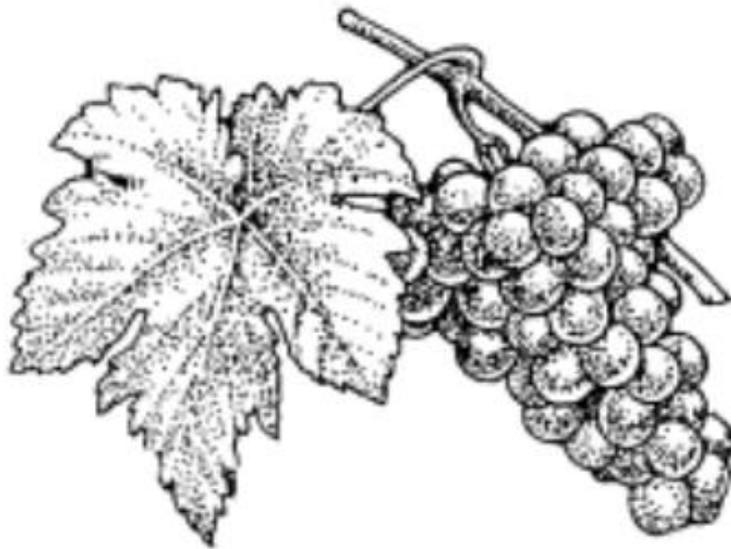


GROVE VINE

**The Magazine of
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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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HOW MUCH WEATHER DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A CLIMATE?

That was the question I asked Tim, my step-son, who works for the relevant government department. About thirty years, he replied, thirty years of a significantly changed average.

So don't look for anyone saying that we have a changed climate on the strength of a few cold winters, at least not with certainty and authority.

Yet that, or something similar, is what we all tend to do. Our recent experiences come to overwhelm the overall balance of our past, and we see change where there is none or exaggerate the change there is.

What do I mean? Well, as an example, does Britain experience more violence now than in the past?

Which past? The 1950s? 1939 – 1945? The Civil War years?

It all depends on where you set your baseline.

Whenever I hear people bemoaning the 'decline in church attendance', I feel the need to ask, by comparison with what? With an era when the church was your main chance of entertainment on a Sunday, and the kids were sent to Sunday School so their parents could have some peace and quiet?

With the Elizabethan time when not attending was one step from a fine and a hint of treason?

With the days of St. Alban, with a few families not daring to speak their love for Christ aloud?

While on holiday I attended two VERY different churches with VERY different styles of worship. Neither of them would have suited me in the long run, but the many folk attending them testified to a church that is not 'in decline', but is inhabited by devout people with powerful faith.

Just like the people of Horsforth.

Is 'church attendance in decline'? Possibly, depending on where you **want** to set your baseline.

Is *the church* in decline? Not from where I am sitting. The church is quite simply the people of God. We are still here, and a whole lot more of us than in St. Alban's day. The church then grew to fill this country with places of worship, with the fruits of good works and with a myriad lives of joy.

Where you see yourself going depends entirely on where you want to set your baseline.

Do you want to worry about the weather, or do you want to be part of the climate change of God?

God bless,

Rev Ali Jones

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From the Editorial Group

We have an open door for your interesting articles and reports.

Please note that the editorial teams alternate.....so, the March issue will be prepared by Philip and Gill and you should send items to them by 23rd February.

Items for April can be sent to Gordon, Mary or Margaret....etc.

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Flower Rota for February

- 6th Mr & Mrs P Harding and Mrs A Blackburn
- 13th Mrs J Douglas, Mrs B Carter and Mr J Myers
- 20th Mrs M Towler and Miss T Marshall and
Mr and Mrs P Abel
- 27th Mrs E Lambert and Mrs M Wilks

Situations Vacant

In the December Issue we asked for volunteers for various jobs within the Church. We have not been overwhelmed with offers – so we appeal again to ask if YOU feel that you can offer to help with: **Bible Readers; Porch Duty; Power Point; Pew Rota; Transport and Webmaster.**

If you feel able, please see any Steward.

