

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) 258 3509
- 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

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
- 12.15 Luncheon Club 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 216 9006
- 6.15 Cubs 216 9006
- 7.45 Scouts 216 9006
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 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 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 239 0335
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734

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I'm not looking over the roundabout.....

because the sun is so bright I have the study blinds drawn.

I can hear the rumble of the traffic, the occasional emergency siren, voices of those walking past, but I can see not one thing. There are times I feel that way about life in general. We experience all the side-effects, but cannot come to grips with what is really going on.

It has been suggested that, in fact, this is our minds' way of NOT dealing with a world that is too complicated to properly comprehend. If we really paid attention to what is going on it would be truly terrifying. So, the theory goes, we construct blinds to screen us from reality.

I don't know how I feel about that, to be honest, because I *do* think it is important to try and focus on what really matters.

We are coming to a time of year when we will be subjected to many distractions, and will be encouraged to look at pretty pictures and listen to delightful sounds, and will very seldom be pointed in the direction of the underlying reality. If you aren't a church-goer then the distractions loom all the larger, and the reality is all the more easily avoided. This Christmas, in the midst of all the sights and sounds and tastes and smells, shall we remind those we meet of the underlying reality? Shall we invite them to come and share in worshipping Christ, born for us?

Every blessing,
Ali

(Rev Alistair Jones)

I would wish to see all arts – especially music – used in the service of Him who has given and created them.

Martin Luther

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers Kay Bassett, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Gladys Pagden, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros Revell, Chris Shagouri, Margaret Simmons, Kathleen Taylor and Christine Wilson.

From the Church Registers

Wedding September 27th Sarah Mawson and Jason Cook
Funeral October 16th Chris King

Sunday Services in November

3rd 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
 10.30 Mr Phil Maud – Scout and Guide Sunday
 Family and Parade
 6.00 United service at Central
10th 10.30 Mr John Connor – Remembrance Sunday
 6.00 Circuit Service at Woodside – Healing and Wholeness
17th 10.30 Dr David Cundall – World Church
 6.00 United Service at Central
24th 10.30 Mrs Kirsty Butler
 6.00 Rev. Peter Reasbeck – Holy Communion

Stewards on Duty in November

3rd Cynthia Hatton and David Buckley
10th Margaret Shingler and Kath Ashby
17th Kath Ashby and John Bussey
24th Carole Abel and Cynthia Hatton

From the Editorial Group

We extend our thanks to Chris Seller for the photographs of the Celebration of 200 years of Mission on the cover and on p.13

Usually the Editorial Teams alternate..... but n.b. the December / January Issue will be prepared by Gordon & Mary and Margaret and you should send items to them no later than Wednesday 20th November.

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9th Leaders Honoured by Chief Scout

The nature of Scouting has changed, and we are often told that the average term of a leader nowadays is less than 5 years. We are therefore very privileged in our Group to have so many adults with long service awards.

Additionally, the group have been advised that five leaders have been selected for awards made for special service, and it is expected that the District Commissioner will attend the November Parade to make these awards.

Two leaders, Sheila Rowley and Graham Hoyle, will receive the “Award for Merit”, made by the Chief Scout “in recognition of outstanding Service to Scouting”.

The "Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service" has been awarded to three members of the Group, Pauline Butterfield, Carol Hoyle and Philip Maud.

These five members of the group have contributed a total of almost 90 years service to Scouting.

Keith Whitham



On Saturday 11th May a 40 foot shipping container pulled out of Lower Dunsforth en route to Fiji. What you may ask is the connection between a small village in North Yorkshire and a group of islands in the South Pacific?

The answer is PhysioNet.

PhysioNet is a UK registered charity providing paediatric physiotherapy equipment, wheelchairs and other mobility items to the disabled in Eastern/ Central Europe and developing countries around the world. Redundant and surplus equipment is collected from the NHS, Special schools, Care homes and individuals across the UK. Items are then stored at Lower Dunsforth before being checked, refurbished if necessary, catalogued and prepared for shipment. Wheelchairs which cannot be mended easily are repaired by HM Prison Service before being returned to PhysioNet.

