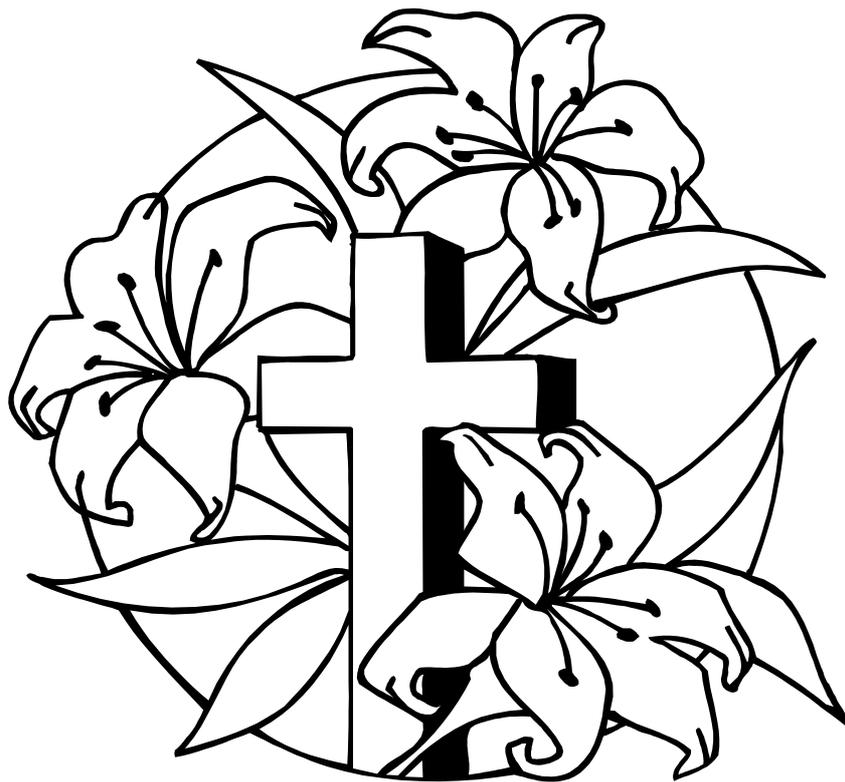


GROVE VINE

**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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There is an old, old story

of somebody in the choir stalls looking over a minister's shoulder at their sermon script.

At one paragraph there was a note in the margin heavily underlined in red ink, which read

“Argument weak at this point, shout like hell!”

This is, unfortunately, all too common both in the world in general and in the church in particular.

Although I was raised in a very strong Christian household I drifted away during my teenage years, as do so many. At 17 I was encouraged by some friends to go along with them to a ‘tent mission’ where the evangelist did, indeed, shout a very great deal.

He was very enthusiastic and very convincing because he just kept on and on going, shifting the ground for his arguments as seemed best to him, leaving you no breathing or thinking space.

At the end of the evening there was an invitation to give one's life to Christ, which many of us dutifully and ear-ringingly did.

By 8am the next day I was unsure. By 9am I had identified the illogic and inconsistencies in his argument. By 10am, only twelve hours since giving my life, I had taken it back again, and rejected faith. It was to be another 18 months before I truly encountered God.

Evangelism and high pressure sales techniques can have an awful similarity. The truth is that we worship a God whose only son urged us to love God *with all our minds!*

How do we witness to that God? If it is by shouting like hell, our argument IS weak.

If it is by sharing a piece of heaven, passionately yet peacefully and reasonably, our argument will be compelling.

God bless,

Ali

(Rev'd Alistair S Jones)

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Flower Rota for April

- 3rd Mrs B Buckley and Mrs K Pearson
10th Mrs B Throup & Mrs M Towler and Mrs J Speight
and Mrs B Hodgson
17th Mrs A Stokes and Mrs M Chadwick
24th Mr F Bagshaw and Mrs J Swift
May 1st Mr & Mrs D Hodgson and Mrs C Hearn

The Pagden family have been greatly comforted and somewhat overwhelmed, by the outpouring of love and support received since Frank's death. We cannot find adequate words to express our feelings, so will you all please accept a simple and heartfelt "thank you"? It was a source of great blessing to us.

To Alistair, who got us through when the bottom dropped out of our world.
To Jean Douglas, Gill Jewell, Kathryn Bussey and Christine Seller, who have been the rock on which I have leaned so heavily during the past two months.

To the "pixies" who left offerings of food.

