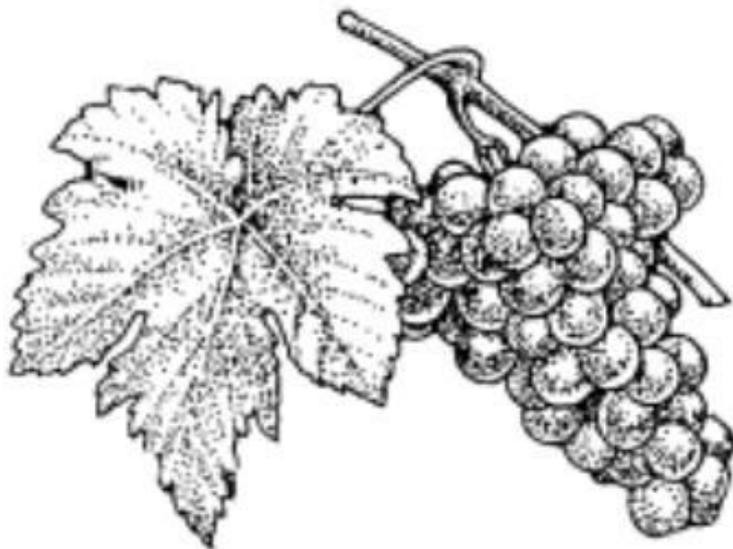


GROVE VINE

**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 are 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.
- 2.00 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 239 0335
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882 (continued on inside back cover)

Looking over the roundabout....

the fog has cleared. Yes, clouds remain, but the sun is shining through. Isn't it wonderful how radiance can lighten our lives, and how the brightness of the future can lead us out of a damp and murky spell?

Change is never easy though. We recently had our Church Anniversary in 'café' style, which some anticipated they would not enjoy. However, the flood of positive comments from young and old alike was both a surprise and an affirmation. Taking bread and wine together around a table is, of course, not a new thing. It is far more traditional than is a communion rail and individual glasses. Just ask any of the participants at the Last Supper!

We also had the first Sunday using our new hymnbook, *Singing The Faith*. As I say, change is never easy, and there were a couple of points where changed phraseology took me by surprise. Good.

Why good? If the familiar becomes too easy it loses meaning. We need to be reminded of the true meaning of words, and since language and meaning changes so rapidly we must needs keep pace!

This is our denomination's approved hymnbook, and therefore I shall be using it more and more.

Do you remember how hard it was to change from the Methodist Hymn Book to *Hymns and Psalms*?

Yet we did it, and as a Christian people have benefited from many new and wonderful hymns. So it will be with *Singing The Faith*.

It is worth remembering that John and Charles Wesley were innovators, as was Isaac Watts, as were Saints Francis, Paul and Peter, as was our Lord Jesus Christ. Change isn't easy, but we are called to minister God's love to a changing world.

God bless you all,

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(Rev Alistair S Jones)

From the Editorial Group

The Editorial group are always pleased to receive articles, photographs or letters from our readers. If you wish to make comments or replies we shall be happy to print them.

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros Revell, Chris Shagouri, Margaret Simmons, Kathleen Taylor, Christine Wilson, John and Kath Ashby.

Sunday Services in February

- 2nd 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Family and Parade service
6.00 United Service at Central
- 9th 10.30 Mr Stephen Barber
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones
- 16th 10.30 Mrs Anne Blackburn
6.00 United Service at Central
- 23rd 10.30 Mrs Moira Hunt
6.00 Rev. Godfrey Nicholson

Stewards on Duty in February

- 2nd David Buckley and Carole Abel
- 9th Cynthia Hatton and David Buckley
- 16th John Bussey and Betty West
- 23rd Carole Abel and Cynthia Hatton

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2013 Carol Service Competition Winners

The prizewinners, from oldest to youngest, were: Imogen Peacock, Kate Fletcher, Lucy Mack, Gabriella Peacock, Jamie Walker, Henry Smales, Louie Smales, Toby Walker, and William Fletcher.

Britain's Top Ten Hymns

Every so often, the BBC invites *Songs of Praise* viewers/listeners to vote for their favourite hymn. Did you vote in the 2013 poll, carried out last autumn? 'How great thou art' is the number 1 choice, as it was in the last survey in 2005 (the story behind this hymn and its rise in popularity was in last April's Vine). A popular hymn throughout my lifetime, 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended', now props up the charts in tenth place (from third place in 2005). But this still means it remains the favourite for many people (see last May's Vine).

