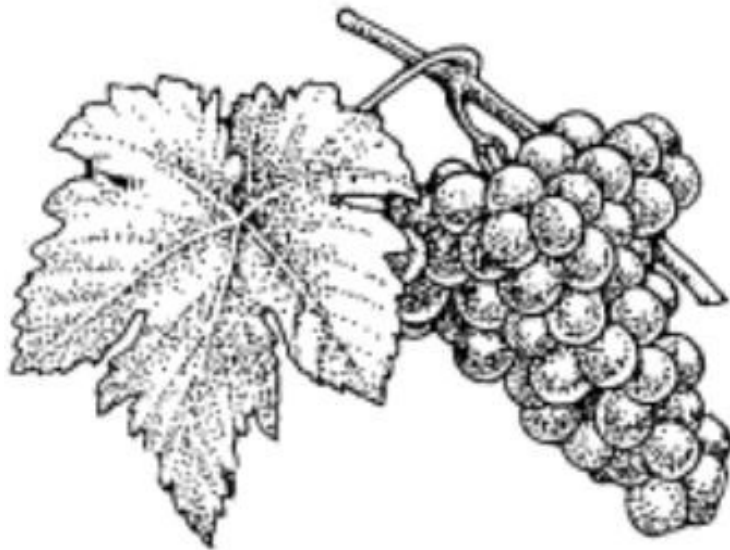


GROVE VINE

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Horsforth, Leeds**

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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)

(Continued on inside back cover)

Wars, and the rumour of wars....

Have you ever noticed how we measure history by way of conflicts?

We speak of the First and Second World wars, and the years between the wars. Why not the Early, Middle and Late 20th Century peaces, with the inter-peace periods? After all, the peace periods were, albeit theoretically, longer than the wars, so why don't they dominate our reckoning?

We focus on the turbulent, the chaotic, the frightening, and the exciting. In between we make action movies to substitute for the real thing.

Look at the way the media have erupted over the rebellions and protests in the Arab world. Suddenly the corruption and oppression under which so many people have been suffering for so long is of interest, rather than being an occasional documentary one does one's best to avoid.

A couple of evenings ago Jenny and I were in the car listening to the news, and a reporter who spoke of people surrounding dead bodies and mourning. "Let's listen to them for a moment".

Why? Few listeners speak Arabic. We all understand the pain of mourning. What was served?

A desire for the horrific, for the frightening, the exciting; that was all.

As we hear and watch the reports, let us pray for the people who live such exciting lives, and thank God that we don't experience such excitement.

Let us pray for the future, that it be full of such a lack of interesting times that the people now in turmoil may know that strange, elusive, creature.

Peace.

Peace be with us all,

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Rev Alistair Jones

O Almighty God, the Father of all humanity, turn, we pray, the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

William Temple (1881-1944)

From the Editorial Group

Thank you for all your articles and notices.

Please note that any events you need to be announced for the following month should be sent directly to the editors for that month. You will find that information on the inside back cover of the Grove Vine each month.

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Sunday Services in March

6 th	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Family/Parade Service
	6.00	United Service at Central
13 th	10.30	Rev. Peter Shilling
	6.00	Rev. Peter Shilling - Circuit Service
20 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
27 th	10.30	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
3 rd April	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy communion
	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Family/Parade Service
	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.

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Pat Blackah, Anne Blackburn, Poppy Busfield, Cynthia Hatton, Wilf Hoyle, Robert Lawson, Doreen Maud, Stan Ramsden, Frank and Gladys Pagden, Chris Shagouri and Eileen Stones; others recently bereaved, friends who are housebound, and those who are caring for loved ones, who all need our prayers and help at this time.

Our Thanks and Congratulations to Beryl and Howard

As you read this Howard Thompson will be celebrating his well earned retirement and Beryl also will, maybe, feel some relief as she hands over the task of editing and printing the weekly information Bulletin on which we rely every Sunday.

Thank you Beryl for your hard work and commitment and we wish you both every happiness as you enjoy freedom from work and so many tying commitments. We know that you are not escaping entirely as you are both continuing and even taking on jobs within the family of the Grove!

Our thanks to Sharon Firth who now takes over the editorial role. Please let Sharon have items for the Bulletin by 5p.m. on Wednesdays at the address on the back of the Bulletin: bulletins@grovemethodist.org.uk Tel: 01132582742, or posted through the letter box in the Church Parlour.