And to Philip Abel, Gordon Mellor and Alan Firth, who cleared our dining room of furniture in double-quick time to make way for a special bed for Frank.

To all of you, a very special "thank you".

May God's blessing be on everyone at the Grove.

Gladys

See page 7 for An Appreciation

Services in April

3 rd	9.00	Rev. Ali Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Mothering Sunday
	6.00	United Service at Central
10 th	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Passion Sunday
	6.00	United Service at Central
17 th	10.30	Mrs. A Blackburn – Palm Sunday
	6.00	Circuit Service at the Grove
21 st	7.30	Maundy Thursday Service
22 nd	7.30	Good Friday Service – Horsforth Churches Together – at the Grove
24 th	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Easter Sunday – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Ali Jones – Memorial and Thanksgiving Service
1 st May	10.30	Mrs Christine Andrews – Local Preachers Sunday
	6.00`	United Service at Central – Mrs Anne Smaje

22nd April 11.30 Horsforth Churches Together Walk of Witness – meet at St Mary’s Broadgate Lane - followed by short service on The Green and soup lunch at the Grove. (see also page 9)

24th April 5.45am Easter Morning Sunrise Service in Horsforth Hall Park

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.

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O Christ, the Master Carpenter, who at the last through wood and nails purchased our whole salvation; wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we, who come rough-hewn to your bench, may be fashioned to a truer beauty by your hand.

Rev.Frank Pagden - an appreciation

Frank was a big man. He was big physically. He had a big personality. He also had a big generous spirit and sense of humour to match.

He took a big courageous decision to relinquish his "celebrity" status at the BBC to return to the much less glamorous role as a circuit minister. Just over a year later - summer 1988 - Frank came to see me and asked if I was willing to join his team of stewards. I was unsure if I had the necessary qualities and demurred somewhat. In his inimitable style he convinced me I had nothing to fear and assured me of his staunch backing to assist in any way he could. That indeed he did - so much so that I was still a steward when he retired in 1995!!!

During that time it became evident that Frank had an innovative approach. He brought a refreshing open style to the practicalities of ministry and he had an eloquence which marked him out as an entertaining and persuasive preacher.

At stewards' meetings, ideas were discussed openly and candidly. His direction was firm but fair and Frank and Gladys's hospitality was second to none. Some of the ideas discussed not only came to fruition then but still have an influence to this day - if in slightly different form. The original Stewardship campaign for instance evolved over time into what became the Vision Project. His encouragement of all things musical has a resonance in the present day summer and winter concert series. The feeling of welcoming fellowship which starts at the church door was something he actively encouraged.

As we give thanks for his time among us, any sadness felt at his passing, should be tempered by the certain knowledge that our loss is heaven's gain. I suspect that the level of discussion, dialogue and particularly the laughter will have moved up a few notches in the celestial debating chamber.

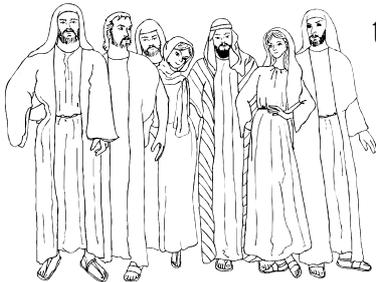
Don Galbraith

The Story Window

*When we were raising funds under the Vision Project, Frank Pagden compiled a booklet “A tour round the Stained Glass Windows”. He suggested that the windows are to be looked **AT** and admired in any light but the more transparent they are, the more the sunlight shines through them, the more beautiful they look. Which is a parable in itself. The one that Gladys particularly likes is the Story Window....*

One major part of Jesus’s on-going influence, is through the parables he told. These stories have many levels of comprehension, many ways of understanding, and have been called “earthly stories with heavenly meanings”. This window illustrates two of them.

In the centre of the window we see Jesus teaching the people at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It was the custom in those days for teachers not to stand but to sit. At the start of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5v 1) it says “*Now when he saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside and sat down...and he began to teach*”.

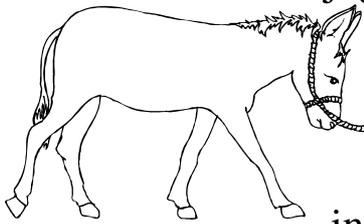


That the artist had this in mind is clear because of the words in the top light of the window, where, before the angels, and above the clouds, are the words “*Blessed are the Pure in Heart,*” which is from the Beatitudes at the start of the Sermon on the Mount.