Between first and tenth, we can clearly see how preferences change over time, because many of the other choices are hymns written relatively recently. At number two is 'In Christ alone', published in 2001, and that represents a remarkably rapid rise up the charts (it was already ninth in 2005). This hymn is also unusual because the music was composed first. Usually, words are written first, before a suitable tune is composed or an existing tune is adopted. In third place is another 'modern' hymn (none of the top three are in *Hymns and Psalms*) – 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord', published in 1986.

There are still some very old favourites in the top ten – hymns that we've been singing most of our lives. 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' is in fourth place, 'Abide with me' (not in the 2005 top ten) is in seventh place, and 'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer/Jehovah' is in eighth place. But the charts include other recent hymns. 'Here I am, Lord' ('I, the Lord of sea and sky'), is a new entry in fifth place (also not in *Hymns and Psalms*), and 'Make me a channel of your peace' is in ninth place.

That just leaves sixth place, occupied by the third new entry – 'And can it be?'! How strange it seems to us that such a significant hymn to Methodists has not been in the *Songs of Praise* top ten before, but the reason is probably that some other denominations have seemingly only recently discovered it.

And what of the hymns which have disappeared from the top ten since the 2005 survey? 'Be thou my vision' was in fourth place last time, 'Love divine, all loves excelling' was fifth, and 'Shine, Jesus, shine' was tenth, but these three now occupy places 13 to 15. All of the hymns mentioned here are, of course, in *Singing the Faith*. Is your favourite still in the top ten?

Tony Orton

The Church Windows

5. The Braithwaite Window

(Third right as you enter the Church from the Narthex).



This is the earliest of all the windows, and it is distinctive in that the warmth of the colours set it apart. It is also the most moving. The Methodists in Horsforth had worked hard over many years, and with great faith had erected this church. Although the roundel over the front door says 1868, it was actually January 1869 when it was opened – in the middle of a snow-storm.

Within a year of that, one of the stalwarts of the church, Ann Braithwaite, died aged 40, leaving a bereft husband and children.

The light on the left is dedicated to her “In Loving memory of Ann Braithwaite, died Jan 3. 1870, aged 40, erected by her husband and children.” The picture says it all.

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter and said “*Feed my Lambs*” (John 21 v 15), a request to him to look after the disciples. In the window we see Jesus holding a lamb with two more round his feet, and a shepherd’s crook, repeating this request. But more poignantly, we also hear the words of the dying Ann Braithwaite to her family and all in the church, “*look after my children.*” In fact there were nine of them surviving! They must have filled up a couple of pews on their own. The oldest was 17 and the youngest just 12 months old.

As Methodism is renowned for its close fellowship and The Grove has always had a reputation for its warm caring, we can be sure that Ann Braithwaite’s cry from the heart was lovingly and generously answered.

Her husband Hodgson Braithwaite, was a plumber, glazier and coppersmith in a large way, and equipped many of the large houses in the Horsforth area. As a young man he spent some years in America, without any success, but when he came back to Horsforth in 1851 he proved himself an astute businessman and built up a good business from nothing. It is said that whereas most copper screw joints were made at 20 threads to the inch, he always made his at 19 threads to the inch. Although they looked the same, other people’s fittings never quite matched, and whenever

they needed a repair, his was the only firm who could do the job! The widowed Hodgson married again within the year and had three more children by his new wife Mary Mountain.

However, he only lived another 14 years, dying in 1884 at the age of 57. The picture on the right is in memory of him. It shows Pilgrim, holding the cross he has to carry as his staff. He looks up to the angel messenger who so often has been the bringer of bad news. And, like Job, in spite of tragedy and suffering, repeats his unshakeable faith, "*Bless the Lord, O My Soul.*" from Psalm 103.

This is a moving and heart-warming window, which underlines that the Christian faith can help us cope with suffering and tragedy.

Now, looking back along the windows on this wall, we can see the story of the Braithwaite family. First the mother Ann died aged 40, leaving husband Hodgson to bring up their big family, and he erected the first window in the middle of the sunny side of the church. When he died, his son William who was then 27, and unmarried, became head of the family. He took over the business and had the responsibility of supporting the remaining children and step-children. Together they put up the window to their father, making the pair.

