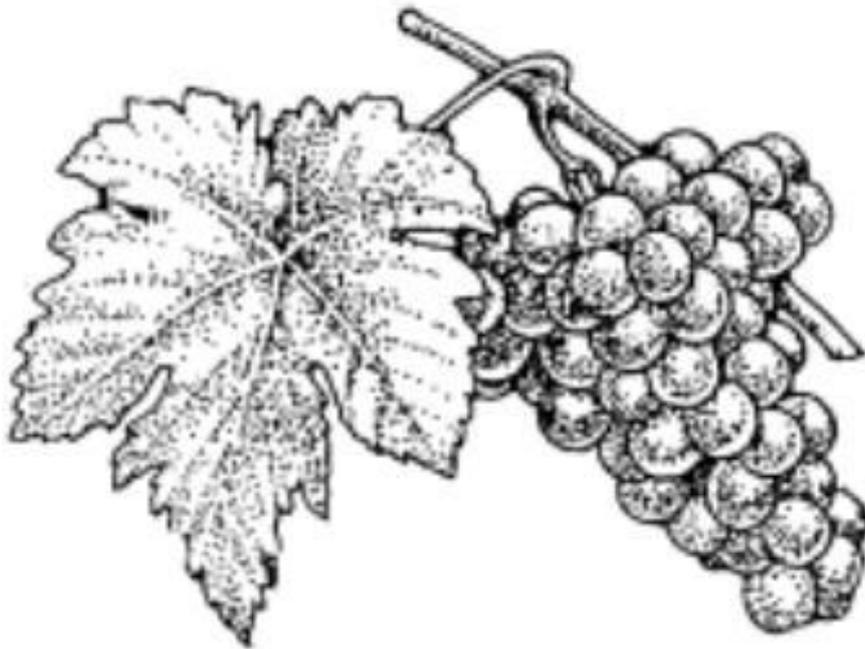


# **GROVE VINE**

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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) 0113 258 3509
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 0113 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 0113 258 9093

### **Monday**

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 0113 239 0335
- 12.00 Luncheon Club 0113 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 0113 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 0113 216 9006
- 6.15 Cubs 0113 216 9006
- 7.45 Scouts 0113 216 9006
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 0113 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 0113 258 8803
- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs)  
0113 239 0335 and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 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) 0113 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 0113 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 0113 202 9010

### **Wednesday**

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 0113 239 0335  
and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 2.00 Line Dancing 0113 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 0113 239 0335
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 0113 250 4907
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 0113 225 2734
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 0113 258 0882 (continued inside back cover)

## Looking over the roundabout...

the air is crisp and clear, and the horses are grazing on frost touched grass. Trees and bushes hang heavy with rich, red berries, and colours are slowly changing from greens to orange, russet and brown. Autumn is upon us.

We are caught within a world where time ticks onwards, but also cycles around. Different cultures have viewed this in different ways, some seeing time as endless repetition, others as continuous process and progress, yet others as an eternal decay from some long lost golden age. Within the Christian Year we have that cycle, as we now head towards our celebration of the harvest and then through to Advent and Christmas. Yet we also believe that we are part of the story of God's salvation of the world, moving from creation to fulfilment, with the Cross of Christ the moment around which the whole of history moves.

What we do NOT have is a vision of decay, but rather of rebirth, growth and renewal. There are times when the life of the church can seem to be one of decline, but it really doesn't have to be. If we are prepared to look for them we may see new possibilities, fresh prospects, of spiritual revival and of the spread of faith. If we want to be part of God's mission we may be, and if we want to see the church of God grow, then we can do. It is a matter of finding out what God is doing, and putting ourselves in tune with that. That is how we reshape ourselves for mission.

Autumn is upon us, and winter will soon be with us. Be not afraid. Spring is coming.

