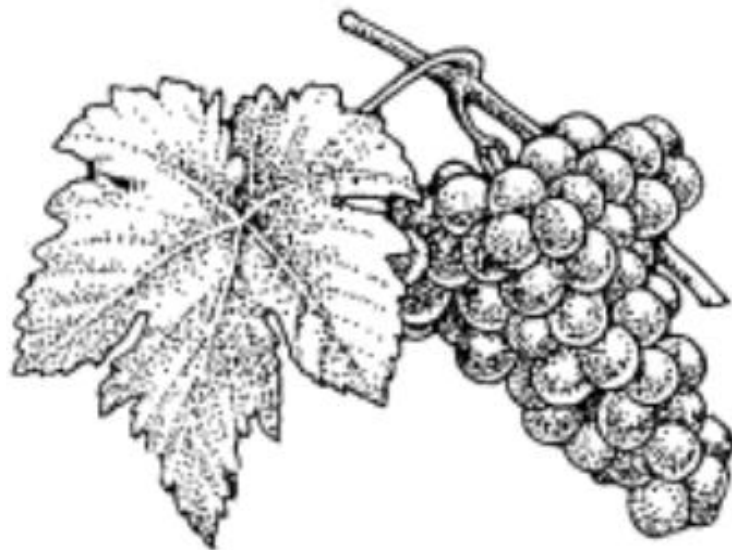


# **GROVE VINE**

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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 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 202 9010

### **Wednesday**

- 9.00-12.00 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14<sup>th</sup>) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14<sup>th</sup>) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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## **Saint Paul writes in Chapter 6 of Galatians**

“see what large letters I write when I am writing in my own hand!”

It is thought by some Biblical commentators that this may refer to the same ailment he elsewhere refers to as ‘a thorn in my side’, and may indicate a serious problem with his eyesight.

Having my cataract develop in such a short time has left my brain disoriented when I try to focus on some things; most annoying of these has been my computer screen.

Oh for the days of quill pen and parchment!

The realisation of how much I rely upon the computer has been, dare I say, quite an eye-opener.

It has also deepened my appreciation of how much Paul, and other ancient authors, relied upon their scribes.

When you rely upon words for communication it is essential that they be clear and straightforward.

I once got into a spot of bother over a sermon in which I said “You are God’s”, that is, you belong to God. A couple of people in the congregation heard me say “You are gods”, and wondered whether they were really divine. That took a little while to clear up.

Statements and signs must be clear and simple, easy to read. They must state what we are about and who we are. In the midst of a world of statements and signs we must always be ready to think about what we want to say and how we want to say it.

If we are not distinctive in the midst of the world, that is our failure, not the world’s.

What do we want to say to the people of Horsforth, and how do we want to say it?

That must be at the heart of our thoughts for the way ahead.

Clear, distinctive, easy to grasp, not of ourselves and our interests but something of God.

*Ali ( Rev Alistair S Jones)*

## From the Editorial Group

It has been decided that Grove Vine will no longer be placed on the website. This is for reasons of data protection and confidentiality. All past editions will also be removed. If you, dear reader, know someone who previously read the Vine online please give their name and address to one of the Editorial Group who will set up a postal service to ensure they get a copy each month.

The editors will be glad of any suggestions or articles you may like to contribute which may be of interest to all our readers.

Please remember to keep us up to date with any special dates for each month by the deadline date on the inside back cover. We cannot advertise them if we are not given the information. This is especially important now that there is no other named person to advise.

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## Flower Rota for October



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mrs J Hunter & Mrs M Hodgson
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs J Speight & Mrs M Price
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs M Bosomworth & Mr and Mrs  
Thompson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mrs P Whitham & Mrs J Marshall

## **Church Family News**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ros Ansell, **Brian Ball**, Pat Blackah, Tony Emmott, Wilf Hoyle, Robert Lawson, Dorina Overson, Stan Ramsden, Peter Reasbeck, Margaret Reasbeck, Petra Rogers, Chris Shagouri, Eileen Stones. Let us also remember 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.

Many thanks to everyone who regularly contribute their soaps, shampoos etc., for St George's Crypt in Leeds. They are needed all year round so please keep them coming. They can be given to Carole or Philip Abel to pass on.

Congratulations to Betty and Ken France who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th.

Congratulations too to Frank Bagshaw who reaches his 105th Birthday on 15th October.