Mary married a solicitor William Myers in 1893, and at about the same age as his father (58) William Braithwaite died in 1916, still unmarried. So the remaining children put up the next window, the Christmas Window (see the December issue of Grove Vine), "*In Memory of a devoted son and brother*".

Then, in 1932, the only unmarried Braithwaite, Amelia, died. It would seem obvious that Mary Myers, a surviving sister, would erect a third large window – in memory of Amelia – to fill up the Eastern wall of the church, for the third window was then just the old Victorian patterned glass. We would then have a whole wall of Braithwaites, but there is a much more human reason why she settled on a small one round the corner – still on the sunny side – the Childhood of Jesus window.

In her later years, Amelia was very deaf and used to sit right under the Pulpit where she could hear. So they put the window nearest to where she would sit. Her friends could see that window and imagine her still sitting there. By this time most of the Braithwaites had moved away or died, so because she was one of the last, and no-one would put up a window for her, Mary put herself in "*In Memory of Amelia Braithwaite, erected by her sister Mary Myers.*"

Our thanks to Gladys Pagden again for allowing us to use this text from Frank Pagden's Booklet.

Fairtrade Fortnight February 24th – March 9th 2014



FAIRTRADE
INTERNATIONAL

Each year, the fortnight has a theme: 2014's theme is based around Fairtrade bananas. Bananas have been at the heart of Fairtrade for over 13 years and over 1.3 billion Fairtrade bananas are sold in the UK each year. Despite this problems remain within the banana industry which fair-trade plan to transform with its Abolish Unfair Banana campaign to make sure the struggling banana farmers get a fair deal. Whether you're buying fair-trade bananas, Fairtrade fruit juice or other Fairtrade products you're helping fair-trade and therefore the workers.



Philemon Allen, banana farmer from St Vincent visits St Cyriac's Church, Lacock in Wiltshire

Fairtrade offers hope for many. Buying Fairtrade products means that farmers in developing countries are given a fair price for their products as well as an additional premium which they can choose to invest in community projects or healthcare or education or back into their business as they see fit. Thus farmers can escape from poverty and begin to see an end to the injustice that traps the lives of so many.

This year Leeds will be celebrating ten years as a Fairtrade city and will be holding a Fairtrade Cake Bake Off! More information and an application form is available from joan.machin@ntlworld.com

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Creator God,

You loved the world into life.

Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty.

Incarnate God,

You taught us to speak out for what is right.

Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more.

Breath of God,

Let there be abundant life.

Inspire us with the vision of poverty over, and give us faith, Courage and the will to make it happen.

A Christian Aid prayer

A Challenge

How about aiming to become a Fairtrade Church in keeping with other churches in Horsforth? The Three Goals a fair-trade church must fulfil are:

- 1 Use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which the church has responsibility
- 2 Move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit
- 3 Promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible.

We could do it at Grove too.

Cynthia Hatton writes:

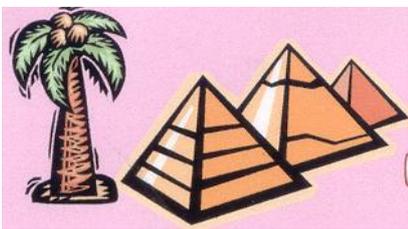
I was sorry to miss the Café-style service celebrating the Church Anniversary service. I was ill.

I think it is important to try new, different initiatives, to encourage new, younger people into church.

I feel privileged to help Horsforth Churches Together. The outreach is inspirational. Lots can happen when churches/people work together. Perhaps we could do likewise, even suggesting new ideas, and work together in friendship for the sake of the Grove.

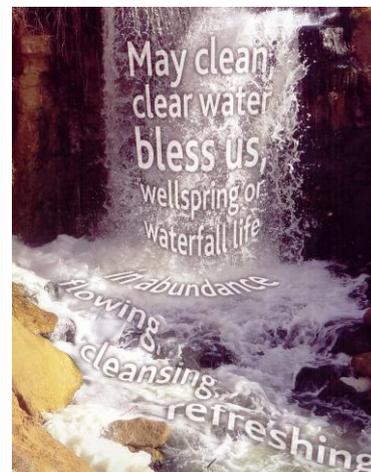
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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The Women's World Day of Prayer is held on the first Friday of March each year. It is celebrated in over 170 countries and the service is written each year by Christian women of a different country. The selected country and its people becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself.