The audience is of all ages, even including one of the Scribes, experts in Jewish religious law, who has a sacred text attached to his forehead, and illustrates the fact that often the best way to underline a moral point to any age, and any level of learning, is through a story.

At the bottom right of the window we see the Story of the Sower (Mark 4 vv1-8). The places where the seed fell are shown. Can you spot the hard path and the birds which ate the seed falling there, the rocky places where there wasn’t enough soil for it to grow, the thorns which choked it, and the good soil where the seed grew and multiplied? The artist has placed the story on the shores of Lake Galilee, hence the water and the boat which looks suspiciously like a modern yacht. On the bottom left of the window is the story of the Good Samaritan, probably the most well-known of Jesus’s parables (Luke 10 vv30-37).

In the main picture we see the victim lying down, looking in remarkably good shape apart from his stab wound, and the Good Samaritan tending to his wounds with a jug of wine, which was the best antiseptic in those days.



Unfortunately the Good Samaritan's donkey is not well painted. (*There are three donkeys in our stained glass – look out for the other two as you go round*).

The Priest who passed by uncaring, is seen in his robes in the background on the right, and the Levite, the tribe which had the responsibility of manning the Temple, is seen on the left reading a book. This is historically inaccurate as books only came into common use a couple of centuries later, he should have been holding a scroll. But he also passed by without helping. The other inaccuracy is that the artist had clearly never visited the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, for the wilderness in between has, and had then, no trees at all.

The window is dedicated **“To the glory of God and in memory of JOHN DOBSON who died June 24th 1901 aged 81.”**

The Dobsons were Drapers who owned the shop where the Medusa Bar now is on Town Street, and John Dobson was Senior Church Steward for many many years. Before the days of six-year limits to appointments, nothing could persuade him to give up! Eventually the Almighty did!

Good Friday Refreshments

The Grove is serving refreshments following the Walk of Witness on Good Friday. For many years this has been organised by Anne Blackburn. Anne has now retired and Jean and Trevor Fox are arranging everything this year. They would appreciate offers of help in the Hall that morning. If you are available would you please contact them on Tel: 2583568 before 15th April please.

Our grateful thanks to Anne for everything she has done in the past – a hard act to follow!

Church Family News

Poppy Busfield. We are sorry to have to report the death of our oldest Member – Poppy Busfield – at the age of 104. She died peacefully with her family present. This remarkable lady, loved by us all, had a caring doctor who put as cause of death on the certificate “old age”.

Please remember in your prayers: Pat Blackah, Tony Emmott, Robert Lawson, Stan Ramsden, Chris Shagouri, Eileen Stones, Petra Rogers and Bob Shingler, the Pagden and Busfield families and 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.

Stewards on Duty

Apr 3 rd	Betty West Margaret Bosomworth	Apr 10 th	Kathryn Bussey Gordon Mellor
Apr 17 th	Kay Bassett David Buckley	Apr 24 th	Betty West Gordon Mellor
May 1 st	Margaret Bosomworth and Cynthia Hatton		

Thank you

On Saturday, Barbara and I ventured forth to The Grove Pantomime to see **In Stitches**, and my, what an eye opener it was.

May we congratulate all (boys of the Scouts Cubs and Beavers – and their parents)

They were so professional, with one or two hitches and stitches.

Nevertheless jolly good! Some of the antics of the performers were hilarious.

This was a show that will stay in your memory bank forever, to be savoured over and over again with a smile.

Thank you everyone.

Colin and Barbara Lock

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

Christine Mathers continues her exploration of the history of the Bible up to the publication of the Authorised Version in 1611. This month she focuses on England during the Tudor period.

Part 2

In England at this time under the Tudor dynasty William Tyndale attempted to translate much of the bible into English, but this became such a dangerous occupation that he fled abroad to Germany and Holland. He was eventually put to death as a heretic, but not without leaving a biblical style and phraseology in his translation from which the Authorised version largely borrowed. His successor, Miles Coverdale, produced a new translation which borrowed from Tyndale and Luther.

The emergence of the Reformation in England caused a schism. Some clung to the old faith, others wanted the new. Protestantism, whose seeds were sown by Henry VIII in his seizure of religious independence from the papacy, was in endless bitter conflict with the Roman Catholic Church. Plots, treason, persecution and the flames of martyrdom continued throughout the Tudor period. Queen Elizabeth wanted a peaceful settlement but this was only partial in attainment. By the end of her reign the Protestant Church was becoming the national and legal religious establishment, transforming the ancient traditions.

