

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
- 10-11.30 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

- 9.15-11.45 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

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

In five years at the Grove I shall have baptised around sixty babies and children. It is almost as many baptisms as I had in twenty one years in Devon and Cornwall. Do people in Leeds have more faith than in the South-West? Or is there a greater sense of family and the recognition of the importance of the family occasion?

I always put down the declining numbers of baptisms in my previous Circuits to the rising hold of secularism and materialism on society; surely that has not noticeably changed.

What has certainly been apparent in more recent years is the rise in the number of people attending both Christmas and Easter services and, whilst the total number attending church services on any one Sunday has declined, the number of different people coming to some services during the year has shown a slight increase. In other words the pattern of church going in England has changed. One study even showed that more people attend church on the first Sunday in the month than the second, more on the second than the third etc. The same study recorded a rise in the numbers of people attending midweek services.

Human beings are created "in the image of God". There is a spiritual side to our nature which needs to be nurtured for us to be fully human. We deny this at our peril. The sacrament of baptism enables us to celebrate God's gift of life, so it is important for us as adults. It is important for the child, because it sets them on the right path. Remember the essence of the promises we all make is about offering and providing Christian nurture.

Human beings are societal. In the creation stories at the beginning of the book of Genesis we discover that both Adam and Eve need the relationship they have with each other and with God. It is often said that those who come to church discover they "belong before they believe". That is why the fellowship of the church has to be inclusive and welcoming. Churches fall apart when they become exclusive and cliquey.

Services of baptism remind us that we all belong to God's family from the very youngest to the very oldest and that all of us, whatever our age, have therefore a valuable and unique place in the church community.

Greg

From the Editorial Group

It is always very pleasing to get your items...Please keep them coming in

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Christine Hearn has withdrawn from the Editorial Group and we thank her for having helped us get The Grove Vine started.

Flower Rota for July

- 4th Mrs D Wormald and Mrs J Douglas
- 11th Mrs M Butterworth and Mrs J Tallantire
- 18th Mrs J Depledge; Mrs W Hartley and
Mr & Mrs P Abel
- 25th Mrs M Simmons and Mr & Mrs R Revell

August 1st Mrs P Low and Mr & Mrs B Ball

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

20 June Thomas James son of Jonathan and Nicola Kennedy

27 June David Anthony son of Adrian and Cherinne North

Funerals

16 June Yvonne Marilyn McKinnis at Rawdon Crematorium

Sunday Services in July

4 th	9.00	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
11 th	10.30	Miss Audrey Firth
	6.00	Rev. G Nicholson - Holy Communion
18 th	10.30	Rev. Tim Boocock
	6.00	Rev. Greg Haynes – Circuit Service*
25 th	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion*
	6.00	United Service at Central

* See separate notice for these Services.

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: Poppy Busfield, Stan Ramsden, Eileen Stones, Chris Shagouri, Vera Julian, Wilf Hoyle, those recently bereaved, friends who are housebound, and those who are caring for loved ones, who all need our prayers and help at this time.

Please also pray for Pat and Greg that they have a happy and healthy retirement in Bath.

Trudy, daughter of Beryl and stepdaughter of Howard Thompson is to marry John Richard Mason on Saturday 10th July at 3pm at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Emley.

We shall welcome our new Minister, Rev. Alistair Jones and his family in August and we hope to have his first contribution to Grove Vine for the August issue.

Christian Aid The House to House envelope collections raised the magnificent sum of **£1,419.87** (£75 more than 2009). Many thanks.

Off To Kenya

On July 24th 12 Explorer Scouts from Tenzing unit (based at the Grove) will be joining around 50 other scouts and leaders from Central Yorkshire Scout County to fly out of Heathrow for a 3 week expedition to Kenya.

Once in Kenya they will meet up with a group of Kenyan scouts and take part in various activities including a community project, a camel trek and the final treat, a 2 day safari.

The community project will be based at a camping area belonging to Ol Maisor Ranch, Rumuruti, Laikipia District. The work undertaken will include restoration work on a school classroom and kitchen at Ol Maisor School orphanage. Because of the numbers involved it will also include a second project at a school nearer Rumuruti.