This year the country is Egypt and the theme of the service is "Streams in the Desert". In Horsforth the service will be at The Grove on Friday 7th March at 2.00 pm and our guest speakers will be David and Margaret Judson, who have vast experience of the Middle East. All are welcome to attend – men, women and children. Those attending in previous years have found the service a unique experience.



The Grove Vine December 2013 Pathfinder Puzzle Solution

Away in a Manger, O Come all ye Faithful; Hark the Herald Angels sing; Born in the Night; Christians awake; In the bleak midwinter; Silent night; Once in Royal Davids city; The First Nowell; While shepherds watched.

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News from Horsforth Foodbank

The Horsforth Foodbank opened the week before Christmas and was soon able to help 7 families, but the base at Woodside was found to be unsuitable. The foodbank has moved temporarily to the Children's Centre in Broadgate Lane. The steering committee is confident that a new permanent base with suitable packing areas, interviewing space and disability access will soon be found. Many thanks to all who have brought food (tins and packets) and left them in our trolley in the church porch. Some of the food was used before Christmas, but at present we are waiting for the permanent base to be established before making more deliveries. Anyone in need can phone **07758196951** to receive information about how to receive food.

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It's Show Time!

This year the 9th Airedale Scout Group are celebrating 40 years of productions at the Grove when we will be performing **Robinson Crusoe's Lost Treasure**. Performances will be in the Centre on 20-22 February at 7.30 p.m with a matinee at 3 p.m. on the 22 February.

Tickets are £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for children (15 and under) and other concessions and will be available in the Centre after the Parade Service on 2 February and on subsequent Sundays. Alternatively they can be obtained from any Unit Leader or Eric Douglass (Box Office 0113 2585519).

We look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion and are sure you will enjoy the show.

Grove Pre school

To raise funds for The Grove Church, we are holding a

Jumble Sale at The Grove

on

Tuesday 11th March 9.15 - 11.45 am

in The Grove Centre, Main Hall

Donations of clothing suitable for children and adults, as well as other saleable items would be much appreciated! Bags of clothing and other donations can be brought to the Grove Centre and left on the stage **after** Monday 24th February; please kindly mark them 'Jumble Sale'.

Thank you!

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CHARITY WINDOW 2013

DATES	CHARITY	CO-ORDINATOR	TOTAL
January / February	LGI Childrens Heart surgery Ward - SOS	Carol Hoyle	£46.00
March / April	Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust	David Quick	£50.00
May / June	Garten Special School E.Riding (Vicky Swales)	Judi Swales	£ 120.00
July / August	Sight Savers	Kay Bassett	£9.80
September / October	Save the Children	Jean Orton	£65.00
November/ December	PhysioNet	Dorina Overson	£25.00

(see letter on next page)

PhysioNet.

Peter Thompson writes:

Thank you for the cheques received from:

Wednesday Break	58.00
Line-dancers	80.00
Charity window	<u>25.00</u>
	£163.00



This will enable us to send 40ft. shipping containers to Fiji, India, Ghana, and Gambia plus smaller consignments to Mexico, Bulgaria & Belarus this year. For the first time I expect that the new value of these shipments will exceed £1.0million or something in the order of £45.00 worth of kit delivered for every £1 invested. So your £163 equates to £15,648 of new kit ex U.K. or to £5208 of new equipment at destination. Surely few Charities could say the same. As we have no wages or rent to pay every penny goes to where it is needed.

Please pass on my grateful thanks to everyone who supported us and with all good wishes for the New Year.

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CHARITY WINDOW 2014

DATES	CHARITY	CO-ORDINATOR
January/ February	Mucopoly Sacchardosis (MPS)	Gordon and Mary Mellor
March / April	SCOPE	Christine and Ricky Hearn
May/ June	Laura Crane Youth Cancer Trust	Helena Watkins
July/ August	Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy Assoc. (PSPA)	John and Kath Bussey
September& October	For Shirley Crawford's Work in Uganda	Philip Maud
November/December	The Leprosy Mission	Jack Myers

Forum 2000

The large Hall at Grove was full at the first meeting of 2014 to hear Shirley Crawford talk about her work in a small village in northern Uganda. She spoke with passion, anger and love about her life caring for the people, especially the children who have been so damaged by 20 years of tyranny in the region. Thankfully the perpetrator was ousted eight years ago (although he is now continuing his madness in the Congo) leaving behind a generation of traumatised people who have been brainwashed into trusting nobody, children who were abducted from their homes into his 'army' (the Lord's Resistance Army), often having been forced to see their parents macheted to death, before being marched many days into the camps where they were taught the 'skills' of killing people, carrying and using guns, sometimes having to kill their own siblings. They had seen children like themselves killed and tortured for crying, trying to run away and simply acting as children so that they learned to survive by doing what they were told and suppressing all their emotions and fears. These children often found it impossible to return to their homes following the end of this war because, understandably, they were not welcomed back because of the terrible things they had done to family and neighbours.

