

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
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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DARE TO BE A DEACON...

Some of you have been asking me about what it is that Jenny, my wife, is and what she does, so I thought to set it out as clearly as I can.

Jenny is a Methodist minister in exactly the same way that I am. We are, however, members of two different Orders of ministry. I am a presbyter, whose ministry is focused on Word and Sacrament. She is a deacon, with a ministry aiming to bridge the gaps between church and society. There is absolutely no difference in status, simply in function.

Her job is very complex. She is based at Oxford Place Mission Circuit, and is chaplain to all of the various social care organisations there. She is chaplain to the Crown, County, and Magistrates Courts. She is the leader of the Person to Person listening service and involved with the Street Pastors. She is one of the 'ministerial faces of Methodism' to the city centre. In her spare time.....

She has very little spare time. Tuesdays off, just like me, but vast amounts of administrative work and preparation during her evenings at home. Saturday is her study day, a necessary part of all probationers' work, for the two years between her three year theological degree at Queen's Foundation and her Ordination. Oh yes, and as part of her probationer's studies she is taking up local preaching. The Jones household is an interesting place to be.

When you get to see her, don't be surprised if she looks tired. Christian Ministry is very varied, and I live in awe of what Jenny is, and will be, doing. Dare to be a deacon? I don't know that I would.

Ali

From the Editorial Group

Your items make every issue interesting ... Please keep them coming in.

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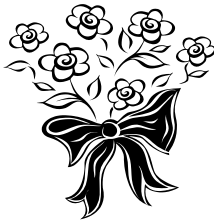
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Sunday Services in October

3 rd	9.00	Rev. A Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. A Jones – Family Parade
	6.00	Rev. G Nicholson
10 th	10.30	Mrs J Swales
	6.00	United Service at Central
17 th	10.30	Rev. A Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. A Jones
24 th	10.30	Mrs K Butler
	6.00	Circuit Service at Trinity
31 st	10.30	Mr E Oikelome
	6.00	Mrs S Hudson
Nov. 7 th	9.00	Rev. A Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. A Jones – Family Parade
	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.

Flower Rota for October



3 rd	Harvest
10 th	Mrs J Hunter and Mrs M Hodgson
17 th	Mrs J Speight and Mrs M Price
24 th	Mrs M Bosomworth and Mr & Mrs H Thompson
31 st	Mrs P Whitham and Mrs C Sumpter
Nov. 7 th	Scouts and Guides and Mrs C Hoyle

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Pat Blackah, Poppy Busfield, Stan Ramsden, Eileen Stones, Chris Shagouri, 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.

Stewards on duty

Oct 3 rd	Cynthia Hatton Andy Walker	Oct 10 th	Carole Abel David Buckley
Oct 17 th	Kay Bassett Kathryn Bussey	Oct 24 th	Andy Walker Betty West
Oct 31 st	Gordon Mellor Kay Bassett	Nov 7 th	Kathryn Bussey Andy Walker

CONSIDER THE BIRDS

Having lived in Cookridge for 20 years we had seen our house slowly encroached on by the “big city”. We decided that a more rural situation would be desirable, so we then moved to a small hamlet close to Skipton in the Dales this was our first introduction to the world of nature ruled by the seasons. Again the world caught up with us, Skipton on Market Day became very busy the car parks overflowing so when retirement approached we “emigrated” north of the border to an isolated Scottish village on the shores of a sea loch. Our house was at the foot of a mountain, the loch was surrounded by mountains, we were surrounded by the natural world. In the midst of such beauty it isn’t difficult to believe in the Divine Creator.

The first experience that impressed us was the total silence that could almost be “heard”, the next thing was that we became obedient to the changing times, not the time by the clocks but the time as dictated by the length of days and the changing seasons. The majority of the “native population” could tell you time from the position of the sun (if it wasn’t raining!) or the height of the next tide by the position of the moon but we never mastered this technique and relied on our watches.

Having been “bird watchers” for many years we were able also to learn from the behaviour patterns of the birds. In the dales the sound of the curlew was a sign that spring was in the air, the sound of the curlew on the Scottish coast is a warning that autumn is here, winter is on the way. Other birds of the shore convey the impending winter. The turnstones noisily hunt for food, oyster catchers and ringed plover are ever present along with redshank and herons. Fieldfares fly in large flocks to strip the rowans of any remaining berries.