God bless,

Ali      (*Rev Alistair Jones*)

### **Thought for the month**

In these tragic days, so full of darkness and terror – what happiness can yet be ours if we can realise Christ in our midst. He [is] here with us now.... giving us directions day by day as to the way in which we are to undertake practical service for his Kingdom.

*Eglantyne Jebb, Founder of Save the Children*

## Church Family News

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

### From the Registers

August 27th      Thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Irene Woodward

September 3<sup>rd</sup>      Wedding of Aimee Parson and Paul Burtle

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### Sunday Services in October

|      |       |   |
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| 5th  | 9.00  | Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion            |
|      | 10.30 | Rev. Peter Shilling – Harvest Family and Parade |
|      | 6.00  | Rev. Peter Shilling                             |
| 12th | 10.30 | Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion            |
|      | 6.00  | United Service at Central                       |
| 19th | 10.30 | Mrs Anne Blackburn                              |
|      | 6.00  | Rev. Godfrey Nicholson                          |
| 26th | 10.30 | Rev. Peter Reasbeck                             |
|      | 6.00  | United Service at Central                       |

### Stewards on Duty in October

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 5th  | John Bussey and Caroline Turner   |
| 12th | Margaret Shingler and Carole Abel |
| 19th | Carole Abel and Caroline Turner   |
| 26th | John Bussey and Michael Wallis    |

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## The Music of Harvest

There are probably many reasons why harvest is such a popular festival - but one is surely the harvest music. What magnificent tunes we have - particularly for some of the older hymns. First, there's 'Come, ye (you) thankful people, come' (Henry Alford's 1844 words are much changed in *Singing the Faith*). This hymn has been set to the exhilarating music of ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR since 1861, but why such a long title for a hymn tune? Easy! The composer, George Job Elvey, was the organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, from 1835 to 1882. Elvey clearly had a talent for composing rousing music, including DIADEMATA ('Crown him with many crowns'), and DATCHET ('With gladness we worship'). Why do you think these titles are so appropriate for the two tunes?

More great music is associated with, 'To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise'. There are two commonly used tunes, and the strange thing is that Arthur (G&S) Sullivan composed them both! One, written especially for the hymn, is appropriately named GOLDEN SHEAVES, and it's the set tune in *Hymns Ancient & Modern*. It was also included in the *Methodist Hymn Book* (1933), but we've always used the alternative, BISHOPGARTH (I wonder where that name comes from). This was composed, by royal request, for a hymn by William Walsham How (see also 'For all the saints', etc.) which had been commissioned for the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Fortunately, it isn't often we have to choose between two great tunes set to the same hymn.

And then there's 'We plough the fields and scatter'. I remember as a child that this was the one we all enjoyed the most. The words are old now (18th century, but there are contemporary alternative versions), and given its popularity in England, it is perhaps a surprise to find that both words and music originated in Germany. The tune is attributed to Johann Abraham Peter Schültz, and of course has a German title - WIR PFLÜGEN (= 'we plough'). So we deduce that the words and music have always gone together. However, the music that we use today has been refined and harmonised by that English expert, John Bacchus Dykes. There are other great harvest tunes too, but these three are surely really special.

*Tony Orton*

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## The Fire of 1933

Does anyone remember the fire of 27th July 1933 which destroyed the organ and the choir stalls and did much additional damage?



The Rev J H Featherstone was just completing his first three-year-term as Superintendent Minister of this Circuit - (a very encouraging ministry for the young people of that era) and was preparing to move to Derby.

The Grove Trustees at that time were a cross-section of the professions and trades with Mr C M Wilson as secretary and Mr Edward Allison as treasurer. The firm of J Newsome Walker & Sons Ltd, Building & Joinery Contractors, were appointed to undertake repairs and refurbishment of the Chapel, employing sub-contractors as required.

The founder of the firm, John Newsome Walker, had been a lifelong member and trustee. The eldest son George, Chapel Steward, was responsible for the repairs and refurbishment and his son Fred Newsome Walker was Trustee in the 1950's and appointed Organist and Choirmaster in 1965.

