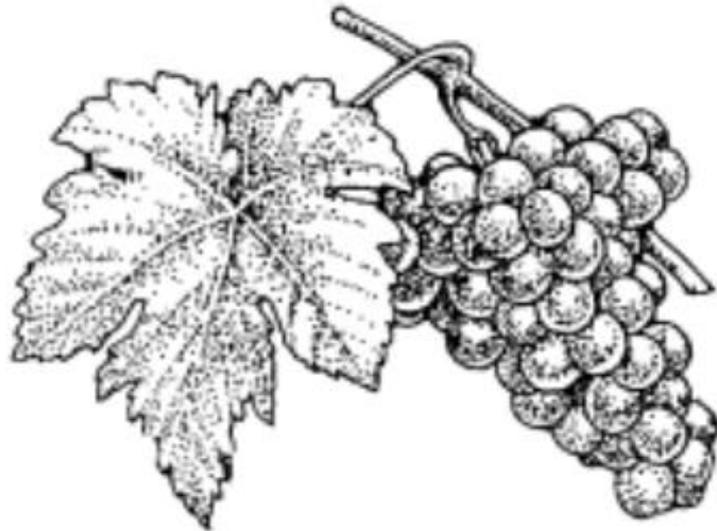


# **GROVE VINE**

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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 0654
- 7.45 Scouts 228 7047
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.00-12.00 and 12.00-3.00 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**

- 9.00-12.00 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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## How's the weather looking?

As I type, the grass in the field is green and the traffic on the roundabout is moving freely. The forecast tells a different story for 48 hours from now. I wonder how it will be when you read this.

Prophecy is rather like weather forecasting. The forecaster collects data and analyses it, sees what is coming and makes the forecast long before the cold front crosses the horizon. Ignoring the forecast does us no good whatsoever, and no matter how often we may chide them for their occasional inaccuracies, it is daft arguing when your path is two feet deep in the white stuff.

The prophet looks at the world and analyses it in the light of the wisdom God gives them, sees what is coming, and makes the forecast long before trouble is evident. Ignoring the prophet does no good whatever, no matter how we may wish to chide them for the length of time for prophetic fulfilment. It is daft arguing when we are up to our necks in trouble.

I wonder how it will be when you read this.

We are in trouble, and I can only believe that it is going to get worse. Some of the people of Horsforth will find their friends, their families, even themselves, without work and facing property repossessions. There are some for whom the New Year brings only fear.

We are a people of hope and of new possibilities. We worship the God of second chances and resurrections. We have a message that we have to share with folk who are and will be bewildered and in pain. The message is not one of the far future and the hope of heaven, but is of the here and now, of sharing and compassion, of support and of understanding, of solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable.

If ever there was a message to a world in the grip of a cold snap, it is that of Christ.

How's the weather look to you?

*Rev Ali Jones*

## From the Editorial Group

*Our Greetings for a happy and peaceful New Year*

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## Sunday Services in January

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Mr. S Barber
	6.00	United Service at Central
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Covenant Service
	6.00	United Service at Central
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. David Hall – Church Anniversary
	6.00	Rev. David Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Mrs Susan Hogarth
	6.00	Circuit Service at Trinity
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Mr John Connor
	6.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Taize Service
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Family Parade
	6.30	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.

## Winter Services

Please note that Thursday lunchtime and Sunday evening services at the Grove during the months of January, February and March 2011 will be held in the Centre Small Hall.

But note that the 6.00pm Service on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011 which is the Church Anniversary Service will be held in Church.

## Church Family News

**Please remember in your prayers:** Pat Blackah, Poppy Busfield, Tony Emmott, Cynthia Hatton, Wilf Hoyle, Robert Lawson, Stan Ramsden, Chris Seller, Kath Taylor, Chris Shagouri and Eileen Stones; 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.

Jonathan Pendlebury ( Church member and ex 9<sup>th</sup> Scout ) and his wife Biljana had a baby boy on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

He is called Jordje (George) a brother for Emma, and they all currently live in Belgrade. (Serbia). Love and best wishes to them all.