Geese and Whooper swans fly in from the Arctic to spend the winter here. The yellow markings on the beaks of the Whooper swans are individual to each bird and at Slimbridge individual birds can be identified by their markings. Sometimes a few of these swans would stay on the upper loch and if they did this it was almost a certainty that we would have an early snow fall.

The geese appeared to use a particular mountain as a “signpost” and turned at this point toward the open coast. Their formation was the usual V shape. It appears that the leading bird creates an airlift with its wings that assists the bird behind and then that bird does the same for the following bird and so on down the line. Other birds take over the lead as the leader tires. Because they fly in such a way the youngest, oldest and weakest ones are helped on their journey. They are always a noisy bunch and keep up with encouraging honking to each other.

When our Saviour was on this earth he spent most of his life in a village and must have been close to nature. He tells us to “consider the birds” they do not toil or worry but leave all in the Lords hands. We, as a Church can learn from their behaviour, the leaders assist the followers by keeping them on track the followers keep up an encouraging chorus from behind. So let us all consider the birds and learn!

Margaret Bosomworth

GROVE INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SEASON

We start this wonderful series of concerts on **SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER** at 3pm when **Simon Lindley – Master of Music at Leeds Parish Church** will again provide us with superb music and stories.

Admission is £5 to each concert with Season Tickets available at £20 for all 6 concerts from Chris Seller, 21a West End Lane, Tel: 258 2662.

SCOUT AND GUIDE GANG SHOW

Tickets are going really, really well for this not-to-be-missed show on **SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER** in the Grove Centre. Tickets available from: Sally Wolfe, Tel: 258 7251 and they will also be on sale after Parade on 3rd October. **HURRY....DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2010

This is an extraordinarily successful Annual Appeal. Samaritan's Purse achieved a fantastic 1.2 million shoe boxes sent to disadvantaged children throughout the world. We need to start thinking **NOW** about our effort.

Please collect a leaflet from the Narthex and leave your box in Church before **November 7th** please for Carol Hoyle to collect. Tel: 216 9006.

FOLLOW-UP

In the August issue we told you about David Maud and Susan Partridge and their respective competitions. This is what happened:

David Maud came **SECOND** (by a quarter of a mark) in the National Costa (franchise) Competition. He recently went to London to compete against 14 others from around the country. He took great pleasure in knowing that his signature drink (coffee, orange and cream) achieved the highest marks from the four judges. Well done David! He can now be found keeping his hand in at the Headingley branch of Costa on a Saturday, between 10am and 4pm. It is just 150 metres from his Hall of Residence, how handy!



Susan Partridge came 16th in the European Athletics Championships in Barcelona – having run the marathon in 2hrs 39mins. We should add that the temperature was 32 degrees! Particularly pleasing was the fact that the first three British girls secured the Bronze Medal for the team event..... Well done the British girls!

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

Britain may have had rationing and shortage of food during the war and the years that followed – but none starved. This is testament to the work carried out by the Women's Land Army.

I saw a Land Girl working,
Alone in an open field.
Her hard, once elegant hands,
A stalwart hoe did wield.
Her back was bent as she slew the weeds,
That spoiled the potatoes' growth;
She never wilted, she never paused,
She had taken her silent oath.

At last the day was nearly done,
The sun was sinking low;
She gathered up her jacket,
Then slowly cleaned her hoe.
She passed the chair where I sat,
(I am feeble in body and sight),
She smiled at me as she said,
"Been hot today. Good night."

We hear the valiant deeds of our
Men in "ferrin parts",
Deeds which bring the tears to our eyes
A glow a pride to our hearts.
But when the war is over and
Peace at last restored,
I shall always remember
The Land Girl
Who made her hoe her sword.

Supplied by Mildred Butterworth

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

There is someone called Santa, well, that is what I've heard
But he doesn't come here, we're in the Third World.
He visits children, with presents for Christmas Day
All over the land – that's what people say.

And the children write letters saying just what they'd like,
A doll or an engine, a teddy, a bike.
And I've heard that they get what they asked for – and more.
I guess that this Santa must have a large store.