Sunday Services in February

6 th	9.00	Rev. Ali Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
13 th	10.30	Ms Alison Ward (Emmaus Project)/Mr Peter Mawson - Mission in Britain Sunday
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
20 th	10.30	Mrs. Kay Nichols
	6.00	United Service at Central
27 th	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones
	6.00	Circuit Service at Farsley Community Church

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: Pat Blackah, Poppy Busfield, Tony Emmott, Cynthia Hatton, Wilf Hoyle, Robert Lawson, Jack Myers, Stan Ramsden, 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.

Many people will have been moved by reports on the health of little Gabriella Filarowski who lives in Horsforth. She is well and happy after her heart transplant and many hospital admissions. Her parents wish to thank members of the Grove for their thoughts and prayers.

Stewards on Duty

Feb 6 th	Kathryn Bussey Andy Walker	Feb 13 th	David Buckley Gordon Mellor
Feb 20 th	Carole Abel Kay Bassett	Feb 27 th	Andy Walker Kathryn Bussey

OH YES IT IS!!



It is almost that time of year when everyone has the opportunity to be “In Stitches” the new Pantomime from the 9th Airedale Scout Group.

Performances are on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday 24th – 26th February** in the **Grove Centre**. The show begins at **7.30pm** and on **Saturday 26th February** there is also a **matinee at 3.00pm**.

Tickets are on sale in the Centre after the Parade Service on **6th February** and thereafter from **Eric** at Church or by Tel: 0113 258 5519.

We are pleased that we have been able to keep the cost of tickets to **£4** and **£3** for concessions – last year’s prices!

We all look forward to you joining us.

Eric Douglass

We are very grateful to Waite & Co. Estate Agents, for their generous sponsorship of our Pantomime.

THE THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

This meeting was originally started by Anne Blackburn and then, over time, became a Lent Study group evolving then into a regular Thursday meeting.

In common with other groups we met as a house fellowship and then went up to Church for the mid-week service. A decision was then made to transfer the meeting to the minister's vestry at the Church and in retrospect, considering the adverse weather this winter, what a wise decision that was.

We have had some very interesting topics for discussion and have just finished our last study which was one of the York Courses. This was a C.D of a series of talks by Dr. John Polkinghorne about "Science and Christian" Faith. Our next study will be on a series of "Saturday Sermons" by H.J.Hammerton that were featured in the Yorkshire Post.

The meeting starts at 11am with a "warm up coffee", we continue then in study and discussion of the study for approximately an hour. We are not a group of "intellectuals" but a group endeavouring to seek and discuss subjects that will assist and enhance our understanding of our Christian discipleship.

Attendance at the 12.30 mid week service is not an obligatory part of joining the fellowship group and some cannot manage to stay. But, as always at the Grove, there is a welcome to join the worshippers. After the service there are hot drinks available in the small hall and some bring a sandwich with them for a snack lunch.

We would welcome new members at any of our meetings and hope that some of you will be able to join us, even if only occasionally. In this way we will get the various opinions and outlooks that will enhance our own development as Christians and the development and outreach of our Church.

Margaret Bosomworth

BUT JESUS SHONE THROUGH!



When I was at school in my teens, I wanted two things:

1. To become a vicar
2. To see Jerusalem

Well, the Vicar of Dibley hadn't been invented then and the C of E would have thrown up its hands in horror at the thought of female clergy, so the first ambition was a non starter.

The other one however remained with me, but circumstances and money made it impossible until last October. So, some fifty years later, I made it!

Before I went, I was suddenly scared. People kept saying aren't you excited, but no, I was scared. Why? I was frightened to have my faith challenged; frightened that when I got there I would look around and wonder what it was all about.

It didn't happen. Everything I saw was a reinforcement of everything I believed. Jesus became real. I walked where He had walked. I prayed where He and the disciples had prayed.

Stories from the bible unfolded before me and pages from a book I had known since childhood became alive! Jerusalem was war torn then, it is now, bristling with machine guns and checkpoints.

Jesus battled the factions of power and hypocrisy in the synagogue. Today, Christian churches squabble childishly for supremacy.

BUT JESUS SHONE THROUGH!

We prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, tucked away from the noise and clamour of Jerusalem and we knew why Jesus went there for quiet meditation. We stood at the top of the steps of Caiaphas' palace, where Peter denied and Jesus was led away to die and we felt the agony as we followed in their footsteps.

Then.....there was Galilee. Buildings change but the sea and the hills are timeless and as we sat silent in the middle of the sea we knew that we were seeing the same view as Jesus and the disciples. In the heat and dust of the wilderness and what a wilderness it is, our feet ached and the heat parched our throats and He was there.

When we took bread and wine close to the spot where Jesus told Peter “Feed my sheep” we knew that the message was for us too.

I will probably never go again, but if I don't that is enough. It changed me, it enlarged me and when I pick up a bible or prepare for a service, I am there again. I waited 50 years, but it was worth every moment of the wait.

If anyone would like to know more of our travels, please join us for a Wednesday break in the small hall on 9th March at 7.30pm when Peter, Janette, Lizzie and myself will take you there.

Judi Swales

Pilgrimage to Israel 2012

The Rev'd Marian Jones is currently organising a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land between the 24th April and the 3rd May 2012.

Please contact Marian directly or Janette Mawson for further details:

Marian Jones - Tel: 0197 8810292 email marian.jones@methodist.org.uk
Janette Mawson – Tel: 0113 2503264

THE GROVE AND ITS FINANCES

The Church Council approved a 3 point approach to increasing our income and we are very grateful for the generous response, so far. The letter sent to every Member and the suggestion that Groups within the Church can respond to a “financial challenge” has given us an encouraging start.

The third wish is for your further generosity when we hold our **GIFT DAY** on **Saturday 5th March**. Please come along and join us for coffee and a chat in the **Small Hall – between 10am and 1pm**. We are making real efforts to balance the books – and on the other side, we have taken measures to reduce expenditure. An example of this can be found in Alan's article on page 14.

Gordon Mellor

THE GROVE IS TO HANDWRITE THE GOSPEL OF MARK!

In November and December articles in Grove Vine warned us that this year is the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the Bible. 2011 has arrived and with it the time to act!

The 2009 Methodist Conference designated 2011 as 'The Year of the Bible' because of its significance in Bible history. The Conference challenged Districts, Circuits and churches to raise general levels of awareness and engagement with the Bible. The Grove has accepted the challenge and in February and March intends to hand write Mark's Gospel verse by verse. There are 678 verses in the Gospel and we only have 194 members (though there are 506 of us on the Community Roll!) so we have a real challenge ahead and one that involves everybody.

Why bother? There's no greater critic of Christianity than Professor Richard Dawkins, Oxford academic and author. Even he admits the worth of refreshing our views of the Bible, "We are a Christian culture, we come from a Christian culture and not to know the King James Bible, is to be in some way, barbarian. ... It is important to know that the Bible is part of our heritage." If an arch sceptic is saying that, then it must be good to celebrate the vital role that the Bible has played on the development of the history, language and literature of the English-speaking world.

In 2007 over 10,000 people across Northern Ireland took part over a period of 18 months in creating a full copy of the Bible written by hand to mark 200 years of Bible Society history. They found that the project resulted in a fuller appreciation of what is owed to those who first wrote down God's Word. It helped refocus the place of Scripture in personal priorities. And it engendered a feeling of being part of a large, inclusive project that involved everyone – young, old, housebound, Christian and Non-Christian. We may not manage the whole Bible but we can still benefit in collaborating on the production of The Grove Mark's Gospel.

Why Mark? Quite simply, because Mark is recognised by almost all scholars as the earliest written account of all the gospels and, therefore, the first life of Jesus that has come down to us. It is the shortest and most

active of the gospels. The Bishop of Durham describes it as having “the zip and punch of a quick, hasty story that's meant to grab you by the collar and make you face the truth about Jesus, about God, and about yourself.” So it makes exciting reading!

Verses will be distributed for copying in the coming weeks to leaders of any group linked to the Church for distribution to members, at church services for those not members of a group, at coffee mornings etc. for anyone who wants to join in. If you can't find a verse to copy please ask (names below) and don't feel it doesn't concern you because it does!