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## **From the Church Registers**

### **Weddings**

20 August	James O'Neill and Joanne Goodall
17 September	Craig Slaford and Sigourney Strafford
24 September	Martin Cooper and Kim Smith

### **Funerals**

31 August	John Maud
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## Sunday Services in October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00	Rev. Ali Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Harvest Festival & Family Parade
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson – Harvest Festival
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Mr Stephen Barber
	6.00	Rev. Darren Garfield – Circuit Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. Ali Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Rev. Dr Albert Jewell
	6.00	Rev. Ali Jones – Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Mr Emmanuel Oikelome
	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.

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## Stewards on Duty

Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cynthia Hatton Kay Bassett	Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Abel Andy Walker
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Walker Betty West	Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay Bassett Carole Abel
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Carole Abel Gordon Mellor		

## **This is a précis of the New Year Message to the Methodist People from the new President of Conference Rev. Leo Osborn:**

“Grave Diggers required”. This was a notice seen recently in a remote Norfolk country church. No service or clergy details, no welcome, nothing else. The local paper next day was full of comments made by the Norfolk vicar at the General Synod of the Church of England, that the Church of England was on course to die out in two decades.

Mr Osborn asks if this is the case for the Methodist Church. At Conference this year he felt that there was a “clear sense that the Methodist Church is a movement under God and that we desire to move forward together. In the words of hymn-writer F. Pratt Green we must ‘claim and test our heritage and keep on rising from the dead’.

“Young people were so much better represented [at Conference] and spoke with clarity and conviction on a whole range of issues. Our World Church representatives moved and inspired those present with their stories and their witness. In short we were all the disciples of Jesus on a journey with all the richness that provides.”

He suggests that if we are not to die as a Church certain things need testing and if found wanting be allowed to die or be changed to serve the present age. This is often uncomfortable at every level of the church, locally and connexionally [i.e. throughout the Methodist Church].

What should be buried and what should we desire to see raised?

“Such questions seemed to me that they were being shouted at us by the Spirit at Conference with the understanding that crucial decisions at connexional, district, circuit and local church level can’t be put off much longer.”

The President posed two questions to ask:

**1) Does it work?** Do we need to stop it or reform it? Does what you are doing where you are work for you, your community and more importantly for God?

**2) How is it to happen?** With love for God and prayer, addressing all

people's fears with patience and graciousness yet facing harsh realities and making significant changes.

The management of change is as important as the change itself. "This is not, of course to suggest that we wait until everyone is happy or we are held to emotional blackmail by a few who either do not, or do not wish to, see the bigger picture but it is to place people alongside programmes and to recognise that caring and committees are not mutually exclusive, so that if at all possible 'not one of them is lost'.

"Grave diggers required? In some places perhaps. But I do recall that in my Derbyshire days the grave diggers who drove the hearse on a Friday turned it into a limousine for weddings on a Saturday. God is in the transformation business too and I believe he is doing it in and through the people called Methodists.

Happy New Year!"

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## **Grove concerts**

Our Musical Director Richard Kenwood Herriott regrets that there will be no concert series this season with the exception of one concert already booked. The Wesley Singers Advent Carol Concert is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. More details will appear later.

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## **Rawdon Amnesty Series - 2011**

The Aire Ensemble -- Saturday 15 October at 7.30pm.  
Deborah Pennington (clarinet), Amy Cherryholme (flute) and Mata Williams (piano) will perform a programme of original and specially-arranged pieces.

Promises to be a musical treat

Rawdon Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon.  
Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International



## Community Fund Raiser

The Church has raised £485.00 from the scheme and currently has 11 members in the CFR. We are all aware of the price increases of energy companies, and below is a list of some percentage increases:

Utility Warehouse	13%	EON	15%
S.S.E	14.5%	British Gas	17%
Scottish Power	14.5%	N Power	19%

The advantages of Community Fund Raiser at the Grove are that no contract is needed, up to £200.00 is paid by Utility Warehouse in transfer charges and 10% of your bills for the first year.

The price for Gas per KWh is 4.036 pence with a standing charge of £1.40 per month, and the price per KWh for Electricity is 12.354 pence with a standing charge of £2.90 per month.