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Flower Rota for March



- 6th Mr C Turner & Mr and Mrs K. Whitham
13th Mrs G Pattison, Mrs A Watt & Mrs W Hartley
20th Mrs S Parker, Mr J Myers & Mrs M Thorpe
27th Mr and Mrs N Kaye & Mr and Mrs G Mellor
April 3rd Mrs B Buckley & Mrs K Pearson

“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done...”

In previous editions fellow travellers have described the contrasts and tensions that make Palestine-Israel. It's a land of complexity with no easy way forward. Our visit wasn't a holiday. It wasn't fact-finding. It was a pilgrimage; and pilgrimages are non-judgemental. They are about openness, understanding and prayer, above all prayer.

Significantly our first visit on that first day was to the 'Pater Noster' Church, high on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. Tradition marks this as the site of Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5f) to his disciples. Walls contain 62 versions in different languages of the prayer that is foremost about relationship with God, and Israel-Palestine is full of people who want just that.

The majority of those we met showed no hate or mistrust but were ordinary people building normal, useful lives in fellowship and peace with neighbours. Like any of us, each has a viewpoint and each was a privilege to meet:

The banker, a religious Councillor from Tel Aviv, who gave us a warm welcome to his country, wished us well, and articulated a Jewish future that was the State of Israel,
and the Palestinian farmer, a Christian olive-grower from war-torn Hebron, whose blighted future by a Jewish State seeking confiscation of his land, doesn't stop him bearing the hand of friendship to visitors of all races and creeds including Moslem and Jew.

There was:

our guide, a secular Jew from Haifa, with endless good-will who, as a family man, extolled the benefits of the security wall in ensuring normality of life and safety for family,
and the street seller, near the crucifixion site of the Garden Tomb, a Bethlehem-Palestinian from an enclosed city, speaking of access difficulties to work and of restrictions for elderly parents denied entry visas to Jerusalem for family visits.

And then in Galilee:

the Druze restaurateur from Dalyat Acarmel, a small Arab town near the foot of Mount Carmel, whose greeting and hospitality (and falafel!) were exceptional. As Druze, he is Arab in culture but not

Muslim in faith, sympathetic to Israel and yet fearing Moslem Syrian neighbours.

So many potential conflicts; no easy answers. But there is hope! In Jerusalem at the Muslim-held Temple Mount near the Jewish Wailing Wall, we read, “Here the Divine Presence always rests”. That will be the 'Divine Presence' worshipped by Jew, Moslem, Christian and our Druze friend; one world, one God! So what can be done? Well, there is always prayer: prayer for people, for situations and for a divided land. And the best of prayers is the one we started with, “Our Father ...Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.....”

Peter Mawson

[See also Wednesday Break March 7th in March Events p. 17]

Pilgrimage to Israel 2012

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

For further details please contact:

Rev'd Marian Jones, email:marian.jones@methodist.org.uk
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Grove International Concert Season

Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm is the fifth concert in the current season of concerts.

Don't miss the City of Leeds Youth Orchestra, Director Douglas Scarfe. The programme will include the Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto, soloist Katie McLeish, Prokofiev's 7th Symphony and Copeland's Rodeo Symphonic Dances.

Tickets are going quickly for the **Craig Ogden Guitar Recital on Sunday 15th May.** Contact Chris Seller, 21a West End Lane, Tel: 258 2662.

The Friends of Guiding are holding a

COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday 26th March, 10.00am – 12.00

at Central Church Town Street.

with Cakes, Cards, Tombola, Bric-a-brac and Book stalls

Your support would be appreciated.

J Team helpers needed

We are delighted that we have more children attending on Sunday mornings. We now need more volunteers to provide enough staff each week. The minimum number of sessions you would be asked to cover is six per year and no preparation is involved. Please see Kathryn Bussey or ring her on 0113 258 8803.

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Stewards on duty

Mar 6th David Buckley
Cynthia Hatton

Mar 13th Kathryn Bussey
Carole Abel

Mar 20th Gordon Mellor
Kay Bassett

Mar 27th Carole Abel
Andy Walker

April 3rd - Betty West
Margaret Bosomworth

Charity Window

March to April - The Leprosy Mission

The carboy in the Narthex for the next two months is featuring the work of the Leprosy Mission, a charity which is wonderfully supported by the Grove. This charity helps those suffering from this deadly disease. Please put your spare cash contributions into the carboy. We are now near the £30,000 mark raised in 10 years. Photos in the window were taken on my visit to India and Bangladesh in 2003. As always, thank you for your support.