Our copy of Mark's Gospel will have a difference. It won't stick to one version of the Bible. Each verse writer may choose the translation that they prefer – Authorised, NIV, NRSV, Good News, Contemporary English, whichever is desired. So it should make interesting reading, if not being quite as fluent as copying one translation. Hopefully the Grove edition will be ready for the end of April when it goes on display during our open afternoons as part of Horsforth Churches Together 'Treasure Revealed' event.

Now's the time to make a start by digging out Bibles; deciding on a preferred translation and practising your handwriting. Watch out for more details and happy reading!

*Anne Blackburn,
Bible Society (Leeds Action Group) Secretary
Peter Mawson,
Church Council Secretary*

References: 'Richard Dawkins lends his support to The King James Trust',
19th February 2010 T. Wright, Mark for Everyone, 2002

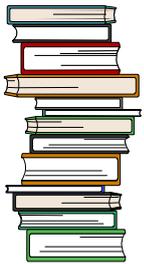
Make sure you protect the young shoots emerging from your lawn in areas where you have planted daffodils, etc. Children and dogs should now be locked in the house until November! (The Accidental Gardener's Almanac)

A CONFESSION

Sitting by the organ last November I committed a sin.
It was the sin of smugness!

Our minister was speaking of looking at another minister's bookshelves and observing the latest book to be bought. This could be taken as a sign of when the minister stopped reading. (Mind you, I would always say that I borrow lots of books from the library.)

I was smug for *I* had bought a book the *previous day*, called: **Begat**.



Now what does that title remind you of? Perhaps something like: Abraham **begat** Isaac, Isaac **begat** Jacob..... Famous lists of names, as in the Authorised Version of the Bible, or the King James' Version, 400 years old this year. (Do we ever use the word 'begat' these days?)

There has been a number of books published in recent months to celebrate this great quartercentenary, but 'Begat' concentrates on the well known phrases in common use today originating from this translation of 1611. *All 240 of them.*

It is difficult to be precise, as there are many borderline words and phrases and others claim there are more.

If I sit down and try to recall some, the phrases soon dry up. But if I keep my eyes and ears open when reading or hearing Scripture, I can gradually add to the list – as long as it is the old version - the AV.

There are the obvious ones like:

going the second mile	turning the other cheek
sheep in wolf's clothing	the sun falls on the righteous and unrighteous
thorn in the flesh	pearls before swine

There are the not so obvious ones:

fly in the ointment	reap the whirlwind
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Phrases like these have become part of our common conversation so that claims are made for the AV such as: 'No book has had greater influence on the English language'. Charlton Heston (no less) thought it was 'an enormous force in shaping the development of the English language'. He said this because he had to read it while preparing to play Moses in The Ten Commandments!

And so the author of **Begat** aims to put these claims to the test. My first intention in this article was to list many of the 240 phrases and to show how widespread they are.

But then I questioned why I should spoon-feed our readers.



So here is a two way challenge. In the next few months why not:

1. Observe the phrases used in your conversations and when, say, someone says fight the good fight, ask: is that from the AV?
2. Dust down that old AV at home and use it each day. Make a list as you read of phrases in common use today.

Can anyone find 240?

Peter Reasbeck

*Still to come: How Wycliffe and Tyndale prepared the way
 How can a committee write a book?
 Which modern translation will last 400 years?*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES COLLECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for 'Action for Children'.

Christingle collection	£429.24
Christmas Day collection	<u>£455.85</u>
Total	£885.09

The tax relief from Gift Aid envelopes will yield a further £59.00 so the grand total gift to the Charity is £944.09

This is a wonderful result. My sincere thanks to Tots and Tykes for funding the costs incurred for the Christingle service.

From the end of January 2011 Julie Parmenter will take over as local secretary for Action for Children and I am very pleased and grateful to be handing it on after holding the post for just short of thirty years. Thank you, Julie.

Caroline Turner

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In keeping with the Methodist Church environmental policy, the Grove continues to find practical ways in helping to care for our environment. Not long ago all the lanterns in the church were fitted with bulbs up to 220 watts less in power consumption and replacing other lighting with lower wattage has been a gradual process.