During the Tudor period four new Bible translations were published. The Great Bible of 1539 in English was a large tome, ordered by Archbishop Cranmer to be chained to every lectern in every church for all to read. The Bishops' Bible of 1568 was written to improve the language of the former and assert the bishops' power. Two bibles in English came from abroad. The Geneva Bible, 1562, was published by English exiles in Switzerland who had fled there from persecution and were converted to Calvinism. In our Authorised Version we have borrowed from their format. They used Roman style print not mediaeval lettering, turned the chapters into numbered verses in columns and filled in the missing or questionable words with appropriate choices. The only Roman Catholic Bible of this period came from France, the Douai or Rheims Bible. A rich man funded the catholic seminary where an English Bible was published in the hope of reconverting the English new Protestants, gaining Ground as Puritans.

Treasures Revealed

On the first two Sunday afternoons in May the Grove Methodist Church, with other churches throughout Leeds, will be open to everyone interested in finding out what treasures lie inside.

This is an opportunity for local people to see our beautiful windows, hear our magnificent Rushworth and Draper organ, and marvel at our Victorian box pews!

To show that we are alive and at work in our community today we hope to display our handwritten St Mark's Gospel, to which hundreds of people in our church community have contributed. Many have commented how helping to write our own transcript has encouraged them to read the Bible afresh and find various versions at home given to them or parents as prizes and special gifts. Others have decided to invest in different and more modern translations to help look afresh at the Gospel message.

If you have treasures that will remind us of past generations who have enjoyed being a part of the Grove Church family, we would be grateful if you would allow us to display them for visitors who come in search of “treasures revealed”.

We hope to display the Circuit artwork from the story of The Parable of the Sower, as The Grove is the venue for the Leeds Synod on Saturday, the 7th May, the day before our second opening of the Treasures Revealed.

✧ Do please come and bring your friends to the open afternoons:

1st and 8th May. 2.30p.m- 5.30pm

✧ If you have treasures which may be of interest, please talk to Kay Bassett or Janette Mawson.

✧ Please let stewards know if you can help to supervise our treasures and greet visitors on either of the open Sundays.

✧ We would also be grateful for help with **Synod on Saturday the 7th May** between 9a.m and 3.30p.m. Up to 200 people are expected from all over Leeds, so help is needed with car parking, refreshments, setting out rooms and clearing up!

Thank you

Janette Mawson (Senior Steward)

Strong black and with a drop of cold water (or a morning in the life of Tuesday Coffee)

Tuesdays, 11o'clock in the morning and the Small Hall is buzzing. People are chatting, looking at the book stall or greeting friends. Our four helpers are busy serving coffee, making drinks or washing up. Four groups from the Day Centre have arrived for coffee and we have needed extra chairs from the Large Hall. A bell rings – it's notice time. Not all our visitors are church members and we like to inform everyone about special services and events. Beryl Thompson, our treasurer, is here ready to count and bank our takings and, by noon, we've hoovered and cleared everything away – ready for the next group to occupy the hall.

Tuesday Coffee began in the spring of 1981 as one of the ideas raised at the Stewardship Campaign the previous autumn. The church was to be open for prayer and meditation and coffee was to be available in the Parlour. Ernest Bainbridge and I were the first leaders and on our opening morning we welcomed two visitors! From these tentative beginnings we soon had a base of loyal customers. Betty and Ken France took over leadership and they were succeeded by Barbara and Gordon Collis. By now, Tuesday Coffee was bursting at the seams and on completion of the Centre's refurbishment we moved into the Small Hall. The quiet room was available for prayer and was carpeted, furnished with comfortable chairs, books, fresh flowers and a candle. Tuesday Coffee had been transformed into the Betty's of New Street! On Barbara and Gordon's retirement, a small committee was formed to ensure that we kept to their high standards.

We are a happy band. Although our main aim is to provide a friendly outreach link with the community, we are able to help other charities and our own church. We always support Oxford Place Children's Centre and on Tuesday 17th May we are hosting a fundraising event for them. Please come:

A TUESDAY COFFEE SPECIAL – 17th May
In aid of Oxford Place Children's Centre – 10am–11.30am
in the Small Hall and the Large Hall
Cake Stall, Plants & Books & Live Music from our resident pianists

If anyone would like to help regularly on Tuesdays, we'd be delighted! A big thank you to all our helpers and supporters. *Jean P Fox*

The War Widow

I was 18 when war began, living in Todmorden and working as a machinist making army uniforms. My boyfriend Jack Greenwood joined the RAF in 1940 and I joined the Women's Land Army in February 1942.