On this occasion PhysioNet sent:

145 wheelchairs plus wheelchair cushions and spares to Fiji's National Spinal Injuries Association; 100 walking sticks, 85 pairs of crutches, 30 zimmer frames and 30 other mobility aids and mattresses to Suva's main hospital for distribution throughout the islands and 80 items of paediatric physiotherapy equipment and other items for the Country's 14 Special Needs Schools.

If new, the items in a typical consignment would be worth as much as £150,000 and if not collected by PhysioNet would all end up as scrap or landfill. Conversely the recipients simply could not consider this sort of expenditure. Other large consignments in the first 6 months of 2013 have been to South Africa and India with smaller consignments to Belarus, Romania and Bulgaria. Last year five 40ft containers were shipped to developing countries along with a number of smaller consignments.

PhysioNet would be pleased to receive donations of equipment, particularly wheelchairs, from anyone in the area and is always looking for volunteers to help with collections, packing and loading. Physionet is a small charity and needs to raise money to cover the costs of van hire, fuel to collect and sometimes help with shipping costs -roughly £12,000 per annum.

The chairman & founder of the charity Peter Thompson will be showing a DVD about this essential work on Wednesday Nov.6th at 7-30pm in the parlour. Do come and see how valuable the work is to those in need.

If you can help please contact Peter Thompson on Tel 01423 322736 or e-mail: physionet@bramley.prestel.co.uk

Dorina Overson

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them....anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind....anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed....anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank....anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build....anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy....anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good....anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got....anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them....anyway.

Mother Teresa.

The Church Windows

3. The World War One Memorial Window

(Third left as you enter the Church from the Narthex)



The characters in the window are two of the great warriors of the Old Testament. On the left is Joshua, the great Robin Hood-like hero of Jewish history. Undoubtedly a historical figure, and successor to Moses, he led the Jewish people into the Promised Land, commanding them in their various battles to conquer enough in which to settle. Down the centuries legends and stories have gathered round him, and the

story of the settlement in Palestine became muddled. Even so, to commemorate a war in which the British saw themselves as fighting for the right, with God on their side, Joshua is as good a role model as any.

The other figure is Gideon, an interesting character, which makes another point. The nomad tribes of the deserts had invaded central Palestine, and had murdered Gideon's brothers. So revenge was one of his motives, to which were added his national interests. There are two accounts of his career which are blended in the biblical account (Judges chapters 6-8). Gideon demands a sign from God that he will have divine support, and God gives him two miracles involving a woollen fleece. (*spot the sheep behind Gideon*).

However, after Gideon collected the members of his clan, God tells him that there are too many and to send the frightened ones home. There were no fewer than 22,000 men left. One wonders the size of the clan at full strength! There still being too many, God told Gideon to take them down to the water to drink. Many men got on their knees and lapped the water up, 300 using cupped hands. *"I'll use the 300,"* said God, *"just to prove that it is me that won the battle for you and you didn't do it in your own strength"*. Gideon spies on the enemy camp and what he hears inspires

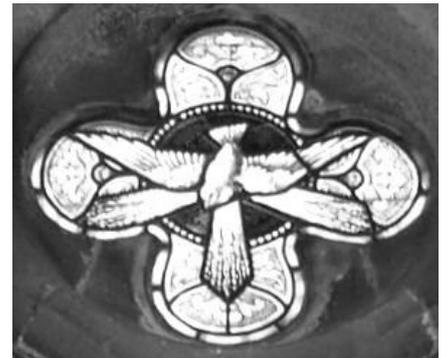
him to attack at once, which he does cleverly and at night, surrounding the camp with lanterns and shouting, causing panic, confused fighting and the flight of the survivors.

After the victory the tribes of Israel offer to make Gideon king out of gratitude, but he declines. Instead, the book tells us, he fathered seventy sons, lived to a ripe old age, and preserved peace in the land for forty years.

Those who chose Gideon for our window, who won his battle though outnumbered, perhaps had in mind the small and gallant first British Expeditionary Force which went to France in 1914 and which the Kaiser called “The Contemptible Little Army”. This epithet was accepted with great pride by the “Old Contemptibles” – worn ever after as their badge. The figures in the window are dressed in an odd mixture of Roman and Medieval dress – nothing like the uniforms of the First World War, or what Joshua or Gideon wore at the time – but it makes them look heroic!