Thank you very much from Carol Hoyle to all those who gave a shoebox for The Samaritan's Purse Charity – there were 78 from the Grove and 47 from Westbrook Lane Primary School making 125 in total (as it happens it was the same as last year).

Their destination is probably Afghanistan but Carol has no confirmation yet.

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At the beginning of a New Year we ought to

Look backward with gratitude.

Look onward with hope.

Look upward with confidence.

*Author Unknown*

## Stewards on duty

Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andy Walker Betty West	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Abel Kathryn Bussey
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Mellor Betty West	Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay Bassett Carole Abel
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	Betty West David Buckley		

## Flower Rota for January



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr & Mrs P Boyes & Mr & Mrs W Kemp
9 <sup>th</sup>	Miss H Watkins & Mrs D Maud
16 <sup>th</sup>	Misses Mathers & Mrs V O'Hara
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs M Heaton & Mrs E Hudson
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs E Whiteley, Mr & Mrs B Ball & Mr & Mrs J A Emmott



## Grove International Concert Season

The next Concert in our international series is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. It is to be given by our own Elizabeth and Richard Kenwood Herriot, the Kenwood-Herriott Duo, in celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Richard and Liz do so much to enhance the musical life of the Grove Church; we are so lucky to have such amazing talent in our midst. Please show your appreciation by coming to support them on the not-to-be-missed occasion. Admission is £5 to each concert at the door or from Chris Seller, 21a West End Lane, Tel: 258 2662.

NB You are advised that tickets for the Craig Ogden Concert in May are selling well and you should make sure of your ticket early. See Chris.

## What does a Church Steward do?

Someone has to open up the church and count the collection for every church service. A steward or two will be on duty every time that happens! For many of us that is the slightly onerous bit of the job and for those of us whose arithmetic is a bit rusty it can be quite challenging. However, we work with a highly committed and talented congregation. Finance stewards and property committee are always there for support and guidance in those tasks.

Teamwork in any church is vital and we are well blessed at The Grove with plenty of that. Every Act of Worship requires detailed preparation from the preacher, the organist, choir, operators of technical systems, door and pew stewards. The church steward must ensure that all these aspects are in place.

Vital though these details are, the role is much wider than ensuring that practicalities are catered for. As **Methodists** we have a **Methodical** approach to the outworking of our Christian discipleship and we have detailed guidance in a “green book” entitled, “The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church” :

The church stewards are corporately responsible with the minister to the local church for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church's life and activity.

It is their responsibility to uphold and act upon the decisions and policies of the Church Council.

They are encouraged wherever possible to draw other members and skills into a leadership team to be appointed by the church council.

So... leadership, for what purpose?

**“To respond to the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship, service and mission”**

This is the summary of our Mission Statement that we created as a Church on our Vision Day.

You will find it in the Narthex, along with the stewards' names and photos.

You will also find it on the front cover of every issue of The Vine.

As church stewards our role is to recognise and coordinate the wealth of goodwill and expertise across groups and individuals who are living in response to this incredible Gospel of Love in Jesus Christ. *Janette Mawson*

## **News from the Solomon Islands**

It is several months since we gave an update of news from Jenny and Graham Longbottom (ex-Woodside) at the Helena Goldie Hospital. Their blog is available on the Methodist Leeds District website and you can also catch up on their past news.

Along with the usual medical crises and emergencies they have experienced staff marriages and changes. A new hospital secretary, Soraya, was welcomed in November. She comes from the area and speaks the local language and is known by local people. She is very keen to be of use working on some of the problems that have arisen recently.

Jenny and Graham are involved in interviewing for two more tutors in the new College of Nursing and staff at the College have also been busy recently, selecting students for entry in February 2011.

Jenny has been on the final medical tour of 2010 to New Georgia. A recent survey suggested a very poor uptake of family planning, so next year they think that they will need to reschedule the touring with one team seeing patients and the other concentrating on health education and family planning, also supervising nurses in the clinics. Working at the community level is now a World Health Organisation priority, encouraging and empowering people to become involved in their own health care.