In the village where Shirley lives there is a Juvenile Remand Home where teenage boys, and the occasional girl are sent - some innocent, some sent by parents 'to be taught a lesson' for minor issues, and some guilty - to wait for a slow and corrupt judicial system to decide their fate. The conditions are appalling, with insufficient food, no medical supplies, threadbare uniforms, minimal educational input and some barbaric 'initiation beatings' which leave the inmates with serious wounds which are made worse when the boys are kept in solitary confinement in a disused latrine for up to a week.

Shirley only discovered what was going on when she treated the wounds of a young man called Darius, who had been badly beaten by a gang who framed him for a burglary and so he ended up in the Remand Home awaiting trial. After she had been treating Darius for some time he secretly wrote to Shirley informing her of the severe beatings each boy received on his first night in the Remand Home and how they were kept in solitary confinement so that their condition was hidden from her when she held clinics. He was exceptionally brave in speaking out and trying to get the beatings stopped because in doing so he risked another brutal beating for

informing her. Impressed by his character, Shirley had his case investigated and he was released without charge and returned to his village but was at risk there from the gang members. Sharing his story with friends, three of Shirley's supporters have generously sponsored Darius and he is doing well in Boarding School.

This is just one example Shirley gave of the difference her supporters were making in the lives of the children who have suffered so much.

Shirley is a volunteer. Could you consider joining her in making a difference and supporting her financially – She needs £5,000 a year?

It only needs 140 people to give £3.00 per month	CAN
or 84 people to give £5.00 per month	YOU
or even 42 people to give £10.00 per month	HELP?

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.

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Horsforth Churches Together Celebrating Christmas Report by Duncan Stow

Carols in the park

Carols in the Park proved hugely popular with an estimated 600 to 700 people coming to enjoy singing Christmas Carols, munching mince pies and supping warm cups of tea and coffee on what was a predictably cold winter's night. A little nativity scene was set up around the bandstand and Mary and Joseph certainly had plenty of visitors to sit on the bales of straw and peer in on baby Jesus. The service was amusingly but very thoughtfully led by Phil Maud with his lorry load of props, helping draw everyone's focus towards the wonder of Christ amongst us.



Primary Schools – Rewind to Christmas

One hundred and eighty year 4 children from Newlathes, St Margaret's, Broadgate and Westbrook schools took part in the churches together Rewind to



Christmas events. The ninety minute session invited children to use their imaginations and travel back to the first Christmas. On their journey they met and had a chance to chat with Mary, a shepherd and a wise man fresh from visiting Jesus. It was great to see the children wondering and asking questions. What does all this mean?

Farmers' Market

Horsforth Farmers' Market was filled with the noise of carol singers from the local churches and Horsforth Choral society. There was also a nativity scene where children and adults could dress up and "get in the picture" We had interest from the local press and so Duncan's picture as a wise man went global to the derision of many of his unbelieving friends!

Christmas Assemblies

We had a great time in Horsforth school running up to Christmas organising the assembly. Children were involved in singing, drama, Christmas readings and prayers. The Christmas game was a competition to find the best wise man, shepherd and donkey-riding Mary. Each activity required a certain sense of humour and a willingness to get a bit messy. Then Duncan had ten minutes to share a message about the joy Christ brings, God who entered into our mess.



Live at Home Food Boxes

Horsforth Students worked in their forms to make Christmas hampers filled with goodies for Live at Home. The decoration of the hampers became a competition, with each of the seventy hampers demonstrating a great deal of creativity, with food stored in anything from snowmen to nativity scenes. The

hampers not only met a practical need but also put a smile on people's faces. Finally children from the school helped distribute that which they'd collected.

Carols in the Pubs

The pubs had visitors, sharing songs and Christmas joy. The Carol pub crawl went down really well. Some pubs were a little light on numbers but not appreciation, one man saying the singing had made his Christmas. Others pubs however were heaving, having organised pie and peas, or mulled wine and mince pies. Extra carols were requested and punters joined in adding plenty of volume to the angelic-like Churches Together choir.