Looking at the memorial brass of those killed, and remembering that Horsforth at the time was a small, fairly cut-off village, the atmosphere at Church, Sunday by Sunday as the casualty lists came in, must have been horrific. By the end, there must have been few families not touched by loss and bereavement. So it is natural that in the top light they should put the longed for heavenly gift of the Dove of Peace and that the dedication at the bottom reads:

“To the Glory of God and in memory of those connected with this church who at the call of duty gave their lives in the Great War 1914 – 1919 this window is erected by the congregation”



Round the corner is a small framed memorial list. This was transferred from Providence United Methodist Church in Broadgate Lane when it closed.

The First World War Brass

This commemorates those members of The Grove who died during the 1914-18 War, whose names are on the Memorial Brass. You will notice the dates are given as 1914-1919. This is because the War did not officially end until the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in the following summer. The Trustees of The Grove kept to the latter date.

The other unusual thing is that the list includes a woman, Florence Hogg. She was one of the small group of women from this Church who volunteered to nurse wounded soldiers. Her fiancé, also from this Church, was killed at Gallipoli. Under great pressure in her duties, Florence fell ill, yet carried on. This effort killed her, making her a genuine casualty and so she was included in the list. Her picture is included in The Grove Book of Remembrance, and her name also appears in the stained glass of York Minster.

With thanks to Gladys Pagden for using this text from Frank Pagden's booklet.

The Grove Christmas Bazaar

The Community Centre, New Street

Saturday 16th November 2013 1000am – 1.00pm.

Music by D'Ukes and Nev Kaye

Refreshments

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Bric a Brac

Pickles, Preserves and Pate's

Tombola

Fashion Accessories

Wooden Crafts

Christmas Crafts

Kitchenalia

A Winner Every Time

Cake Stall

Confectionary Tombola

Raffle

Book Stall

Toy Stall

Face Painting

Santa's Grotto

Games

Come and buy your Christmas Gifts Here

ADMISSION FREE

Update from Shirley Crawford :

It was so wonderful to see so many of you when I came home, thank you for the many opportunities I was given to speak about all I am seeking to do. It is satisfying to let you know how your financial support is making a difference:

To a young couple whose first baby was born by emergency C Section and the crippling unexpected medical bill which was met by your generosity.

To the parents of a 12yr old who went for dental treatment following an accident and who, post treatment, were given a bill far exceeding the amount they were originally told. They were so grateful to you.

To the single mum who could not afford her children's school fees, they were able to continue their education because of your donations.

To the teenage lads in The Juvenile Remand Home who had no medical supplies or decent clothes to go to court in, until you provided for them.

And so much more !

In addition to being Nurse and Mamma to the 13 orphans at Children of Hope, I am involved in Watoto's 'Keep a Girl in School' project. This addresses the huge problem of pubescent girls dropping out of school when they start their periods, because they don't have underwear, soap and sanitary pads. We go into 10 schools to give these basic items and teach health and sex-education, self esteem and self-worth lessons. The success of this simple programme has seen phenomenal increase in these girls staying in school.....I LOVE this stuff!

I am also involved in Watoto's programme for providing reconstructive surgery to women who were abducted into Kony's child soldier army and who were allocated as sex slaves to his commanders. When these young women tried to escape they had their ears, nose and lips macheted off as a punishment and a deterrent to others. These women, who were so brutally mutilated, are now ostracised by society and have a very rough life, but the programme of reconstructive surgery is changing their lives dramatically. I have the privilege of spending time pre-surgery, preparing them for what

is ahead, visiting them in hospital and reassuring them post-op and supporting them once they are back in Gulu for recovery..... it is such a privilege to breath the same air as these incredibly stoical women who have suffered horrifically, and yet have so much hope for a better future.

I am also getting to know many of the women and children who live in the village. As I walk to work and shop in the market outside my gates, I stop and 'chat' to them all and we have a laugh. The children come play in our garden, I nurse wounds, listen to the parent's concerns and try to learn the language!! It's taking me longer and longer to reach work as they all want to talk to the Mzungu (white woman).

As I live and work amongst these beautiful people I am presented, on a daily basis, with numerous opportunities to help make a difference in their lives. Most are very poor and despite working extremely hard, can't provide for all their families' needs, and I have to make difficult decisions as to who I can help practically and who I can't. I am incredibly grateful to all those who support me financially – without you I could no be doing all this.