The young people have worked hard to raise over £2,500 each to cover the cost of their adventure plus injections, visas and necessary equipment for an expedition to this part of Africa. Part of the money they have raised will cover the Kenyan scouts' expenses plus costs of work on the 2 buildings.

One of the most important pieces of equipment each scout will be carrying with them will be their mosquito nets, essential to guard against malaria which is prevalent throughout Kenya. Each year around 750,000 people die in Africa due to malaria, the vast majority being children under five. Recently a charity distributed 1,000 mosquito nets in 3 African villages. In the first month after their distribution the malaria infection rates reduced from the previous average of 357 new cases per month to just 7!

Nets in England cost from £10 each, in Africa they are about £2.50, barely the cost of a cup of good Kenyan coffee in your favourite coffee shop – not a lot for a child's life.

Before their return, many of the young people intend to leave behind the bulk of their equipment for distribution amongst the Kenyan scouts and other youngsters in the area. This will include their mosquito nets.

The young people would like to thank everyone who has helped them in any way to raise funds for their expedition, and I am sure will take the thoughts and prayers of the Grove congregation to Kenya and the people they meet. They also look forward to returning to tell everyone about their experiences!

John Kitching

Kenya footnote: It is interesting to consider the country to which our young people are travelling. Kenya is 580,000 sq km, compared with the UK at 243,000 sq km. So it is a massive country with great diversity in its 29 million population. For example the official languages are Swahili, English and Kikuyu but there are more than 200 tribal languages!

SCOUT OPEN EVENING - TUESDAY 13TH JULY

An invitation to join the members of the Scout Group for a review of the past year, with displays, photographs, activities and a chance to chat to leaders and committee members in an informal environment. The evening will take place in the Church and the Parlour starting at **7.30pm**. At 8.30pm we will have a short business meeting. If you have any interest in this work with our young people we will be pleased to see you.

It pays to advertise! Following the appeal in the June Grove Vine for a replacement for Gordon Mellor, I am pleased to announce Cynthia Hatton has volunteered to take his place on the Scout Executive Committee.

Keith Whitham, Group Scout Leader

KEEPING OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH CLEAN

Our Church is always clean and tidy because we have a dedicated team of helpers who arrive at 9.15am on Fridays to help Alan, our excellent Premises Manager, to clean and polish the Church – ready for all the acts of worship that happen on Sundays and during the week. The team of 5 or 6 helpers each month is very reliable and willing. They work to a rota and this means that they are called upon to help two or three times a year. The team has been in place for several years now and some members are becoming unable to keep up to this job through ill health.



So.....if you could offer support on a Friday morning, once every 5 or 6 months for about 1½ hours, you would join a team of friendly, “energetic” people and you would be providing a great service to The Grove. If you feel you might be able to offer some help, please contact Janette Mawson – Tel. 0113 250 3264. Thank you.

Forgotten but not gone

The reader may think that this title is a mis-quotation, but the description applies to the unclaimed remains of 2861 former patients of the West Riding Lunatic Asylum for Paupers later known as High Royds Hospital Menston.

The cemetery in Buckle Lane is a two acre site behind the present ambulance station, which was a forgotten and neglected place. Some of the graves have multiple occupancy and most are unmarked. The grave rows are marked and numbered with cast iron markers. The “Friends of High Royds” do have a comprehensive list of all those buried there. Before the Industrial Revolution the mentally ill would have been cared for by all within the small rural community, probably giving rise to the term of “the village idiot”. When the mass of people moved to seek work in the cities there was no longer the community involvement with the new “urban industrial society”. The working week covered 6 days, the hours of employment were extremely long and arduous, there was simply no time or money to spare to attend the needs of a disabled family member.