The end of November saw a family visit of Jenny's parents, brother and daughter Clare who enjoyed snorkeling. The visitors managed to combine work in one of the hospital houses with trips out and also sharing in the usual community events. Perhaps the highlight of their time here was a trip in the hospital canoe to Tetepare - the largest uninhabited tropical island. Jenny and Graham managed to combine hospital work and time with the family..

Their Indian colleagues Drs. Dina & Zotei have gone on leave so Jenny and Graham will be even busier. With the holiday season rapidly approaching staff shortages continue to be a problem, but Munda should become more peaceful as people return to their family homes on other islands.

*Gill Jewell (taken from the Longbottom's Blog online)*

## Modern Hymn Writers - Series 2

### ALAN GAUNT

I was in South Cliff Methodist Church, Scarborough, one Sunday morning not long after our present hymn book came into use. They were robed (I think), as our choir is. But the sight didn't give me great hopes for the sound they would make. How wrong I was. Especially when they sang, as an anthem, the hymn 'We pray for peace' (413 in Hymns and Psalms). I had not heard it before. I have never forgotten it, though over the last 27 years I have rarely heard it sung, nor has it appeared very often at the Grove.

The impression was through a combination of words and music. In looking through hymns in the book which I don't know, I have been surprised how empty they seem, unless married to an appropriate tune. I know the problem of singing a hymn just because the tune is good and the meaning of the words is secondary. But the role of the music is still considerable, in adding sense and space.

This applies to this hymn. The words by Alan Gaunt, were intended to be sung to the tune Hurstmonceux, written much earlier by Ebenezer Prout. (A wonderful name! All past singers of Messiah have copies which he edited, now lying unused after other editions have taken over. There are some great ditties which musicians use involving his name.) He held prestigious musical teaching posts, but most of his compositions are now forgotten. This tune continues, however, and was written some sixty years before another of Congregational stock used it to accompany his hymn on peace.

Alan Gaunt has produced a fine meditation. The hymn refers to false models of peace and there have been many of these over the centuries. There were 'those who made life a desert and called it peace', who tried to take away desires and feeling and pain, imagining that this would mean peace. A negative peace. True peace, as in the hymn, is very positive. Jews say 'Shalom', a rich word involving the totality of life, personal wellbeing in a harmonious community. That is the idea underlying the hymn. There is also a verse on the sacrament of communion and one on the peace pronounced by the risen Christ.

Alan Gaunt has only one other hymn in our book, number 532, but he has

been a prolific writer and president of the Hymn Society. He first wrote biblically based prayers, and then poetry, but was slower to bring his hymns before the public. He had alternating periods of poetry and hymn writing, feeling that they could not be done together. That's something new to me, though I realize that some poetry is so profound and condensed that to sing it is very difficult. There are some poems in our book (say by George Herbert) which only just manage, in my view, to be singable. So it looks as though a poet needs to change his hat to write a hymn!

I like hymns to go at a fair pace. But this one needs to be steady, thoughtful - at peace.

*Peter Reasbeck*

## **God Knows**

How many of you, I wonder, have heard of Minnie Louise Haskins? Minnie was born, the eldest of four daughters, to a potter Joseph who at the time was working as a grocer in Gloucestershire, and his wife Louisa in 1875. By the time she was five years old the family had moved to Warmley House in Bristol and Joseph owned a pottery company. Minnie attended the local Congregational Church and became a Sunday School teacher, led a women's Bible class and was the founder of the Christian Endeavour Group there. She also worked as a potter in the family business. Minnie was obviously very bright. She wrote poetry, privately publishing three collections (1908, 1928 and 1932). Her most well known poem 'God Knows' was in the earliest volume.

In 1918-20 Minnie studied at the London School of Economics, obtaining a certificate in social science and a diploma in sociology with distinction in philosophy at the age of 45! She never married but for the rest of her professional life worked as a tutor in L.S.E. retiring in 1944 at the age of 69.