Music at The Grove 2014

The Season continues on Sunday 16th February at 3.00. p.m. with a change of performers. Sadly one of the Threedom Wind Trio is unable to appear, but we are all delighted that Elizabeth Kenwood (oboe - and one of the Threedom Trio) will be joined by Revd. Peter Reasbeck to give a recital of music to suit all tastes. In the same concert The Outlane Singers, directed by Suzanne Smelt will perform the deservedly popular Faure Requiem, with soloists Peter Cain and Helen Carbutt with Malcolm Hinchliffe, organ.

The winter season opened with a delightful and impressive organ recital by the irrepressible Leeds star of the organ, Simon Lindley, who says he cannot wait to get his hands (and feet!) on our wonderful Rushworth and Dreaper 3 manual instrument "designed specifically for Grove Chapel and not mucked about with since!" On 7th December the Wesley Singers presented a delightful "Christmas Celebration" to a large - and appreciative - audience, helped by fruit punch and mince pies at half time. "A wonderful start to the Christmas Season", as many have said.

On Saturday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. we welcome The Phoenix Wind Band, Director Keiron Anderson with music from the films and musicals, then, after the interval they will be joined by soprano Elizabeth Frankland and will present their version of "The Last Night of the Proms". The Band is well respected and the concert is not to be missed. Tickets for the first two concerts are £6 in advance, or £8 at the door.

Then on Sunday 18th May at 3.00 p.m. we welcome a return visit to that star of the classical guitar and Classic FM featured artist, Craig Ogden. Tickets are already in demand at £8 (at the door £10 - if there are any left!) Afficionados may like to know that on the previous evening, at 7.30 p.m. he will be playing the Villa Lobos Guitar Concerto at St Chads Headingley with the Leeds Symphony Orchestra (director Martin Binks), and the programme will also include "The Planets" suite by Gustav Holst. Be there!!

The Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band make a pleasing return visit on Saturday 14th June at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for this event are FREE from Salvation Army c/o 19 Hunger Hills Avenue Horsforth LS 18 5JS. Please enclose SAE. Tickets for the first three concerts from Carole Abel, Elizabeth Kenwood and Chris Seller (also by post 21A West End Lane Horsforth LS 18 5 JP enclosing SAE (and payment!)) Accompanied children are free at all concerts, but must have a ticket.

Community Fund Raiser

Now is an ideal time to join the Grove CFR, with all the utility companies increasing Gas/Electric prices.

Comparative Average Increases

Utility Warehouse 6.0%

S.S.E 8.2%

Scottish Power 8.6%

British Gas 9.2%

N.Power 10.4%

The more services you take out the cheaper your energy and no contract is needed. Customers will receive 10% cash back as store vouchers on energy used during the first year.

I have 4 services - Gas/Electric/Broadband/ Home phone.

Gas standing charge 18.014 pence per day and 4.445 pence per KWH.

Electricity standing charge 18.877 pence per day and 13.818 pence per KWH.

All prices include V.A.T.

Broadband £ 5.82 per month

Home Phone £ 12.42 per month

Peak Saver £ 5.82 per month

All prices are plus V.A.T.

The Home Phone and Peak Saver service includes FREE calls 24/7 and calls to 0845 and 0870 numbers, also calls to the top 10 International destinations at 1 pence per minute. These prices are plus V.A.T. Please compare these prices with your present supplier.

Good News. Utility Warehouse won the award for best provider for Telephone/Broadband service in the October 2013 edition of the Which Magazine.

The Church in Rodley is joining our C.F.R in the near future. Welcome! The Grove continues to receive £40-£50 per month from Utility Warehouse for Church Funds.

Please remember that the Grove receives up to 5% from your bill!

If you are interested in the C.F.R and want to know more, please see me or phone 2818176.

Ricky Hearn

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My mum taught me good from evil, and dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedy. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, he understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! It was through him my family saw their first major football match. He made me laugh, and he made me cry.

The stranger never stopped talking, but dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, mum would get up quietly, while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave. Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. And he talked freely - much too freely - about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... and never asked to leave. Many years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' home today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? We just know him as TV. He has a wife now; we call her Computer. Their first child was called Mobile and the second was iPod. And just born a year or two ago was a grandchild, named iPad.