If you would like to partner with me in making a difference please consider donating a regular monthly amount by standing order, or an occasional donation to:

Shirley Crawford. Fathers Heart Ministries Account
Barclays Bank. 10 Market Street, Bradford. BD1 1EG
Account Number: 63065987 Sort Code: 20-59-42
Please reference your donation with your name.

I am not good at this money bit, but when I live, love and laugh with these gorgeous people, I do want to do all I can for as many as possible, so please help me if you feel you would like to help.

Thank you for all your love and support.
All my love and prayers, Shirls. xxx

ONE MISSION – JOURNEYING TOGETHER LEEDS METHODIST PIONEERS

‘The first purpose-built Methodist chapel in Leeds, the “Old Boggard House”, was erected here on Boggart Close in 1750-51. A public meeting here on 6 October 1813 led to the formation of the (Wesleyan) Methodist Missionary Society which was highly influential in Methodism becoming a world church’.

So reads the Leeds Civic Trust “Blue Plaque” attached to the wall of the stairway leading from St Peter's Street to The Leeds Playhouse. Unerringly guided to the site from the car park by the playing of the Leeds Salvation Army Band, around 100 of us gathered tightly together at 2.00 pm for the plaque unveiling by the President of the Methodist Conference, Revd. Ruth Gee, on the precise 200th anniversary of that meeting.



Following an introduction and prayers led by Revd Dr Elizabeth Smith, Chair of the Leeds Methodist District, the Band led us in singing the hymn “All for Jesus”, after which the President introduced colleague Presidents of Methodist Districts overseas, Revd Dr Cuthbert Edwards (South Caribbean), Revd Dr

Albert Jebanesan (Sri Lanka) and Revd Arnold Temple (Sierra Leone) who attended in recognition of the world significance of the occasion. Linda Kitching, Chair of Leeds Civic Trust, sponsors of the Plaque, introduced Trust Director Dr Kevin Grady who spoke of the importance of Methodism in the history of Leeds, and the foundation of the Chapel build around the house of Matthew Chippendale, a basket maker, whose house was then demolished following the completion of the Chapel.

After prayers led by Revd John Pritchard we sang “For All the Saints” to “Sine Nomine” (Ralph Vaughan Williams) played with vigour by the band! After sharing Matthew 28 v 19-20 and receiving a Blessing, at 2.30 pm we left for the 3.00 pm Worship at Leeds Minster. During our walk we spoke with folk from Stockport, Coventry and Sussex, joining another 300 who were already at The Minster, including around 100 from London District including Westminster Central Hall.

We were greeted at The Minster by music and worship songs from the New World Steel Orchestra, the Aire and Calder Worship Group, and David's Harp from St Mark's Methodist Church in Tottenham. Sadly, no mention of “The Wesley Singers” who had

been asked to sit together in the choir stalls to lead the singing, but with the organ, played by David Wilks (Lidgett Park) and the music groups, we were not entirely necessary!

After welcomes by the Rector of Leeds, Revd Stephen Poxon and Dr Liz Smith and “O for a thousand tongues to sing”, the three visiting Presidents spoke briefly, leading into, for me, a moving act of confession and absolution:

Leader: What do we have to say for ourselves?

All: We regret our failure to recognise God; already present in indigenous cultures; already active in traditional ways; already known but not named.

The Revd. Dr. Cuthbert Edwards responded:

Get Over your failure. Get over your gloom. Hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and a great power to redeem.

The final words of absolution from the World Church leaders were:

‘Hear God's word of grace to you and to the Methodist Church in Britain: for all your failures, for all the lack of sensitivity, for all that denied life rather than giving life, your sins are forgiven.’

Songs of praise were followed by a 30 minute drama from Applegarth Theatre Company entitled “Belonging Together”. Set initially at a preaching house in Armley Village, where Methodism first took root following the Wesleys' visits to the West Riding in the 1740s, it showed the Armley Methodists' reactions to proposals agreed at The Old Boggard House on 6th October 1813 to finance a Mission to India following a talk by Revd. Dr. Thomas Coke, a veteran missionary to the West Indies. Dr. Coke (ably portrayed by our very own David Quick) was then seen setting sail from Portsmouth with fellow ordained missionaries, sadly for him to die before reaching Bombay. The other missionaries resolved to continue the work in faith devoid of immediate funds due to Coke's death, and so began the Methodist Church in India.