These are the stories that have been handed down,
But I'm in the Third World and he's never been round.
Then only last year a big plane flew in.
It was making a loud noise, a terrible din.

Then a man with something held to his face
Shouted to villagers to meet at this place.
Men and women were there to greet us with smiles,
Their plane was full of boxes – piles upon piles.

They were covered in paper all lovely and bright,
Silver and gold, red, blue and white.
“Do I get a whole box? Is there one there for me?”
Has someone sent us this magic for free?

I hope that I'm not too old to be given
A beautiful box of my own – I'm 11.
I looked round to see how the happy faces glowed,
Bare feet dancing in the muddy road.

And into every outstretched hand a precious box was placed,
The children shouted “Thank you” and home again they raced.
I received my parcel and shed a tear of joy,
As it said upon the label: “For an 11-year-old boy.”

There is someone called Santa – that is what I've heard,
But now I know he's out there, I believe it, every word.

Mrs Betty Richards, Cheshire, via Dorina Overson

The Grove Tots and Tykes

present the third

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Thursday 11th November

Viewing from 7pm

Auction from 7.30pm



Entrance 50p

to include non-alcoholic mulled wine and a mince pie

Offers of promises, or items to be auctioned, to:

Allison Maud (Tel. 0113 293 8458)

Julie Pallister (Tel. 0113 284 3358)

**The last auction had well over 100 lots and we look forward to
your support again.**

Could you offer your skill or time?

**Do you have business contacts who could donate
an item or a voucher?**

**PLEASE START THINKING NOW....
AND COME ALONG WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON THE NIGHT.**

All proceeds go to Church funds.

TELL OUT - WHAT ! ?

*Well, you might not read this if it was headed
"The work of the Publicity Team at Grove " !!!*

WHO? Christopher Seller, Carole Abel, Jeanette Speight, John Ashby, Andy Longstaff, Jean Orton.

WHAT? Events at Grove, sometimes to the General Public, always to our own folk, and Circuit and District.

WHY? To persuade folk to come to our events because we are proud (can we say that!) to present performances and occasions which we believe will have a general appeal. We want to get people to come to our Church and Centre to see what we do, and perhaps to find out more about what we stand for. We also need to raise funds to help maintain our buildings and worship. Finally we try to avoid clashes of important events in the Circuit.

WHERE? Local Methodists, District Synod, Circuit Diary, Grove Web Site, Grove Vine, Grove Bulletin, Grove notice boards.

Press: Daily - Yorkshire Post/Evening Post: Bradford T and A.

Weekly - Wharfe Valley Times: Wharfedale & Airedale Observer.

Monthly - North Leeds Life, Dalesman.

Broadcasting: BBC Radio Leeds, Radio Aire, Classic FM, BBC Look North, ITV Calendar.

Posters: Locally, Church Notice Boards, internal and external. Leeds Parish Church, Leeds Tourist Board and Leeds College of Music.

Local organizations: Horsforth Forum, Recorded Music society, Leeds Organists Association, Wesley Singers, Horsforth Choral Society, Horsforth Civic Society, Horsforth Library, and especially local shops in Town St, Station Road and New Road Side.

If you can add to this list or have contacts elsewhere DO let us know.

WHEN? As soon as event is confirmed - posters take time to produce and distribute. Bear in mind that publications need 1 period of publication to insert items - weekly newspapers 1 week before at least, monthly magazines at least 1 month before publication - or more! For example an event in early December needs to be in the November magazine so, should be in the hands of publisher by 30th September.

HOW? Do not be inhibited in doing your own publicity - the team is here, not to supplant, but to support and assist - or to do the lot if you want. And you may have your own contacts which we could use. Please tell us – e.g. the uniformed organisations do their own publicity through Sally Wolfe.

SO, if you are planning an event please speak to a member of the team. Let us tell the world what we are doing. They may like to join in and eventually come to see what we do at Sunday Worship too!

Christopher Seller - Publicity Co-ordinator

DID YOU KNOW IT WAS THERE?

Barden Tower Church

Anyone travelling through Wharfedale will pass the 15th Century ruin of Barden Tower. To the right of the ruin is the Priest's House restaurant.