SCOUT NEWS

Remembrance Day

Have you noticed that members of the Scouting organisation are wearing a badge on their left breast? The one that says 'LEST WE FORGET', surrounded by a wreath with the Scouting symbol in the centre. Wondering what it's for? Let me tell you a little bit about it. It's there because this year it is the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the First World War! You may already know that, but there's something about it that you might not know! Soldiers and civilians known to have died in the war have memorials, and there are many more memorials to "The Unknown Soldier". However, there is one very large organisation that was involved in the war that does not have its own memorial, or anything at all to recognise what those people did! The Scouting Organisation!

The actual people who died of course have their own graves, but there is absolutely nothing to remember that they were part of the Worldwide Family of Scouting. During the war, scouts took on a variety of roles, where sometimes scouts would have been fighting scouts! During the war in many countries, it is known that whole groups of friends would have gone to a recruitment office, to sign up to fight. Unfortunately, there is nothing in the world that remembers the scouts who died in that terrible war.

That is what this badge is for. It is being sold to scouts to raise funds to build a memorial in memory of the scouts that signed up, sometimes before they were legally eligible, to fight and die for their country, no matter which side they were on. The memorial will be built in the National Memorial Arboretum in the Midlands.

We, 9th Airedale Scouts and Tenzing Explorers, are proud to be part of this initiative. In 2012 we went to Belgium and visited some of the World War 1 sites around Ypres, the most inspiring of them, where almost the entire town was destroyed under artillery machine gun and gas attacks. We visited the museum there which was very moving, highlighting some of the terrible atrocities of the war, and the moments of heroism, on both sides of the fighting. But the most moving was, of course, Tyne Cot Cemetery, where so many found their final resting place. 9th Airedale and Tenzing laid a wreath during the visit.

Scott Haslam, Explorer Scout aged 16



Annual Bag Pack

On 7 December 2013 the Group had their annual bag pack at Morrisons on Town Street. A fantastic sum of £894.35 was raised and has been allocated to much-needed funds. We are delighted at the support received from Morrisons and we have again been invited to have our bag pack there on the first Saturday in December this year.

Eric Douglass, Chair Scout Executive

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Lent 2014

Many people like to mark Lent by a new resolution or doing something special. Here are some ideas for this year.



Lent Prayer Diaries

These diaries are produced by Leeds Churches Together in Mission and are a wonderful source of information about the variety of Christian work that is going on in Leeds. The diary itself allows the reader to work their way through Lent, praying for a different entry each day. Each entry has a combination of information, prayer requests and stories highlighting some of the invaluable work. The cost this year is only 75p. Please contact Jean Orton (2589093) if you would like a copy.

Horsforth Churches Together Lent Housegroups 2014

Theme: “Build on the Rock” - faith, doubt and Jesus

Introduction : Wednesday 26th February at 7.30 at St. James Parish Centre, Low Lane

Speaker: Revd Mark Bradford, Curate of Holy Trinity, Ripon; followed by questions, discussion and refreshments.

Housegroups start: Week beginning 10th March

Invitation: Don't miss this opportunity of meeting with folk from other churches, learning from each other and sharing ideas from different perspectives, using the popular York Course materials. Sign one of the notices on the notice board in the narthex, or outside the Main Hall, giving your preferred day and time.

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What's on?

- Feb 13th 2 pm Circuit MWiB Committee, Rodley
- Sunday Feb 16th Concert at Grove Church. Elizabeth Kenwood (oboe)
3.00pm and Peter Reasbeck (piano) and the Outlane Singers. See p.17
- Thursday Feb 20th 10.am Church and Society Committee at 21a West End Lane
- Saturday March 1st Circuit Missions Banquet at Trinity. Speaker from 'Caring for
Life'. Tickets from Mrs Anne Blackburn £6.50
- Friday March 7th Women's World Day of Prayer at Grove Church at 2pm.
Speakers: Mr & Mrs D. Judson. See p. 10

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Few people realise that many of the sayings which they use today had their origin in the Bible.

Here are some examples:

- If you say, "I escaped by the skin of my teeth" you will be quoting something from the book of Job 19.20.
- And if you feel something is "no more than a drop in a bucket" you will find this in the prophecy of Isaiah 40.15.
- If something happens "in the twinkling of an eye" this comes straight from 1 Corinthians 15.52.
- If someone tries to find "a scapegoat" tell them to look at Leviticus 16.10.

Can you find any others?

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

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