After singing “Love divine all loves excelling” Dr. Daleep Mukarji (Vice-President of the Methodist Conference) preached an inspiring sermon urging us all to share the Good News of Jesus Christ as never before, undeterred by apathy or our own humility.

Having sung “Lord your Church on earth is seeking Your renewal from above” we were invited to say the Lord's Prayer in our own language, and, as an Act of Commitment, to work towards a world transformed by God's love, confident that we share in a worldwide - and growing - Christian family. “Captain of Israel's host and Guide” preceded the Benediction, and a rousing celebration of “We are marching in the light of God”.

We left, hurriedly, at 5.35pm to get to the Circuit Harvest Celebration at The Grove. However, having eschewed refreshments and the chance of circulating ‘internationally’, we did not reach Kirkstall Abbey until 6.10, deciding we were too late for the Grove service, so we headed home, inspired with the vision of our world-wide and expanding Church, already numbering 17 million souls.

Chris & Christine Seller



Sonile Dube can now grow watermelons in an arid area of Zimbabwe thanks to training from the Dabane Trust to build sand dams.

Thank You

for raising £6,120.85 for Christian Aid

The money raised by Horsforth Christian Aid Group could pay for:-

Materials to build a small reservoir to provide piped irrigation water to a community in Bolivia.

Training for 50 farmers for 5 days in Kenya to learn how to grow crops in challenging conditions.

The labour cost of building a dam in Kenya.

Educating grants for 10 girls to promote female education in Zimbabwe.

Bicycles for two volunteers in Kenya supporting people with HIV living in rural areas.

Famous Methodists

The Rev. Dr Leslie Weatherhead 1893 – 1976 (part 2)

In 1936 Leslie Weatherhead was offered the position of minister at the Congregational City Temple in London, the greatest Free Church in England. It was an invitation he could not turn down despite feeling rather inadequate for the post. He was succeeded at Brunswick by the Rev. W. E. Sangster saying that there was nobody on earth he would rather have follow him. He was sorely missed by the people of Leeds and he himself was sad to be leaving.

As in Leeds his congregations were huge and on his first Sunday the service was relayed to the lecture hall beneath the church. Leslie became a national figure: his messages got headlines in the press, he was invited to meet with statesmen and attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace. He continued to speak out for peace, disavowing war and laying out the pacifist argument. He was also much involved in broadcasting.

Throughout the war Weatherhead continued to minister to the people of London despite the early bombing of the church, which, to begin with met in the Congregational Memorial Hall before being invited to use a nearby Anglican church for the next five years, followed by five more moves into varying denominational buildings. Leslie stressed the ecumenical opportunities this gave. After much fundraising, a great deal given by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in USA, the new City Temple was completed in 1958, with Weatherhead, of course, preaching the opening sermon and with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in attendance.

Weatherhead travelled the world giving sermons and lectures. In some he was criticised for his theology and in some for his lack of it. He was never mediocre!

His family was very important to him. He and Evelyn had two sons and a daughter. He loved to play with them and family holidays were a great time of togetherness with tennis, walking, beach games and fun. With the proceeds of his books he was able to buy a holiday home at St Margaret's Bay in Kent and family holidays were remembered with great fondness.

In 1936 the officers of the Congregational church had expected Leslie to adopt their denomination, giving up his allegiance to the Methodist

Church. This he was reluctant to do, asking Conference to allow him still to chair the Committee on Spiritual Healing which had just produced its first report. Leslie still preached frequently in Methodist churches especially when abroad although not technically serving the Methodist Church. He returned from a three month tour of USA to be elected President Designate of the Methodist Conference for 1955/6. In his inaugural speech he got straight to the point saying that in towns where there were four or five Methodist churches he would close four and concentrate resources and ministers in one place which would become a “thriving vital centre of spiritual life”. He called for tolerance, citing particularly Billy Graham’s mission and for dedication, concluding “What could God do with Methodism, if, at his feet we began again; if we repented and really believed the Gospel!”

His presidential year was extremely taxing through his many travels. Afterwards he had surgery (twice when the first operation failed) and began to feel that he was declining in strength and energy. In 1959 he was awarded a CBE in the New Year Honours List and indicated that he would be retiring the following year.