The charge for phone and Broadband is £17.00 per month, with free phone calls 24/7 and free International call 24/7 to 10 countries. They have the cheapest mobile phone charges. A price guarantee of double the difference back if you find a company with cheaper charges than Utility Warehouse is given for all services.

The Grove will receive 4% of your telephone and broadband bill, and 2% of your energy bill for Church funds.

The Grove Church now uses Utility Warehouse for their Gas and Electricity supply.

Utility Warehouse continues to be voted the top utility company by Which magazine, and if anybody is interested in joining the Community Fund Raiser please see Ricky Hearn or telephone 281 8176.

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### October

Autumn colours please the senses  
October weather starts to grate  
Gusting winds blow down your fences  
It makes you want to emigrate

*Anon*

# THE GROVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Grove Community Centre, New Street



Saturday 19th November 2011

10.15am—1.00pm

Opened by D'ukes



Refreshments

Pickles, Preserves & Jams

Tombola

Costume (Bling) Jewellery

Wooden Crafts

Christmas Crafts

Bric a Brac

Lucky Jars

Cake Stall

Guess the weight of the Cake

Raffle

Book Stall

Santa's Grotto

Phoenix Greeting Cards

Transfer Tattoos

Jamie at Home  
(Jamie Oliver Cook/Tableware)

# Horsforth Central Methodist Church



In the beginning .... William Clowes and Hugh Bourne founded Primitive Methodism in 1811. Its members, mostly working people, were radical in their politics and more free in their forms of worship. Clowes and Bourne believed in the fervent and unrestrained expression of faith and in open air prayer meetings known as "camp

meetings". There has been a Methodist community on or near Central's site for almost 200 years, at first meeting in an upstairs room in Dixons Fold in Kerry Hill, which became known as "Ranters Fold", Ranters being the nickname of Primitive Methodists.

In 1822 two cottages were converted into a neat chapel costing £60 with a lease of 10 years at £7 annual rent. In May 1836 the trustees bought the elevated "Parish Croft" plot near the town's communal quarry, paying two shillings per yard for nine hundred yards. The land lay unused until 1845 when after much fundraising building began and the new Primitive Chapel opened on October 30<sup>th</sup> 1846 at a cost of £656. Old photos show it as a large, double height, four-square structure.

Fundraising began again in 1904 to replace the old chapel with a modern building on the same site. When proceeds reached £371 the trustees felt able to begin building. The old chapel was demolished and the first stage of the new building, the intended Sunday School, erected at a cost of £1583.17.7d. All buildings were to be of Horsforth stone and utilised the old chapel materials. Stones were laid April 15<sup>th</sup> 1911, the minister at the time being Rev. H.S.Targett.

Despite objections from Horsforth Steam Laundry about windows overlooking their property, the building was completed, but the second stage to build a chapel in front did not materialise. The Sunday School building was developed into a dual purpose chapel and church room and opened in November 1911. Looking at Central's beautiful garden we should perhaps be glad that the church was never built! Today the garden is looked after by Gerald and Evelyn Ingham and has won several gold awards in the Leeds in Bloom competition.

My grandfather and great grandfather were both lay preachers in the Leeds circuit preaching in chapels with splendid names like Zion, Ebenezer, Moriah, Rehoboth and Bethesda – all Primitive Methodist Chapels. In 1932 Primitives and Wesleyans were united and Horsforth Prims was renamed Central because of its position in the village.

Now celebrating its Centenary, Central houses the Horsforth Live at Home Scheme and the church's Saturday coffee mornings which have been going for over forty years, raising considerable sums for charitable causes. There is a strong junior church (known as Sparklers) as well as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Guides.

Central Methodist Church has now been a focal point to many and active in village life for the last 100 years. God willing it will do so for the next 100 years!

*Mary Cooke*

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## **News from Jenny and Graham Longbottom in the Solomon Islands**

After a month's holiday in June in New Zealand with their daughter, Jenny and Graham returned to Helena Goldie Hospital in Munda. Then in August they wrote:

“We always say that everyday is a surprise here and this week has been no exception. We have been asked by the United Church of the Solomon Islands to spend our remaining time at their other hospital on the island of Choiseul which has had no doctor for many years. They would like us to “reinvigorate” it before we leave! Jenny leaves for a preliminary visit on Monday (22nd) for 2 or 3 weeks: Graham will remain at Helena Goldie over this period. This proposal has come as a bit of a shock all round, but hopefully a good strategic move for H.G.H. who will request a local doctor to train-up in surgery under Dr.Dina.”