On one of our summer walks, the Thursday Walking Group had been in the Bolton Abbey area and had decided a cup of tea would finish off the day very nicely. We were in the vicinity of Barden Tower and agreed that this would make a lovely refreshment stop. While there, I spoke to the chef who assured us that our boots would be welcome on the slab floors and that he



would make our drinks for us. During the course of conversation we told him we were connected with the Grove Methodist Church in Horsforth. He asked if we were aware that there was a church (now disused) underneath where we were sitting. A super guided tour ensued and this young man was very enthusiastic about it all. He was able to show us the font and also a longbow that he had unearthed. The church was about half the size of the Grove Centre main hall and with a stone floor. Although very familiar with the area for over 40 years, I had no idea that there was a church there.

Did you know about it? It is well worth asking about on your next visit – if they are not too busy!

Jean Douglas

MISSION TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT 29TH JUNE 2010

As most of you know, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in June 2008. After a hysterectomy and chemotherapy until December 2008, I was invited to a “Road Show” to promote a new cancer charity.

In April 2009 I went to the Road Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Leeds to be introduced to “TARGET OVARIAN CANCER”. The aims of the Charity are:

- to raise awareness of symptoms
- to highlight lateness of diagnosis
- to highlight low survival rates and
- to highlight underfunding for research and new drug development.

I took part in a “Pathfinder Study” questionnaire which helped Target Ovarian to pinpoint areas where they could be pro-active. One of the main areas being to raise symptom awareness, especially with GPs and primary health workers.

In October 2009 I was asked if I would be one of the “faces” for a new guide for women recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer. This resource was published in April of this year and has been very well received by GPs and nursing specialists. Above all it has been well received by the patients as it deals with the emotional side of diagnosis.

Target Ovarian Cancer decided to lobby for an All Party Parliamentary Committee. It hosted a reception on 29th June in a Members’ Dining Room. Paul and I went on the train (thanks to senior railcards) and arrived at 3.30pm. We had to go through security and unfortunately no photography allowed. Our new MP, Stuart Andrew was there to greet us. Drinks and nibbles were served and we were introduced to some of the major donors, oncologists and nurse specialists. The MPs arrived and, after speeches, I had a good chat with Stuart. We then had our photo taken together and mingled before Stuart took us for a drink on the terrace overlooking the Thames. It was a beautiful evening.

As a result of this reception we do now have an All Party Parliamentary Committee for Ovarian Cancer to lobby for our cause – a great success. We also have had local newspaper coverage in the Yorkshire Post and the Wharfe Valley Times – all helping to raise awareness.

Paul and I are very appreciative of the great support that we have received and continue to receive from the Grove. My philosophy is:

“life is for living”

Although I cannot run a marathon, I can talk!

Chris Shagouri

Chris let us have sight of the excellent publications from this charity. There is a well written guide for MPs headed “How can you help save the lives of up to 400 women a year”. Even better, another booklet “What happens next” as a guide for those recently diagnosed. Beautifully written and with heartwarming photographs of Chris, Paul and others.

Further information can be obtained from Target Ovarian Cancer on 020 7923 5470 or www.targetovarian.org.uk

The Narthex Carboy

We appeal for your generous support during October and November by putting your loose change into the Carboy in the Narthex – for urgently needed funds for **Oxford Place Children’s Centre**.

“Yes,” boasted the woman to the visiting American priest, “my family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror”.

“I suppose,” said the American, “you will be telling me next that your ancestors were in the Ark with Noah”.

“Certainly not! My people had a boat of their own”.

Carole Abel

SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

On July 4th 2010 there was a special concert of choral and organ music at Leeds Parish Church. This was to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Samuel Sebastian Wesley's birth on 14th August 1810.



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A chance “tuning in” to Radio 3 on 16th August meant that I picked up on the fact that he was “Composer of the week”. It relayed some interesting facts about a man who would be called a “colourful character” in any age!

Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born the illegitimate son of Samuel Wesley and Sarah Suter. As such, he was grandson of Charles Wesley. His middle name came about because of his father's obsession with the music of Bach.