This was a national problem and probably, as a result of the passing of an Act of Parliament requiring the building of Asylum Hospitals by local councils, High Royds was opened in Oct.1881. The accommodation was originally for 1440 patients but over time the number reached 2000. Nursing fees were paid by the families that could afford it, otherwise they were paid for by the local unions that also financed the workhouses. Not all the patients were from the immediate locality, the catchment area included Ripon, Settle, Clitheroe and Halifax. Considering the hours of the average working week the low wages and, the then isolated position of the hospital it becomes understandable that patient visiting would have been a problem.

People from all walks of life were admitted for treatment amongst whom were a policeman, a pawnbroker, miners, a solicitor, labourers and a professor of music. The patients were engaged in work in various parts of the hospital and grounds with the original conception that the hospital would become self sufficient. There was a farm with animal stock and crops were grown. There was a shop where patients could make purchases, a tailors shop and a boot repairing department. They even had their own fire service.

The hospital buildings incorporated a large ballroom with a stage for an orchestra; dances were held regularly. The patients formed their own concert party and gave concerts for the entertainment of other patients. It would appear that all were fully occupied with their various tasks but could also enjoy some leisure time.

Admission to the hospital was probably easier than gaining discharge resulting in some patients spending almost a lifetime there. One lady was admitted as a patient in 1895 with what was then diagnosed as “milk fever” and now would probably be “post natal depression” she spent the rest of her life in the hospital and was finally buried in Buckle Lane cemetery in 1964. The first patient burial was in 1890 and the last in 1969

In my childhood days in Leeds to say one of your friends should be “in Menston” was considered to be a very insulting comment. This illustrates the social stigma attached to a mental disability and yet some of these nameless people were the pioneers of the modern day drugs that assist in the treatment and recovery of people with mental illness.

When acquired the cemetery resembled a field, a neglected grassy area. It is the intention of the “Friends of High Royds” to restore the cemetery chapel using voluntary labour and voluntary financial contributions. The restoration has already started to make a memorial garden on the site. This will not be just a memorial for the people buried there, but a place where are also buried the stigma and misunderstanding attached to mental illness; not to mention the bad old days when health services, the working week and a fair remuneration for work done, were not as they are today.

Perhaps when this scheme reaches fruition and the “Memorial Garden” is established a suitable epitaph would not be “Lest we forget” but the more challenging one of “Because we forgot”. *Margaret Bosomworth*

Stewards on duty

July 4 th	Andy Walker Cynthia Hatton	July 11 th	David Buckley Andy Walker
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July 18 th	Kay Bassett Carole Abel	July 25 th	Kathryn Bussey Gordon Mellor
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GREEN FINGERS – GOLD MEDAL



Congratulations to:
Caroline Turner
Eric Douglass
and Mike Strover

They have striven (and given themselves back ache no doubt) in transforming the Church garden to be a thing of beauty. It really is a delight and its colour and form provide a warm welcome to anyone walking up the drive.

They also deserve our appreciation for having achieved Gold Medal at the Leeds in Bloom Spring Competition. In a recent ceremony at Pudsey Civic Hall, Mike collected the Gold Medal on behalf of the Church.....and the accolades of the Lord Mayor of Leeds and the Horsforth in Bloom Committee, who will welcome the Yorkshire in Bloom judges in July.

Community Fundraiser

I am pleased that there are now 9 members on the Community Fundraiser, including the Church, receiving gas and electricity via Utility Warehouse. These members and the Church will save a projected **£3,500** in the coming year. Also the Church will receive up to **3%** of the money spent by members on their bills. In the past 10 months the Grove will have received over **£100** from Utility Warehouse. That sum will increase a lot over the months because of the amount spent on utilities at the Grove. In April Utility Warehouse reduced gas prices by 8% - a further bonus.

There are further savings using a cashback card for groceries, petrol etc. from companies such as: Sainsburys, Argos, B&Q, Boots, Burtons, Comet, Debenhams etc. Does your present company give money to our Church?

The Grove, like the rest of the country, is going through difficult financial times. We need more money. CFR is a way to raise extra funds. Please phone if you would like to join. *Ricky Hearn Tel: 281 8176*

Greg's Farewell from The Grove

On 25th July the Rev'd Greg Haynes retires from his appointment at The Grove and "sits down" (Connexional terminology) from The Ministry. After many years as "itinerants", Greg and Pat at last have the opportunity to settle into their own home, nearer to their daughters and their families.