“Choiseul is a large island north of here with a population of about 20,000 living in a number of coastal villages. Sasamunga is the largest village with about 3,000 inhabitants and was hit by the tsunami in 2007. The hospital there was the first on the island, but there is now another hospital

in Taro at the north-west tip of the island. Taro has an air-strip but Sasamunga does not.”

“Today (Sept 10<sup>th</sup>) has been busy preparing for the Medical, Dental & ENT tour of south-east Choiseul which is due to start on Monday. We need 100 Litres of petrol for the journey in addition to food, clothing and medical supplies.... Hopefully the sea will be calm on Monday as we leave Gizo at dawn heading for Sasamunga. We plan to spend two nights on the tour before heading back to Helena Goldie Hospital.”

“If we thought Munda was remote, Sasamunga is much more so. Sat here with a psychotic patient rampaging about, waiting for the only nurse on duty to return from her evening meal, Jenny is feeling rather overwhelmed by the task. Sasamunga - the first hospital in Choiseul started by the missionaries has been without a doctor for 10 years, functioning more as a rural health clinic. Patients from the whole island are supposed to be referred to Taro at the northern tip. The doctor there does not perform operations but is able to transfer patients by plane to Gizo or Honiara. Taro is a 2 hour canoe ride from Sasamunga over open sea.”

“The sea between Choiseul and New Georgia was named *The Slot* during the military action of WWII. On a calm day it takes about 3 hours to cross, but if rough it can take 5 or 6 hours. The fibreglass canoes and 45HP out-board motors that we use are not ideal for open sea. We should also have life-jackets and better navigation/communication equipment.”

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> “So Jenny received a very warm welcome from the people of Sasamunga who are delighted to have a doctor. She arrived with the church medical council for their meeting and stayed on after they returned to Munda. Rough seas saw them delayed for a day but the journey was still difficult taking most of the day to get home. The medical council resolved to work collaboratively so the dentist from Munda will come and Jenny will return with them. She will return to Sasamunga with Graham in October with the aim of building the hospital up again in the six months remaining of our term here in the Solomon Islands.”

Please pray for Jenny and Graham as they begin their last six months in such a remote and challenging situation.



Traidcraft works with people like Patricia Mutangili, a Kenyan tea farmer. Patricia, known as Mama Fairtrade to her neighbours, is sharing the Fairtrade message with communities around Ndima Tea Factory which supplies Traidcraft with tea.

Patricia knows the Fairtrade premium is helping to bring improvements, such as new benches for the tea collection centres, but more is needed to help her and her neighbours to flourish. *“Flourishing means growing to higher levels, getting my life and the life of my community improved,”* she told us.

Traditionally Kenyan land is divided and passed down, so often, tea farmers don't inherit enough tea bushes to support their families, even at a fair price. But not far from Ndima, Traidcraft has been helping another group of tea farmers to overcome this by diversifying into beekeeping and growing passion fruit.

Recently, we arranged for Patricia to visit them at Iriaini Tea Factory, where she could discover how they are forming groups, learning new skills and seeing their incomes grow. "I never believed this was possible," Patricia said. "It is fantastic!"

This is just the start of Traidcraft's journey with Patricia and the Ndima farmers. As well as buying their tea, we are working with them on a new project aimed at helping them to flourish and grow.

Please help us to keep working with inspirational women like Patricia. You can do this by continuing to buy our products, by donating or simply by telling someone you know about Traidcraft.

## **Regular events (contd.)**

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580  
Thursday Walking Group 258 6579  
Saturday Walking Group 258 4520

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## **Forthcoming Events – October**

- Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Gawthorpe Brass Band Concert at Trinity  
Tickets £6 (inc.tea/coffee & biscuits)
- Wednesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Grove Church Council in the Small Hall
- Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> The Circuit Missions Committee will have stalls (cakes,books, bric-a-brac etc.) at the Central Coffee Morning. Please support this event with donations and also with your presence on the day.
- Thursday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Circuit Bible Study at Trinity. Ruth ch 4.
- Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Community Café Lunch at Trinity. £2.50 main course / 50p pudding/50p tea or coffee

***Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon Mary and Margaret by 26th October. Please include items up to 4<sup>th</sup> December. Email would be appreciated!***

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