I was sent with forty other girls to a hostel near Sleaford – all of us homesick. We soon settled down and were sent to work at different farms – each of us with a bottle of water and two doorstep beetroot sandwiches. It was very hard working in the fields every day in all weathers (and being permanently hungry). Still, we had lots of fun and I made some good friends.

My boyfriend and I became engaged to be married on my 21st birthday and married in January 1943. Jack was training to be a flight engineer on Lancasters and then was attached to an Australian squadron in Lincolnshire. I returned to Todmorden where I got a job at a poultry farm which hatched 10,000 chicks every week! I was able to see Jack when he had a 48 hour pass. How glad I was that I was able to do this because in July 1943 he was killed along with the rest of his crew.

He had been home the previous week and as I waved him off at the station, I couldn't have known that I would be back at the station ten days later. This time he was in a coffin, covered with the Union Flag. We buried him at the little cemetery below Stoodley Pike, above Hebden Bridge.

We received very little information about what had happened but eventually found out that they had been shot up on the way back from Turin and the plane simply collapsed on landing with no hope of saving the crew. Life had to go on. I was a widow at 22 and work was my salvation. There were lonely years – especially when all the other lads came home at the end of the war.

In 1949 I married again and was happily married until 1995. However, in 1993 I received a message from the local paper in Todmorden. The Secretary of the RAAF was trying to trace any of the crew's next of kin because some of the Squadron were coming over from Australia with a bronze plaque. I met them with Jack's brother and sister and we were invited to unveil the plaque – a very emotional day but at last we had found out exactly what had happened. Since then I have kept in close touch with the Association and we meet regularly on ANZAC day. We have planted a eucalyptus tree and placed a memorial stone in the corner of the field where the plane came down.

Quite often when we were there, I noticed seven birds flying close together. I am sure most would say it is just a coincidence – but it does make you wonder.

Mildred Butterworth

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Forthcoming Events - April

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

4th Gill Jewell

11th Hilary Taylor

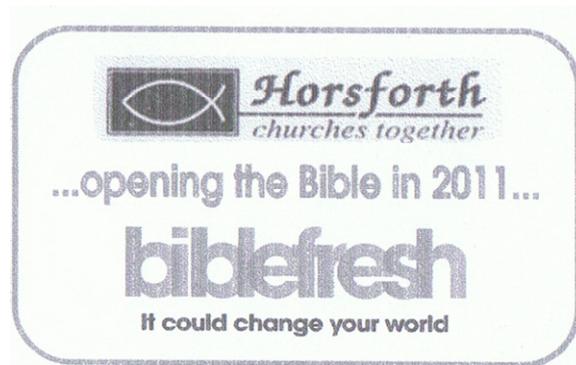
18th Anne Blackburn

Thursday 7th Healthy Eating for a Healthy Heart – Rachel Vine
7.45pm Ladies Group (Small Hall)

**April 27th Annual General Church Meeting
7.30pm in the Large Hall. This meeting, where we
discuss the life of the church, is open to all.
Church Members elect Stewards and
representatives to the Church Council.**

Sunday May 1st Treasures Revealed in the Church 2.30 to 5.30pm

Saturday May 7th District Synod at the Grove



5th April at 7.30pm

Woodside Methodist Church, LS18 4HP

Rev'd Jude Smith, on...

'Genesis: Creation, Fall and Redemption'

Jude Smith is the Church of England Pioneer Curate in Cottingley and Holbeck. She has previously worked for the 24/7 prayer movement and with fresh expressions of church.

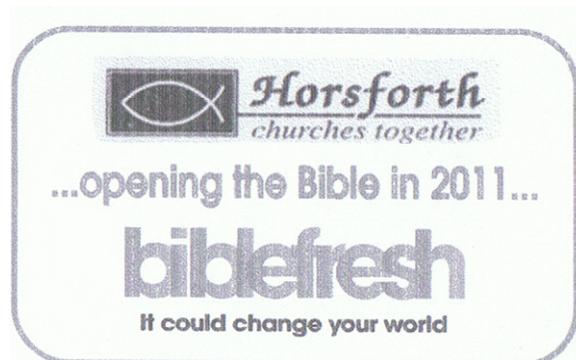
12th April at 7.30pm

St Margaret's Parish Centre, LS18 5LA

Hannah Hunt, on...