As individual members of the Church, we see only a small part of the work of a Minister. Each of us will have our own memories of Greg's ministry.

Foremost in Greg's leadership skills has been his particular interest in the wider community, through links with Tuesday coffee morning, Tots and Tykes and the uniformed organisations. Pat has shared in this role with her support of The Ladies Group, the Grove Pre-school the Holiday Club and, not least, playing the piano for Scout Pantomime rehearsals!

Greg's influence in Horsforth is evident in his links with local schools and Horsforth Churches Together. We are most grateful to Greg for all the care and guidance that he has given over the past 5 years across the whole Church family and the wider Horsforth community. We look forward to showing our appreciation for his Ministry on the following occasions:

Sunday, 18th July at 6pm Circuit Service at The Grove

This is the last Service that Greg will lead for all the Churches in the Leeds Wesley Circuit. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

Saturday 24th July at 7pm Farewell Get Together

An informal evening with some "home grown" entertainment, light refreshments and an opportunity to thank Greg for his ministry to us and to wish him and Pat well for the future.

Sunday 25th July at 10.30am Greg's Final Service at The Grove

Greg will lead our Service of Holy Communion. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards as usual.

If you wish to attend these events but have transport difficulties, contact our Stewards, Ricky Hearn (281 8176) or Janette Mawson (250 3264).

Moving on

Having been asked to write about my hopes and plans for retirement I feel I should point out that I have already retired. However, I do expect life to change once Greg has joined me and the experience to be a little different for us because of the nature of his work.

The change that is occupying me most at the moment is the prospect of moving house again but that is exciting as we shall finally be in our own home after 28 years of living in 'tied' accommodation. The oddest thing is that we have almost empty diaries from August – so, no more panics when Greg mislays his.

I suspect most people have similar hopes for retirement – to be happy, healthy and useful. We shall be very happy indeed to see more of our family and 'old' friends who live in the south of England and our happiness will be greatly enhanced if we are able to make new friends, something that may now be easier as we shall not be 'moving on' once we have settled in Bath. We hope to continue with those interests and activities we have always enjoyed although we shall have to hunt out new people who share them. As far as health goes, we have one firm plan and that is to walk the first half of the Thames Footpath in September. This will take us from the source of the river, just south of Cirencester, to Reading (via Oxford)

Being useful? Our children have great plans for us which seem to include a lot of decorating and babysitting. Our own plans are rather different and include some of the things we have done in the past but have not been able to continue here for various reasons. These include hosting overseas students and volunteering with the National Trust. But we have also discovered that a favourite charity, Send A Cow, has its headquarters in Bath and makes use of volunteer help so we shall be investigating that. And we trust there will be some unexpected and exciting ventures to embark upon which as yet we cannot predict.

Finally we very much hope to see those friends from Horsforth who find themselves in what must surely be one of England's loveliest and most interesting cities. You will be most welcome.

Pat Haynes

The Grove Choir

Anecdotal evidence and old photographs suggest there has always been a choir at the Grove. Visitors to our church often express surprise that we still have a thriving quality choir, when so many church choirs around the country have collapsed in recent decades. And what is more, it is a four-part harmony choir. That means we have contraltos, tenors and basses, as well as the sopranos who sing the 'tune'. You should be able to hear all four parts if you listen carefully, each part singing a different melody.

Currently, the choir has about twenty regular members, plus a number of welcome 'extras' who join us from time to time. There is, however, always room for new members who can hold a melody, particularly anyone who can read music, and particularly anyone who can sing contralto or tenor or bass! There is no age limit, and at the time when we had a significant youth section, the range extended from 10 to 90 years old.

As well as leading the congregational singing in services, including weddings and funerals, the choir contributes anthems and other items, according to whatever the preacher wishes. Our repertoire is huge, and you would probably be surprised by how much music is secreted in various cupboards around the premises. We naturally formed the nucleus of the chorus in the musicals performed by Ichthus, we have always contributed regularly to social activities at the Grove, and we have sung on radio – but we still await the call from 'Songs of Praise'!