Within a few days the interior of the Chapel was filled with wood pole scaffolding to permit inspection and investigation to determine the extent of damage and probable cause of the fire. The ones put forward included electrical faults and perhaps rays of the sun through a westerly window situated at a high level in the organ chamber. The windows on both sides of the organ chamber were bricked up and sealed during the repair work. On removal of debris from the organ chamber, a cast iron pipe work heating circuit was discovered around the periphery of the bellows chamber. This pipe work was removed on instructions from the organ builders, Rushworth & Draper.

New choir stalls, communion rails and oak panelling were designed and constructed by J Newsome Walker Ltd., including cleaning and

refurbishing the pulpit. Mr Joseph Maud, father of the late John H Maud and grandfather of Philip, designed and constructed the Communion Table - a substantial piece of church furniture.

The leaded light window in the Gallery, renewed by William Pape Ltd of Leeds, was designed to increase natural light into the chapel. Redecoration of the Chapel included a deep plain border at eaves level with the introduction of colourful heraldic shields at intervals along this border.

The Biblical inscription around the arch was reintroduced, but one word (shall) was missed off the copy given to Mr E Bollon the sign writer. This error was noted and soon rectified, but the spacing of the setting-out had to be adjusted. When redecoration took place the letter “t” in the word ‘stand’ was NOT crossed and remained so for several years. Another error has often been commented on by organists when looking upwards for inspiration - they note that the apex of the arch is not in line or central with the roof construction!

Many personal gifts were given, such as a new Pulpit Bible and Hymn Book, Pulpit and Communion Table furnishings, brass memorial vases, etc. and the new 1933 Methodist Hymn Book was introduced for the new era. From a small surplus of funds accrued, a bathroom and hot water system was installed within the Caretaker’s house.

From July 1933 until the re-opening of the Chapel in September 1934, Sunday Services etc were held in the Main Hall of the Sunday School in New Street under the direction of the newly appointed Superintendent Minister, the Rev Edgar Coleman Palmer.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1934 services in connection with the Re-opening of Grove Chapel and Dedication of the New Organ were celebrated and similar celebrations took place in 1994 on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the refurbishment.

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reopening of the Church and we should remember this and celebrate this as a memorial to all those Trustees, Members and Friends who ensured that the Chapel buildings were repaired and refurbished in 1933 and 1934 to provide continuing worship at The Grove.

*Adapted from an article by John Burland*

## Grove Centre Alterations

Well what a busy summer it has been for some of us here at the Grove with all the alteration works that have been going on in the Centre. We have now been left with a superb facility which provides a child safe environment for all our young folks who attend our Centre.

The new kitchen facilities and children's toilets are lovely and just what this area needed as it was largely untouched during the main refurbishments some years ago. I feel it has now completed the `vision` we all had.

Let's have a closer look at what we have gained:

- New kitchen with child safe induction hob
- New toilets with Child friendly fittings and baby change unit. Within this area further storage has been made available. These toilets and the main activity room play area are contained within a lockable zone, safe from any outside intrusion and to keep the children safely contained within the premises!
- A new pressurised water supply heater. No more slow running water from an old rusty tank.
- A Whiteboard type surface has also been created in the corridor for adults and children alike to draw on.
- The activity room itself has had provided two large under stage cupboards.
- A full re-decoration of the activity room has been completed and new heating has been installed in this area.
- Acoustic panels which at the time of this message have not been completed are being fitted to the activity room walls. These will add a splash of colour in three different shades and importantly cut down on the echo users experience in this room which makes conversation difficult.
- The new emergency exit door leads to a newly fenced off walkway at the end of which is a safe, confined outdoor play area. This play area has been laid with a `play safe` surface into which different coloured numbers have been inserted. An outdoor tap has been supplied here for cleaning. Along the exit walkway, a large under the building store has been created.