Jack Myers

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Emmaus project

On Sunday morning February 13th, we at the Grove were privileged to have with us a Companion of the Emmaus project.

Richard, very bravely, addressed the congregation and spoke of his life before making contact with this project. After a life of drug and alcohol dependency, he now has a different lifestyle and lives in accommodation provided by Emmaus and is working within the organisation. Emmaus has a shop in their headquarters and also now a stall in Leeds Market area.

Emmaus sells, amongst other things, reconditioned furniture and electrical items and are always needing items that can be sold on. They rely heavily on the donation of quality second hand furniture and household items.

There is also a cafe, open to the public, in the headquarters which are on St Mary's Street just off the York Road at the Woodpecker junction behind St Patrick's Church. The food is wholesome and good value and there is a small car park there. To get there by foot from the bus station, cross the road until you reach the Playhouse. Walk up the steps and head diagonally across the car park towards the white footbridge. Go over the bridge and the Emmaus building is on the left.

Emmaus is a wonderful project, helping a lot of people to regain their lives. Please support them in any way you can, it will be greatly appreciated.

Margaret Bosomworth

Fair Trade Fortnight February 28th - March 13th

What is Fairtrade?



NOT ALL TRADE IS FAIR
Farmers and workers at the beginning of the chain don't always get a fair share of the benefits of trade.

Fairtrade enables consumers to put this right.

When a product carries the FAIRTRADE Mark it means the producers and traders have met Fairtrade standards. The standards are designed to address the imbalance of power in trading relationships, unstable markets and the injustices of conventional trade. Fairtrade is an alternative approach to conventional trade and is based on a partnership between producers and consumers. Fairtrade offers producers a better deal and improved terms of trade. This allows them the opportunity to improve their lives and plan for their future. Fairtrade offers consumers a powerful way to reduce poverty through their every day shopping.

The standards

One set of standards applies to smallholders that are working together in co-operatives or other organizations with a democratic structure. The other set applies to workers, whose employers pay decent wages, guarantee the right to join trade unions, ensure health and safety standards and provide adequate housing where relevant. Fairtrade standards also cover terms of trade. Most products have a Fairtrade price, which is the minimum that must be paid to the producers. In addition producers get an additional sum, the Fairtrade Premium, to invest in their communities.

Fairtrade prices

The minimum price paid to Fairtrade producers is determined by the Fairtrade standards. It applies to most Fairtrade certified products. This price aims to ensure that producers can cover their average costs of

sustainable production. It acts as a safety net for farmers at times when world markets fall below a sustainable level. Without this, farmers are completely at the mercy of the market.

When the market price is higher than the Fairtrade minimum, the buyer must pay the higher price. Producers and traders can also negotiate higher prices on the basis of quality and other attributes.

The Fairtrade Premium

In addition to the Fairtrade price, there is an additional sum of money, called the Fairtrade Premium. This money goes into a communal fund for workers and farmers to use to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions.

The use of this additional income is decided upon democratically by producers within the farmers' organization, or by workers on a plantation. The Premium is invested in education and healthcare, farm improvements to increase yield and quality, or processing facilities to increase income.

As many projects funded by the Premium are communal, the broader community, outside the producer organization often benefits from Fairtrade.

Fairtrade products

There are now thousands of products that carry the FAIRTRADE Mark. Fairtrade standards exist for food products ranging from tea and coffee to fresh fruits and nuts. There are also standards for non-food products such as flowers and plants, sports balls and seed cotton.

Taken from the Fairtrade International website 2011



Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible

In this series of three articles Christine Mathers explores the history of the Bible up to the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible in 1611.

The Authorised Version or King James Bible was not, of course, the first translation of the Bible into English. Several were already in existence, but this one is still with us and read publicly or privately for our understanding, guidance and sustenance.

Early translations of the Scriptures go back even to the third century BC. Seventy scholars in about seventy days translated the Old Testament from Hebrew/Aramaic into Hellenistic Greek so that the Greek speaking Jews could understand it. This is called the 'Septuagint'.

The discovery of the earliest Bible, including New Testament writings, was made by a German scholar in the nineteenth century at a monastery on Mount Sinai, therefore called the 'Codex Sinaiticus'. It had been there for 1000 years, having been started in 350 AD when a period of intense Christian persecution by the Roman Emperors had lessened following the conversion of Emperor Constantine. This Bible, written by female scribes on parchment in Greek, had 23,000 corrections and revisions. It is now in the British Library.