At the age of 10 he became a chorister at the Chapel Royal and six years later was organist at three London churches before becoming organist at Hereford Cathedral in 1832. The radio programme revealed that he was provided with a house and a salary of £52 a year. He complained, it seems, that the choir was unbalanced (not enough tenors). This complaining appeared to set a pattern for the future because he was later considered an inconsistent and irascible character who frequently abandoned his Sunday duties to visit the nearest river for fishing! His career spanned many churches and cathedrals, such as Exeter, Winchester and Gloucester, together with Leeds Parish Church (hence the celebratory events). Unfortunately he seemed to have resigned from most posts under circumstances relating to his “neglect of duties and outspoken views”.

Despite these blemishes he was much admired as a musician by the likes of Gounod, Parry and Elgar and he developed a reputation as the finest church organist of his age. He left a considerable volume of works and some occasional items such as his piano waltz. He was the first organist in England to insist on the provision of a full pedal-board. One of his best known pieces is the famous “The Church's One Foundation”.

Gordon Mellor

LADIES GROUP

Meetings in the Small Hall at 7.30pm

October 7 th	Nicola Down	Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained
October 21 st	Joyce Bithray	African Safari
November 4 th	Jocelyn Brooks	My Box of Treasures

EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2010

Saturday 9 th 6pm & 8pm	“GANG SHOW” presented by members of the Scout and Guide sections. Adults £4.50 Concessions £3.50. Tickets from Sally Wolfe. Tel: 258 7251
Sunday 24 th 3pm	Grove International Concert Season Simon Lindley – Master of Music at Leeds Parish Church Tickets from Chris Seller. Tel: 258 2662

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Thursday 11 th 7pm	Grove Tots & Tykes Auction of Promises in Grove Centre (please see additional article, page 11, in the Vine)
Saturday 13 th 7.30pm	Grove Concert Season – West Riding Opera Director Martin Binks. Tickets: Chris Seller. Tel: 258 2662

At a recent Church Life Committee it was agreed that “Forthcoming Events” would be the main focus of this item. So, could you please let me have any dates for November and December by **Tuesday 26th October** for inclusion in the November Vine.

Tel: 258 6316 or email: patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com.

AUDIO BOOKS

Andy Walker has acquired a number of Audio Books in Tape and CD format and he says that he is willing to share them with you. Seems like a good idea – so if you would like to participate, speak to Andy or Tel: 07988 650102.

The titles are:

Tapes

The Plymouth Express –	Agatha Christie
The Blue Geranium –	Agatha Christie
The Seven Dials Mystery –	Agatha Christie
The Unbreakable Alibi –	Agatha Christie
On the Edge –	Jenny Pitman
Night Frost -	R D Wingfield
Winter Frost -	R D Wingfield
Plough the Furrow -	Margaret Dickinson
The Speaker of Mandarin -	Ruth Rendell
The Third Twin -	Ken Follett
Roverandom -	J R R Tolkein
High Society -	Ben Elton
A Death Divided -	Clare Francis
Wycliffe and the House of Fear -	W J Burley

CDs

They Came to Baghdad -	Agatha Christie
Black Coffee -	Agatha Christie
Plough the Furrow -	Margaret Dickinson
Captain Corelli's Mandolin -	Louis de Bernieres
Chocolat -	Joanne Harris

Leeds Methodist Women's Luncheon Club

We have been asked to help promote this Club increase its Membership. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday in each month from October to May at 12pm in the Devonshire Hall, Cumberland Road, Headingley. There is a 3 course meal followed by a speaker on a topic of interest. Further details from: Mrs S Maude, Tel: 257 9381.

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
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We have also been advised of the following:

Thursday 18th November at Morley Methodist Church (10.30-3.00pm)

“Biblefresh – an opportunity for mission?”

Keynote Speaker Rob Cotton

Contact: Bev Hollings 01924 826 130, email: beverly.hollings@virgin.net

**Friday 19th (7.30pm) “Expository Preaching: Why and How”
and Saturday 20th November (10.00am)**

**“A Gallop through Colossians” Rev Martin Turner
at Knaresborough Gracious Street Methodist Church**

Contact: Rev Brian Hoare 01423 860 750, email: brianhoare@sky.com

Items for next month’s magazine should be submitted to Philip and Gill by 27th October. Please include dates up to 7th November. Email would be appreciated!

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