During the works problems inevitably were encountered. Things in need of

repair were also discovered and rectified, so not all costs associated with the works were within the alteration scheme, but additions.

It is hoped to have an open day in the near future for all to see the facilities and invite along those agencies who granted funds towards the works and to invite all the Grove folks to get to know the new facilities. Without your approval and the funds you give to the Church this would not have been possible.

This next section is always difficult when it comes to thanking people, in case by chance someone who should have been mentioned is accidentally omitted. My sincere apologies if this turns out to be the case.

I would like to thank all the Pre-School Committee and Uniformed groups who have given input into the scheme. The entire Grove Church membership and its Church Council and Minister. All played a vital role. All those folks who turned up after seeing my plea for help with the clean up after the works completed.

I would like to particularly thank David Quick for his design work, dedication and the hard work he has put into this scheme over the summer months and beforehand. His supervision of the scheme, knowledge and never ending patience was a wonder to behold. Also thanks to Row Allen the contractors for their hard work.

Thanks also for all those involved in grant and fund raising, particularly Samantha Walker for her hard work in completing various grant applications; Julie Parmenter and her team for their huge input and tenacity; also our Treasurer for his work in paying the bills and our ever busy and committed Property Committee. My apologies once more if I have omitted anyone. Let us all rejoice in these new facilities which are a credit to our Church.

In finishing I quote Carol Bellamy of UNICEF.

“In serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interests of all humanity”

*Alan Firth  
Premises Manager and Property Chair*

## Carboy Charity September/October

### Shirley Crawford's work in Uganda.

Shirley has been in Uganda for nearly two years now. Her work brings her into contact with the following groups:

- aids orphan babies,
- rescued soldiers ( teenagers),
- 'keep a girl in school' project, emphasising the value of education,
- teenagers in a remand home,
- single mothers craft group,
- remote village clinics (nursing care)
- building projects for the village (school /church building and a water well)
- children's hospice.



She often opens her 'garden' to the local village children for craft sessions and lots of football.

Shirley has a good support network and the Grove church meeting, groups within the church and individuals support her in an ongoing way.

The photo display in the narthex is a reminder of her work and your change will be gratefully received (and well used).

David recently visited her as part of his medical dissertation and Andrew is currently with her for 5 weeks.

Shirley will return to Horsforth in late November when there will be opportunities to catch up on her recent projects.

*Phil Maud*

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## Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)

We would like to thank everyone who supported our appeal during July and August for funds for the PSP Association. The response was amazing;

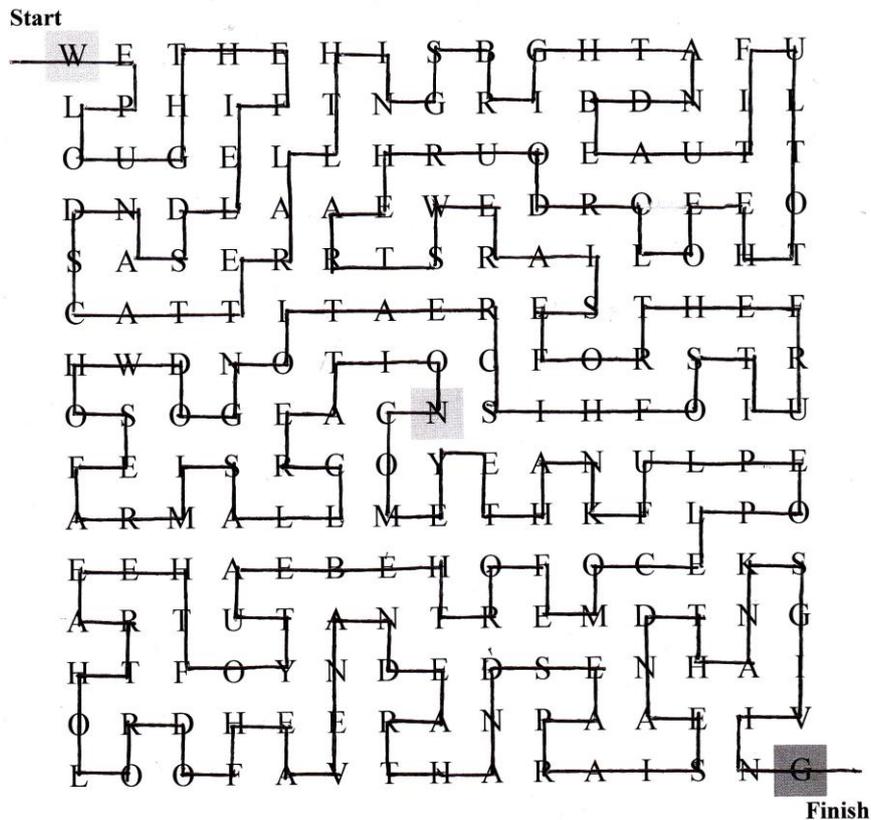
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| Coffee Morning.....                      | £757.00 |
| Carboy.....                              | 75.70   |
| Donations from church organisations..... | 350.00  |