We have also undertaken many 'outside' engagements. Our Christmas commitments have included carols at Kirkstall Abbey Museum, at the Leeds City Art Gallery, and at various retirement and care homes. Further afield and at other seasons, we have sung at the Beamish Museum three times, at two Methodist churches in Scarborough, one three times and the other once, and at Darlington. Singing with Ichthus, we have also travelled to several churches in Yorkshire and Lancashire. Ask any member – life with the Grove choir has never been dull!

Tony Orton, Choir Secretary

The Grove Rainbow Guide Units

During this the centenary year of Girl Guiding, The Grove can boast of having two very popular Rainbow Guide Units; the 5th meeting on a Tuesday night and the 14th on a Wednesday, both in the Parlour 6-7pm.

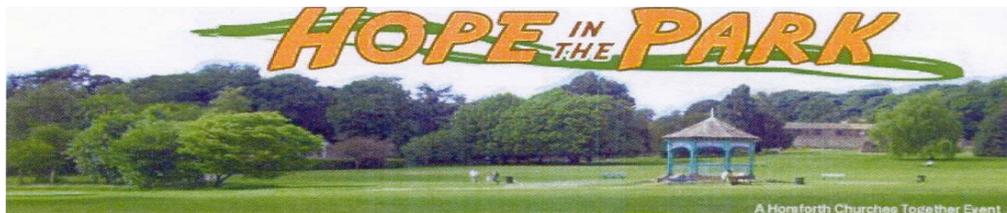
Rainbows are the section of guiding for the 5-7 year old girls and must maintain a ratio of one adult to every five children. The units are run by leaders that have undergone training to obtain their Guiding Warrant Cards and are fully CRB checked.

The girls enjoy a variety of tasks from crafts, stories and fun learning based activities working towards 'Roundabouts'. Roundabouts are the badges that the whole unit works towards together on various themes for example the world or the environment and many others. Each of the roundabouts is split between four areas Look, Learn, Laugh and Love and each section is based on fun.

The Rainbow section are the babies of the Guiding family at 23 years old, but are just as popular with both units having waiting lists spanning over the next 5 years already!

As with all uniformed organisations/units we are in desperate need of volunteers to help. It may be that you can only spend a few hours a year to help raise money with Friends of Guiding or help once or twice a month with a unit. You do not need to be female to help Dads, Uncles and Grandfathers can volunteer too! It does not take up as much of your time as you think it will, we all lead busy lives these days but to see what the children get out of Guiding is payment enough.

Julie Parmenter



Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy time in Hall Park between 1.00 and 3.00 pm on Sunday 4th and 11th July. Horsforth Churches Together will be providing a free BBQ, music etc, prayer area, activities for all ages. If you would like more information or to help phone 258 9093.

Events in July

- Sat 10th 9.30 am. Horsfirth Churches Together Litter Pick. followed by refreshments at Central. Meet in Grove Parlour Car Park.
- Sun 11th 7.30 pm Rawdon Amnesty Series. Theatre of the Dales presents "The Merchant of Venice"
- Tues 13th 7.30pm Scout Group Open Evening and AGM
Grove Parlour see separate notice in magazine.
- Wed 14th 6.30pm Weds Break – Social + Faith supper at Coachways, Woodlands Drive. Margaret Heaton 250 3324
- Thurs 15th Ladies Group AGM Pauline Low 258 6020
- Fri 23rd Closing date for Scout bulb orders – order forms in the Leaflet dispenser in the Narthex

No midweek services until 2nd September.

There will be no events sheet in August. Items for September should be sent to Trish Whitham (2586316) or e-mail to:

patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com by 6.30 pm on Tuesday 24th August.

Regular events (contd.)

Thursday

- 9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458
10.30 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) 225 2734

Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580
Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary and Margaret by 21st July. Please include dates up to 5th Sept. Email would be appreciated!

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