We have also changed to a range of environmentally friendlier cleaning products around the buildings and recycle some of our kitchen waste into the Church compost heap.

Our refuse collection has changed to a `free` service and you will now notice two types of bin dotted around the premises of which one is a green bin. These are for recyclable items only and a list of what can be placed in these bins is attached to each one. These improvements have also meant The Grove has saved money too, as well as caring for our environment, which is excellent news. You can help us maintain this free service by tearing up rubbish to fit better into the bins and considering removing any occasional excessive rubbish from the premises. There are many small ways in which a reduction of the amount of waste we handle can be achieved. For example one small way has been for me to ask my cleaning products supplier not to deliver items in unnecessary boxes and packaging. Some of our hirers have also been asked not to leave packaging associated with their business use and instead to recycle this themselves.

Below is a small extract from the Methodist Church's environmental "caring for the earth" policy. The full policy makes very interesting reading and can be found at this website: <http://www.methodist.org.uk>

- to ensure energy is used efficiently and where possible reduce its use
- to encourage the increased use of renewable energy
- to use water efficiently and with care
- to avoid pollutants entering the drainage system
- to reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- to encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste
- to dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way

Alan Firth, Premises Manager

MOUNTING AN ART EXHIBITION



“Withernsea Seafront”

When David preached at the Grove on 16th January, a chance chat with June revealed that she had held an Exhibition in Leeds. We asked if she could write a piece about it. Unfortunately we cannot reproduce her painting in colour and so don't do justice to what is a vibrant colourful image of Withernsea.

There is a lot of work involved in mounting an Art Exhibition. First of all you need the paintings!!! It took me three years to produce the paintings, twenty all together based on the East Riding of Yorkshire. I use a variety of media - some oils, some gouache and some watercolours.

The paintings each need a title and label with the medium used and price. This takes a long time and stretches your mind to find the suitable words. Labels have to be made to put underneath the appropriate picture once it is hung. The paintings all needed mirror plates and David did them all for me which was a tremendous help.

A gallery space has to be found to show the works, in my case Leeds City Library Art Gallery. It was a three year wait for a space, but it was worth it to see your work displayed in the gallery. The hanging proved a nightmare. The walls were rock hard which caused a big problem and my poor little electric screwdriver could not cope. David had an idea and went off and bought a hammer and some masonry nails. He made a hole by banging a nail in the wall and then we could screw in the nails. It took Simon, David and myself three and a half hours to put them up and forty five minutes to take them down!

June Hall

MODERN HYMN WRITERS

Alan Luff

Alan Luff (born 1928) is a retired Anglican clergyman who served in England and Wales, latterly as precentor of Westminster Abbey. His wife Enid being bilingual he became himself a fluent Welsh speaker. He is a hymnologist of repute having held several positions in the British Hymn Society and been director of the Pratt Green Trust. He has edited a number of modern hymn collections such as *New Songs of Praise*, *Hymns for Sundays and Holy Days* and *Sing God's Glory*, and has also written the definitive book on the place of hymns in Welsh culture, *Welsh Hymns and their Tunes*.

Four of his hymns are to be found in *Hymns and Psalms*. Three of these are canticles using scriptural words: his Whitsun Canticle ('I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh', 292), his Prayer Canticle ('We do not know how to pray as we ought', 545) and a version of Psalm 121 ('I will lift up mine eyes to the hills', 498). These are set to lovely but rather tricky tunes and we would need to ask the Grove choir to help us with them! Hymn 775, however, is a delightfully simple and direct hymn of confession: 'Lord, we your church are deaf and dumb'.

Luff has written many more hymns since *Hymns and Psalms* was published in 1983 and it is to be hoped that some of these will be included in our forthcoming new hymn book. They cover a great variety of subjects (always with a strong Biblical base) as will be seen from their first lines: 'For all your blessing, Father', 'How long, O Lord, how long?', 'Ask and it will be given you', 'They did not build in vain', 'Lord, renew us in love and sacrifice', 'My hope is lost; breathe life upon me'. He has also translated carols from German (one jointly with his wife) and Latin: 'A ship is coming laden', 'O most joyful, O most holy', and 'Come to us, wisdom from on high'.