He retired to Bexhill-on-Sea in 1960 and continued his writing, much of it controversial as ever (including his “The Christian Agnostic, 1965). He continued to preach and lecture and take on other duties in the community. Evelyn died after several strokes in 1972 and Leslie in 1976 after a quiet and lonely few remaining years, being cared for by a faithful housekeeper to the end.

Information taken from the internet and from his biography “Leslie Weatherhead a personal portrait” by his son, Kingsley Weatherhead. Published by Hodder and Stoughton Ltd 1975.

Gill Jewell

A good thing to remember
And a better thing to do
To work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew.

The Leprosy Mission

So many thanks to all the friends who ordered gifts from the Leprosy Mission Catalogue. Last year we had a record amount of £460 of orders and I did hope that we should achieve this again this year, and maybe even exceed it. And you did!!! £508.83!!! So many thanks. As I write this the cards have arrived and hopefully we will be able to give them out at the beginning of November.

Like all charities finding funding raised declining TLM is no exception. Five of it's regional organisers have had to have their jobs stopped. Very distressing for the organisation to have to do this to loyal workers. These last three years we haven't been able to have our big event which could raise up to £2,000. I hope that next year we shall have some major fund raising. A date for your diary 2014!! On June 14th a welcome return visit from the Sheffield Salvation Army Citadel Band. This will be a fund raiser for the Leprosy Mission. Details later.

Thank you to the loyal collectors who fill their tubes, and have been doing this for the last twelve years. Every little helps.

A friend of mine couldn't find her keys! I don't wonder when ladies handbags have increased in size these last few years. She emptied her bag in a frantic search for the missing culprits. She brought out three acorns!! I asked her what she was doing with those in her handbag. She said she inherited them from her father who always carried them in his trouser pocket to remind him that from tiny things mighty things can come!!

I recently volunteered to take Renee Collinson's place on the Churches Together Committee. I do this with pleasure to work with such a wonderful and active group. Their next venture will be the Food Bank supported with a collection point, and the Christmas Event "Carols round the Bandstand" in the park on December 14th at 4.00pm. This is a wonderful event lasting half an hour. Come along and add to the crowd – over 500 came last year - it's well worth coming to. Remember the acorns! There's no disgrace in doing a little – it's doing nothing that is the worry!!

Again thanks for the Leprosy Mission support.

Jack Myers.

The Grove Church Council, 9th October 2013.

In reviewing **church officers** Council noted the death of Renée Collinson and elected Jack Myers as a replacement representative to Horsforth Churches Together. Council expressed its gratitude to Jean Douglas and accepted her resignation as church representative to the Circuit Meeting.

In matters arising from the previous meeting it was reported that the church is still in need of a **Publicity Co-ordinator** who is willing to work with a small group of volunteers on making church events known within the neighbourhood. Note was taken that the church has the appropriate **licences** for public performances. To accommodate a Churches Together pulpit exchange, the date of the **Church Anniversary** was agreed as Sunday 12th January 2014. Not having heard from Methodist Relief and Development Fund about an application for the church to participate in their initiative **Partner a Project in Uganda**, the Chairman agreed to resubmit the application whereby The Grove would give financial support for the provision of clean water and safe sanitation in Ugandan communities.

Much of the meeting was taken up by a presentation on **possible alterations** to the Activity Room area of The Grove Centre. The aim is to make that part of the premises more effective in meeting the needs of user groups. Outcomes should improve, for example, toilet arrangements for small children and storage facilities as well as providing a secure outdoor play space and maintaining effective fire safety systems. As a result outreach should be enhanced by enabling the church to extend its work in meeting the needs of the community through facilitating its Pre-School to cater for 2 year old children identified by the Local Authority as being able to benefit from early years' provision. The Council agreed that **provisional plans** might go for consultation amongst premises users and grants for the work from District, Circuit and other bodies might be sought.