A total of £1182.70 has been sent to the PSP Association and we have asked that £300 be ring-fenced for the local Pocklington Support Group. Peter and Margaret Grant (Margaret suffers from PSP) have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for the wonderful generosity shown by people from the Grove.

*John and Kathryn Bussey.*

## Solution to the September Harvest Puzzle

We plough the fields and scatter; All things bright and beautiful; To thee O Lord our hearts we raise; For the fruits of his creation; God whose farm is all creation; Come ye thankful people come; For the beauty of the earth; O Lord of heaven and earth and sea; Praise and thanksgiving.



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**Thank You**

The Pre-School Committee wishes to thank everyone who has helped to bring about the changes and new additions to the Premises.

We hope all our children, pre-schoolers and members of the uniformed organisations, will enjoy the new facilities and that the positive impact made on our community made by the Grove will continue and increase.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped financially and practically to bring about this scheme. David Quick, Alan Firth and our retiring secretary Samantha Walker, have all worked tirelessly and the committee owes them a great big thank you. We also wish to thank every single one of you, the congregation, for your forbearance and support. Thank you all.

*Margaret Shingler, Pre-School Chair*

## Oxford Place Children's Centre

Not long after Ali and I arrived in Leeds four years ago, The Grove chose the Oxford Place Children's Centre for its monthly charity collection. When I came to receive the donation I was acutely aware that some members of the congregation knew a lot more about the work at Oxford Place than I did and had been instrumental in setting up the Children's Centre, as well as being regular volunteers and fundraisers.



Several years have now passed and I thought it would be a good idea to update you on this special piece of mission work. Oxford Place Children's Centre offers free Ofsted-registered childcare for any child (0-12 years old) whose parents and carers need to be in one of the Leeds Courts for any reason. Staffed by childcare professionals and supported by volunteers the Centre offers a safe place for families who are living through Court proceedings.

Recent changes in Court procedures (i.e. for those already in custody their trial may be conducted via a video link making it unnecessary for families to come to Court) and statutory childcare provision for those aged over two years for those in certain demographic groups, mean that numbers of children attending the Centre directly from the Courts have declined. However, children of those on a Court-prescribed programme (e.g. addiction programmes, anger management) have increased as well as those being supported by the agencies within the Oxford Place Centre.

Access to funding continues to be problematic as grant makers will often not fund staffing costs, which is our major expense, but we are grateful to those who continue to support us – Leeds City Council, MWiB, Leeds Methodist District as well as numerous local churches, in particular Lidgett Park Methodist who have chosen us as their charity of the year.