Together with other Christian codices and writings, in Rome in 382 AD the biblical canon of texts was defined; that is what was to go into, or be kept out of the Bible. As the Roman Empire gave us Latin, Latin texts from Italy and North Africa started to proliferate among the learned. To counter the confusion of texts St Jerome produced his Latin translation of the Bible called 'the Vulgate' which the Roman Catholic Church adopted and maintained until modern times.

In mediaeval times the duty of the church was to preserve literacy amongst the church hierarchy, the court and the aristocracy. The priest had to teach the illiterate common people the contents of the Latin Bible in their own language. In the Anglo Saxon period, following the demise of the Roman Empire, no complete translation of the Bible was made in that language, but King Alfred, Caedmon the poet and the Venerable Bede attempted to translate some sections.

The Norman Conquest of 1066 brought with it new cathedrals, French clergy and illuminated manuscripts. Of these the most exquisite is the Winchester Bible, brought into being by the Bishop Prince, brother of King Stephen, of the very early twelfth century. Three hundred years of Norman French gave way to Middle English. After 1250 some parts of Genesis and Exodus appeared together with a psalter for singing in church in the vernacular. In the fourteenth century Wycliffe and partners attempted a total biblical translation, the first of its kind. However this freedom of expression was totally condemned by the papacy and later translations were to suffer too, like his followers the Lollards, who were often imprisoned.

In the following century in 1440, Johann Gutenberg, a German, invented printing using moveable type. This gave an enormous advantage to the distribution of the Bible. Hundreds could be printed and sent out to those who could pay, read or listen, particularly as it came to be translated into one's own language. For the Catholic Church this became a time of watching, waiting and condemnation.

During the time of the Renaissance from the fifteenth to the sixteenth century the rebirth of learning came in the form of discovery of art and ancient texts from Greece and Rome. The humanists, men of intellectual ability, pursued these texts with enthusiasm. The effect was one of enquiry, discussion, insight and understanding transferred gradually to religious belief. Here were the roots of the sixteenth century Reformation in which the domination, greed, worldliness and corruption of the Catholic Church were revealed, as individual opinions were voiced in public. Thus Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation in 1517 in his attack on the papacy by nailing his 95 Theses to the church door. In hiding from the church authority he translated the New Testament into German, which inspired others to do likewise.

Meanwhile in Holland Erasmus, a Dutch professor of theology, brought out a new translation of the Greek New Testament, still in Greek, but with amended text. He added Latin annotations with each chapter giving his own opinions, not necessarily those of the church, showing freedom of thought and interpretation.

Christine Mathers

Modern Hymn Writers

Caryl Micklem

Caryl Micklem, (1925-2003) was a son of the manse whose uncle, the theologian Nathanael Micklem, was principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. His ministry of over 50 years was given to churches in Oundle, Banstead, Kensington and Oxford. He shares with Brian Wren primacy in the contribution to hymnody coming from the United Reformed Church tradition. Though he was less prolific than Wren, he not only wrote the words but (like Brian Hoare) composed the tunes as well. He was also a liturgist whose *Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship* and subsequent volumes marked the change from addressing God as 'Thou' to 'You'. Micklem was for a number of years an inspirational chair of the Hymn Society.

With others he was instrumental in producing the hymn collections *New Church Praise* and *Rejoice and Sing*, where most of his hymns are to be found. His stated and laudable aim was to produce hymns that could be understood by children and sung without

embarrassment by adults! There are only four in our Methodist *Hymns and Psalms* but they do reveal these characteristics: 'Father we thank you/For the light that shines all day', 'Thanks to God, whose church on earth has stood the test of time and place', 'Father, your church with thankfulness/Receives as from your hand/The different gifts of heart and mind/Which different lives possess'. The fourth (548) is one of my big favourites, as I discovered it was with the Methodist Homes residents in Scarborough; 'Give to me Lord, a thankful heart'. Well worth any oldie pondering, it was sung at Micklem's funeral.

Other hymns he wrote include the wonderfully titled 'Don't wait for an angel' and 'Spirit of joyfulness, come to my heart'. His compositions seem to be permeated by a spirit of joy. His wife Ruth said that for him music was 'half the breath of life'. He retired to Yorkshire and, interestingly, his last sermon was preached in Leeds Parish Church.