Items raised by committees included:

From the beginning of November, **evening services** to be held in the Small Hall unless otherwise advertised. (Worship Consultation)

A small number of copies of **Singing the Faith**, the new Methodist hymn book, together with a downloadable version for use with the new

screen, to be purchased. (Worship Consultation)

Church **membership** now stands at 170 with 113 adherents. 5 members have died in the course of the year and 4 people have expressed an interest in becoming members. (Pastoral)

The success of the **Holiday Club**. (Church Life)

Council accepted a recommendation that as the church supports the box appeal for **Samaritan's Purse** (SP) and as there is no carboy slot for financial donations this year, a special collection after a Sunday Service could be made to cover postage costs if the SP coordinator felt it necessary . (Church & Society)

Agreed that the **Church Parlour** would be redecorated. (Property)

Agreed to undertake **pew alterations** so as to enhance disabled access. (Property)

Agreed to erect a small **noticeboard** on the front drive facing Town Street, similar to the one on New Street but small enough to use existing steel posts. (Property)

To repaint **white lines** on the Centre car park. (Property)

Appreciation and thanks to everyone for the **surplus** of income over expenditure for the year ending 31st August 2013 at a time when there are **significant maintenance works** to be undertaken and worthy causes to be supported . (Finance)

The **draft Annual Report** for the year ending 31st August 2013 was tabled for amendments to be suggested by 31st October.

Under Any Other Business items included :

11 Horsforth Churches Together **Food Bank**, that is to open in December.

12 A further **donation** towards the work of Shirley Crawford with rescued child soldiers and aids orphans in Uganda.

13 **Pre-School purchase** of a lockable fridge and cupboard in order to meet health and safety requirements regarding the provision of lunches to children eligible for free school meals.

Peter Mawson, Church Council Secretary

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series – 2013

All events take place at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House. Admission Free.
Donations to Amnesty International.

Sunday 10th November 7.30pm Ristretto

Colin Honour (Clarinet) and friends from Opera North.

What's on?

- Nov 9th Concert by “Hot Aire” Swing Band at Trinity.
7pm to 9pm. £6.00 (incl. Refreshments).
- Nov 10th Circuit Service for “Healing & Wholeness” at Woodside.
6.00 pm - led by Rev. Keith Hunt.
- Nov 16th Grand Christmas Bazaar at the Grove Community Centre.
- Nov 16th Community Lunch at Trinity served at 12 noon. £4.00.
- Nov 21st Circuit Bible Study at Trinity at 7.30pm.
- Nov 23rd Christmas Fair with light lunches at St Marks. 10am to 2.00pm.
- Nov 30th Christmas Dinner with entertainment at Rodley.
7.00pm for 7.15pm. More details later.
- Dec 4th Coffee and Carols at St Marks. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

NB: Moving Forward Together.

The “Next Step” meeting for those who were involved in the focus groups will be held at the Manse on Monday 18th November at 2.00pm.

WOW !! If you haven't been to a Barn Dance at the Grove, you haven't lived.

When you go you hardly know anyone, but by jove, by the end everyone knows everyone. You don't only dance with everyone's husband, all the wives have a whirl. My what a jolly evening.

Wait – half way through the band stops and do you eat?
I hope so. From Pizzas to Hot Dogs, and all the extras then.
To finish off the ice cream cart comes round.

A jolly good night. Every one going home exhausted and my, did the minister show a leg, the biggest high kick – well maybe not.

Colin and Barbara Lock

Join the NHS Organ Donor Register

As you read this more than 9,000 people in the UK need an organ transplant.

Transplants are one of the most miraculous achievements of modern medicine. But they depend entirely on the generosity of donors and their families who are willing to make this life-saving gift to others. By joining the NHS organ Donor Register you could help to make sure life goes on.

To decide whether or not you wish to give life to someone else after you have died is something very personal and it is important that everyone makes their own decision. It is also important that you let your family and friends know your wishes.

By joining the register you are giving your agreement to your organs and tissue being used for transplantation to save or enhance the lives of others after your death.

For more information please ring: 0845 60 60 400

Regular events (contd)

Thursday

9.30 – 11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs) 293 8458
11.00 Bible Fellowship 258 3239
6.00 Cubs 216 9006
6.15 Beavers 216 9006
7.45 Scouts 216 9006
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 258 2097

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

Walking Groups: **Thursday** 258 6579

Saturday 258 4520

The Editorial Teams alternate..... but n.b. the December / January Issue will be prepared by **Gordon, Mary and Margaret and you should send items to **them** no later than **Wednesday 20th November.****

Please include dates up to Sunday 2nd February 2014.

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