'Penitent weeping in the Psalms of David'

Hannah Hunt is a senior lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at Leeds Trinity University College and also teaches literature courses and works in academic management for the Open University.



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

Gift Day

What a wonderful response we have had from so many people. The total sum raised (including Gift Aid) was **£6,144**. Thank you to everyone.

The Grove International Concert Series

Sunday 15th May at 3pm

The last concert in the present series, sees the return of the Internationally acclaimed guitarist **CRAIG OGDEN**. This will be an outstanding recital not to be missed.

Tickets, £5(children free) are going quickly.

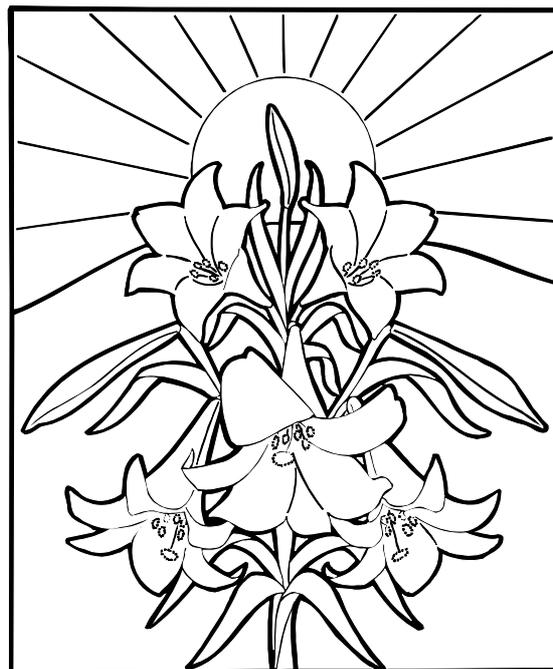
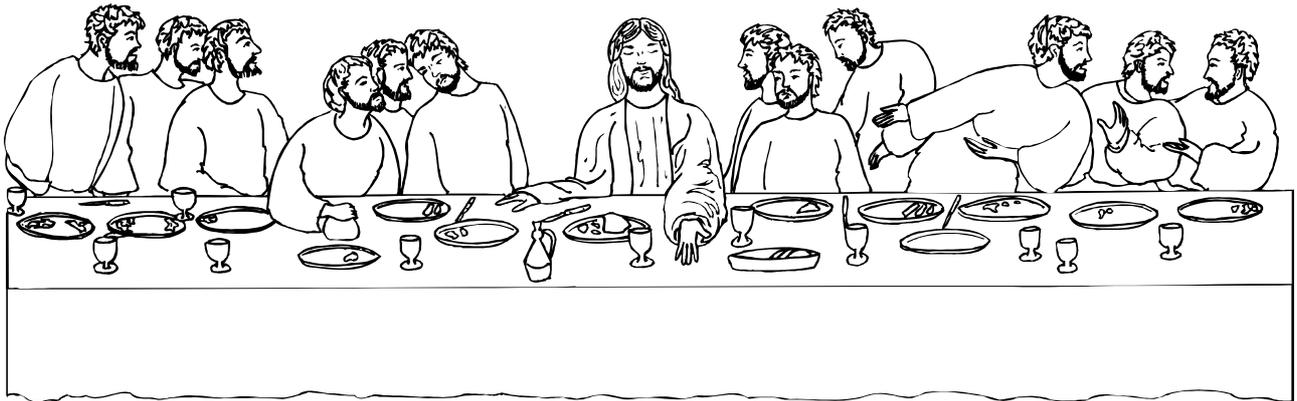
Contact Chris Seller on 258 2662.

Aren't numbers wonderful?

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

Challenge.

On that night, there were two bowls of water. The first was taken and used for washing feet, symbol, he said, of love. The second was called for and used for washing hands, disclaiming responsibility. The bowls are constantly before us: into which will we dip our hands?



Regular events (contd.)

Thursday

- 9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458
10.30 Bible Fellowship 258 3239
6.15 Beavers 239 7327
6.00 Cubs 258 9865
7.45 Scouts 216 9006
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 225 2734

Friday

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

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Philip and Gill by 20th April. Please include items up to 1st May. Email would be appreciated!



The editorial team would welcome anyone who can bring their creative enthusiasm to join their rota. It is good fun and a real challenge!!!

The church will always be glad to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer for the many jobs available, as listed previously.

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