In 1939 just after the outbreak of war King George VI gave the annual Christmas broadcast closing with the words

"I said to the man, who stood  
at the gate of the year  
'Give me a light that I may  
tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied ‘Go out into the  
darkness and put your hand into  
the hand of God. That shall be to  
you better than light and safer than a known Way.’  
So I went forth, and finding the  
Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.”

Minnie did not hear the broadcast but heard someone reading a shortened account of it from a newspaper and thought she recognised the words before realising they were her own! Queen Elizabeth (our present Queen’s mother) had received the now famous words in a Christmas card and handed a copy of them to the King. Minnie was astounded! All succeeding royalties went to charity. In 1951, Festival of Britain year, Minnie was invited back to Bristol to unveil a plaque on the wall of Warmley House to commemorate the poem. [It is, apparently, still there although the house is now a nursing home.]

When the King died in 1952 he was buried at Windsor Castle and a commemorative stained glass window bears the words at the bottom. When the Queen Mother died in 2002 the words were read out at her funeral.

The poem is a long one, which critics agree does not carry the same stature as those first few well known lines.

*Gill Jewell*



## **Oxford Place Children’s Centre**

At the service on December 15<sup>th</sup> Carole Abel presented Deacon Jenny Jones with £70 which was the result of the Charity collection in the Narthex in October/ November. This was in addition to the £70 raised to sponsor Lucy Salter in the Abbey Dash in November. Another cheque for £50 was sent from the Tuesday Coffee Morning.

The Stall at Oxford Place at the end of November raised £386.

The Children’s Centre is very grateful for your ongoing support of their work.

**This poem was published in 1850 and still relevant today:**

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more,  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

*Alfred Lord Tennyson*

## Blast from the Past !!

I have just received an e-mail from Bob Stansfield, who was in the 9<sup>th</sup> Scouts from 1937 (Cubs) until the late 1940's.

He says that the articles about Scouting at the Grove brought the memories flooding back: He says “Was the trek cart, now a museum piece, the same one we used to haul up Scotland Lane, down to Otley and then up the other side of the valley to a camp site, singing on the way –

We are the boys of the 9<sup>th</sup> Airedale  
Some are strong and some are frail,  
Tall or tiny, fat or thin  
Whatever we are we all can sing-

So early in the morning, so early in the morning, so early in the morning  
before the break of day.

It was also as a 9<sup>th</sup> Airedale Scout that I went to the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg in 1947.”

He also mentions that he recognises names that have been mentioned in other articles, like John Maud, Jack Myers, Nancy and Christine Mathers.

I can remember Bob (although he is a lot older than me !) and I wonder if there are more ex 9<sup>th</sup> Airedale Scouts out there who would like to share their memories with us all ? Maybe we can get a regular Scout News page in our magazine ?

*Philip Abel*

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For a New Year:

A new life begins for us with every second. Let us go forward joyously to meet it. We must press on, whether we will or no, and we shall walk better with our eyes before us than with them ever cast behind.

*Jerome K. Jerome*

## Forthcoming Events - January 2011

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> AGM of Horsforth Churches Together 7.30 pm  
Woodside Methodist Church
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 12.30 pm Service at Grove, followed by soup  
6.30 pm Service at St James
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.00 pm Circuit Service at Trinity to mark the Week
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Grove International Concert Season at 7.30 pm.  
Kenwood-Herriott Duo - 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert

## Forthcoming Events - February

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm SCOUT PANTOMIME  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm "In Stitches" – at The Grove Centre  
Saturday Matinee 3pm Tickets from Eric Douglass Tel: 2585519  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Adults £4 Concessions £3

Could you please let me have any Special Event dates for February and March by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January for inclusion in the February Vine.  
Tel: 2586316 or email: [patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com](mailto:patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com).

## **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 258 2648

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

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To reveal your feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To hope is to risk disappointment.

But risks must be taken because the greatest risk in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, sees nothing, has nothing and  
is nothing.

He cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love and live.

Chained by his certitude he is a slave.

He has forfeited his freedom.

Only a person who risks is free.

*Janet Rand*

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary and Margaret by 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please include dates up 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Email would be appreciated!

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