Probably his best known work is his 'Canticle of Light and Darkness', Perhaps more than any other contemporary hymn-writer he honestly faces the dark side of life.

Albert Jewell

WHAT A TURN UP FOR THE BOOK!

Way, way back, while I was minister at The Grove, I wrote a couple of books about a character I invented called St.Lynas. He was going to be called St.Liness, except at the last minute I discovered that there really was a St.Liness. He was the first Pope after St.Peter, so, a quick alteration!

The book “The Gospel According to St.Lynas” was quite successful and was followed by a shorter sequel “The Acts of St.Lynas”, which in turn was followed a few years later by a short photocopied booklet ‘Eastward in Eden’, which included some St.Lynas stories. Some of you may still have copies of one or other on your shelves.

Then some years later I discovered accidentally that there was a book published in the Czech Republic in 2001 called “Evangelium podle svateho Lynase” by Frank Pagden, which was my “Gospel of Lynas” reprinted by the Carmel monks. They kindly sent me a copy, but even though I wrote the stories I still cannot tell which is which, so impenetrable is the language.

But just before that I had a letter from a lady in St.Petersburg. She had come across The Gospel of Lynas on a visit to Hull, was taken with it, and translating the stories into Russian, had reprinted some of them on the back of devotional pictures which she was circulating round Russia, and did I mind? Of course I wrote back, saying she could go ahead with my blessing, and I was tickled by the very idea. And I also sent her the Acts, and Eastward to fill up the collection. She said she would try to find a Russian publisher. But nothing happened, and as it was ten years ago I’d completely forgotten about it.

And then a few days ago she sent me an e-mail. She had finished translating them all, and had done nothing except circulated them among her friends, but then a little while ago she lent a copy to the Franciscan Monks, who were very enthusiastic about them, and as they have a small publishing house in Moscow, asked if they could reprint them, and would I agree? Of course I agreed, and all I asked was a couple of copies of the final book when it comes out. Well, well, well!

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I am still mystified, however. What is it about such a quintessentially English character as St.Lynas, with such a gentle English sense of humour that appeals so strongly to the Slavic mind? The St Petersburg lady thinks it's because in Russia humour is humour and religion is religion, and ne'er the twain shall meet. Apparently St.Lynas who combines both is quite a novel and revolutionary character!

I look forward to seeing my Russian copy, which will probably be even more impenetrable than the Czech one. The picture of some poor Siberian peasant, marooned in his shack for the length of an arctic winter finding comfort and the odd chuckle in St.Lynas is quite a thought. But as I say - what a turn up for the book!

Frank Pagden

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - FEBRUARY

Mondays in February – Luncheon Club 12.15pm, followed by
Network Women's Fellowship 1.30pm:

- 7th Christmas Dinner and The Two Davids
- 14th Rev. Alistair Jones
- 21st Mr Philip Maud
- 28th Mrs Mary Hart

Thursday 17th "It's Awesome. Wow!" – Rev. Peter Reasbeck
March 3rd Working with Orphans in Uganda – Shirley Crawford
7.45pm Ladies Group (Small Hall)

Sunday 20th "A Ranter's Service" – at Central
6.00pm Part of their Centenary Celebration

March
Saturday 5th **GIFT DAY – 10.00am (Small Hall)**

Saturday 12th Circuit Missionary Banquet at Woodside –
Speaker Rev. Philip Bee
(Tickets Mrs P Bruce Tel: 255 8864)

WARNING ABOUT CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

The Charity Commission News Letter says that they have taken calls on a regular basis from people worried about leaflets purporting to donate money to charity, for clothing left in bags on the doorstep. In some instances the clothing goes to a private business or individual. There are even cases where fraudsters use the name and logo, etc. of genuine charities.....and keep the proceeds. The Commission suggests continuing your gifts but ensuring that there is reference to “Registered Charity” and that it has a charity number. Alternatively contact the charity or the local council (collections have to be licensed) and perhaps best of all, take the bag to the charity shop.

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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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Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Philip and Gill by 23rd February. Please include items up to 3rd April. Email would be appreciated!

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