove Methodist’ and you’re there in no time!)

Scripture Union also has a wonderful Bible Reading resource

called WordLive to help people to deepen their relationship with God. (Just Google ‘WordLive.org’, or use [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/WordLive](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/WordLive))

If you don’t have a computer, or prefer to buy a booklet of notes, there are many booklets available, from, for example, IBRA (the International Bible Reading Association), Scripture Union or CWR (Campaign for World Revival). If you would like more information, or would like someone to order notes for you, please phone 258 9093.

*Jean Orton*

## New Experiences for Lent?

**Ash Wednesday** (17<sup>th</sup> February) is seen as a day of repentance. In ancient times ashes were used to express mourning. In some Ash Wednesday services ashes, obtained by burning last year’s palm crosses are used to mark the forehead of participants with a cross. There are two Ash Wednesday Services at St. Margaret’s Church: 10.00 am (a said service) and 7.30 pm (a service with singing). All will be welcome.

**Lent House Groups** These provide the experience of sharing ideas with people from other churches and can enrich our faith. The York Course material is brilliant and includes CD views from ‘experts’. If you have missed signing up to attend a group, don’t worry. You can find out where and when the groups are meeting and join one later.

**Christian Aid** has a new idea for Lent 2010 called a ‘Count your blessings

calendar'. See [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

*Jean Orton*

## **Activity Morning**

### **Saturday 13 February 10.00am to 12.00 - Large Hall**

We are holding an activity morning for children aged 5 and upwards and adults. The main activity will be based around creating or painting a picture of a story of hope from the Bible. These pictures can then be entered into the Bible Society Painting Competition.

We shall also sing some songs, play some games, enjoy some group work and have some refreshments. It will be an all-age version of our holiday club.

So if you are an adult, come along with or without a child and if you are a child come along with or without a grown-up.

There is no charge for the morning.

*Greg*

## **We say thank you to.....**

Joan and Neville Kaye, who have retired from the list of J-Team helpers, after over forty years of working with children at the Grove. In their early days it was every week plus a recorder class, the arranging and running of discos and much more.

And to Evelyn Whiteley after fifteen years in charge of the Crèche, during which time she not only produced the rotas, but ensured that there were always helpers in the Crèche.

We are delighted to welcome Eileen Marsey, who has so willingly agreed to become the Crèche leader.

*Greg*

## **Community Fund Raiser**

To date 5 Members have joined. The Church will join soon and together will save £2,800 on last year's bills. The present benefits are gas per kWh 3.451p and electricity kWh 10.35p. Broadcall (incl. broadband, home phone and free phone calls) is £20 per month. The £100 cash back for new customers on gas used in 2010 will finish at end of March. The Church receives a small sum each month and anyone interested in joining:

## Financial News



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The results for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 show a **loss of £2,400** (Income was £103,900 and Expenditure £106,300).

This is a result of a drop in Collections of **£4,500 (8%)** and Donations of **£3,900 (23%)** compared with the previous year. We cannot just rely on Donations (although the Church is, of course, very grateful) and Hire of Rooms to keep us in surplus. We really must keep our Giving in line with increased costs.

The four months period to December 2009 is still showing a drop in Collections of £900 (5%) and even if we manage to eventually equal the total for August 2009, we will still be £4,500 down on the year to August 2008. The projection for the year to August 2010 is Income at £95,000 and Expenditure at £99,000 – giving a loss of £4,000.

The Finance Committee is looking at an initiative to challenge us all to seriously consider the level of our giving.

*Philip Abel*

## Events in February 2010

Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>7.30pm</b> 3791	Wednesday Break in the <b>Small Hall</b> Speaker: Rev. Godfrey Nicholson	Jeanette Speight 258
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Activity Morning in the Large Hall. 10am to 12 noon. An opportunity for children and adults to create Pictures of Hope, for entry in the Bible Society Art Competition.	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Circuit Missions Committee.	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	/Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> Airedale Scout Pantomime see separate article	Sally Wolfe 258 7251
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 3pm	Winter Concert – Richard Kenwood-Herriott see separate article	Chris Seller 258 2662
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>7.30pm</b>	Wednesday Break in the Parlour Dr Ian Rothwell: “From superstition to science”	Pauline Lowe 258 6020

## March

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 7.45pm	Ladies Group in the Small Hall Rev. David Hall: “A charmed life?”	Pauline Lowe 258 6020
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Winter Concert – Wyn Davies: “Just Wyn” see separate article	Chris Seller 258 2662
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Circuit Missions Banquet at Trinity Speaker: Mrs Joan Dyer. Tickets £6	Renee Collinson 258 2285

Please send your notices (with a contact telephone number please) to Gladys and Frank Pagden (228 8091) or email: [frank@pagden.com](mailto:frank@pagden.com) by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February for publication in March'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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 225 2734

### **Friday**

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580

Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

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## **Stewards on duty**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Kay Bassett  
David Buckley

14<sup>th</sup> Betty West  
Janette Mawson

21<sup>st</sup> John Hardaker  
Kathryn Bussey

28<sup>th</sup> Jean Fox  
Andy Walker

**Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gill and Philip by 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please include dates up to 4<sup>th</sup> April. Email would be appreciated!**

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