Albert Jewell

From Jenny & Graham Longbottom's Blog in the Solomon Islands

“A few days before Christmas (Monday Dec 20th) the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands arrived in Munda. After lunch he visited Helena Goldie Hospital. We were pleased to show him round and tell him about our problems. He was accompanied by the new MP for this area and the premier of the West Province. They brought gifts of mops, buckets and plastic chairs with the promise of water tanks for the hospital in the New Year. This is the first time that a serving Prime Minister has visited Helena Goldie Hospital. We look forward to more visits in the future.”

“We had a very enjoyable Christmas dinner on the Saturday night with some friends from the hospital, introducing them to Christmas pudding and musical crackers brought by Jenny's parents in November.”

“The highlight of early January was a visit from Jenny's cousin David and his wife Jennie who live in Cornwall. They had hardly arrived and settled in before the call came about the lady bleeding after delivery, highlighting some of the issues here. They jumped in the hospital truck with us, and we set off to search for the boat driver in the nearby village of Kindu.

David & Jennie struggled a little with the heat and humidity, but they were happy to potter about the area and meet the local people. They visited the WWII museum at Dunde and took a boat ride to Gizo and back, enjoying views of the Vona Vona lagoon.”

“We thank God that He can use us in these situations which are so different to our previous lives as suburban general practitioners in England (Horsforth, Leeds). Most credit must go to the nurses who take these daily challenges in their stride and accept the new intake of diploma students arrived this week at the College of Nursing together with two new tutors. We are losing three of our nurse aides to the college but have taken on three more to replace them.”

“On Wednesday afternoon (Feb 26th) we had two male admissions. One had an abdominal injury from a game of soccer on the island of Rendova at the weekend. The other was swimming across a river near Paradise in

north New Georgia with some bush materials for building a house, when a crocodile attacked him from behind. The two of them wrestled for a while and he was able to free himself and stab the crocodile with his bush knife. It then swam off with the knife and he managed to get back to his village where he collapsed. The boy injured playing soccer was transferred to Honiara for surgery. He had peritonitis due to damage to his bowel. The man attacked by the crocodile went home after 2 days.”

“February is looking to be a busy month in a different way. Dr Pana arrived on Wednesday and it has been a pleasure to share our ward rounds with him. He is a surgeon and will hopefully be able to give Graham some more experience in theatre. He is in fact a local Solomon Islander, but now living & working in Australia: he has come to give his services voluntarily for a month until Dr.Dina returns.”

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EVENTS IN March

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| <p>9th March
7.30pm
Small Hall</p> | <p>Wednesday Break Open Meeting Judi Swales & friends will share their recent Journey to the Holy Land with us. All welcome. Details: Gill Marley 2589474</p> |
| <p>Saturday 12th</p> | <p>Circuit Missions Banquet at Woodside.
Speaker: Rev.Philip Bee.
Tickets from Renee Collinson 258 2285
or Margaret Bosomworth 228 4777</p> |
| <p>Monday 21st
2.00 pm</p> | <p>Circuit Network Service of Intercession.
Speaker: Mrs Florence Doku.</p> |
| <p>Saturday 26th
7.30pm</p> | <p>Grove International Concert Season
City of Leeds Youth Symphony Orchestra (see p.7)</p> |
| <p>Thursday 31st
7.30pm</p> | <p>Circuit Bible Study at Trinity. Revelation ch 2.
Led by the Rev. Godfrey Nicholson.</p> |

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 (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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Community Fund Raiser

To date the CFR has raised £300 for the Grove.

The February edition of Which? magazine has rated Utility Warehouse first in seven out of eight categories for comparison, including value for money, with five star ratings in each.

Out of the six largest energy suppliers only 3 achieve top ratings and Utility Warehouse is top of the list.

For broadband and phone deals Which? named UW as giving the best service.

On mobile phones UW guarantee the cheapest prices in the UK.

Gas and electricity prices are the same as January, 2010, electricity being 10.350pence per kwh, and gas 3.473 pence per kwh. Broadcall, Broadband, Telephone £17.00 per month, with free calls 24/7.

CFR is still a great way to save money for yourselves and for the Grove.

We continue to receive 2-3% of your bill into Church Funds from UW, and if you are interested in finding out more, please see me.

Ricky Hearn(2818176)

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary or Margaret by Wednesday March 23rd. Please include dates up to 3rd May 2011. Email would be appreciated!

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