Volunteers play a key part in the success of this project. Whilst we have a good bank of volunteers the Centre is always on the lookout for new recruits, particularly during holiday times. Do you have one day fortnight/month, or perhaps a few days during school holidays which you could offer to support the project. If you would like to know more please give me a call (0113 242 5254), or speak to the manager, Julie Commons (0113 243 9578)

The 2014 Annual Report can be found on [www.oxfordplace.org.uk/centre/opcc.html](http://www.oxfordplace.org.uk/centre/opcc.html)

*Jenny Jones*

Juliet Kitching has completed her Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award. This was recognised in Church at the family and parade service in September. To achieve this she had to complete four sections - Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Here she writes about what it meant to her.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze awards: Awards Ceremony

On September 1<sup>st</sup> I went to Elland Road to receive my award. It started at 7.30pm. We had to wait until the people who were giving the award got there. They were Dr Ingrid Roscoe (Lord Lieutenant) and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds. They read our names out so we could get our awards. Because there were a lot of us this took some time. By the time they finished it was about 8.25.

Then we had a guest speaker. I have forgotten his name!! Just months before he got married he was in a car accident and his car was flipped over completely. He had to have an operation and had to have some metal pins put into his leg. His doctor told him that he might never walk again! But he was determined to prove his doctors wrong. He did it eventually and is now a paralympian of the triathlon. Just listening to his story made me think. Never give up what you are doing just because it is hard and never stop trying.



I have to say my Mum, Dad and sister Laura and my Nana were definitely proud of me and my achievement, and you know what? So am I! Some people think that teenagers get up to no good but something like this proves otherwise!

*Juliet Kitching*

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There is so much good in the worst of us,  
And so much bad in the best of us,  
That it hardly becomes any of us,  
To talk about the rest of us.

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## **MRDF relaunches as All We Can**

Back in April the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) announced an ambitious set of plans for the future, including a new name to reflect its commitment to tackle poverty. It will now be known as ‘All We Can’, the Methodist relief and development partner.

Why ‘All We Can’ you may ask?

The new name was chosen to pay tribute to its Methodist heritage taking inspiration from words attributed to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism:

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Britain, said: “John Wesley famously said ‘Go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most.’ One of the important things about ‘All We Can’ through its history has been the focus upon people truly on the margins. Methodists have great resonance with that idea that you listen to people who no one else seems to care about, and yet make enormous differences to their lives.”

The charity’s new strategy and strengthened identity are the result of a wide-ranging review, carried out over the last year, involving supporters, staff, volunteers and overseas partners.

Maurice Adams, Chief Executive of ‘All We Can’, says: “Over the years ‘All We Can’, under various names, has provided support and resources to many millions of people in great need. Our vision for the next chapter in the story of Methodist relief and development work seeks to build upon our strengths and heritage. This change has been inspired by our past so that we can continue the work for the future. It has been much more than simply a fund for many years.

“We believe that our collaborative approach to tackling poverty, rooted in Christian principles and Methodist values, is more relevant than ever. We have refocused our work to better support our partners – including churches, organisations and individuals – to bring about lasting change in their communities. Our new identity reflects the renewal of our commitment to work in partnership and to do all we can for those who

need us most.”

‘All We Can’ has always been committed to reaching the most marginalised people where the need is greatest, and will continue to focus on communities which are often overlooked and underserved by larger agencies.

British Methodism has always had a strong commitment to social justice and practical compassion, and ‘All We Can’ continues to reflect those values. The charity invites Methodists to renew their commitment to doing all they can to contribute to the alleviation of poverty and speak out against injustice.

So now you know! Please continue to support this important work as in the past.

*Gill Jewell*

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## **Circuit Meeting Matters**

Two matters of particular significance for the Grove occurred at Circuit Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Firstly, following long and full debate, the Circuit did *not* approve the present proposals for the union of Leeds (Wesley) Circuit with Leeds (South & Central) and Headingley & West Circuits.

We authorised our discussion team to continue conversations with an eye to revisiting the issue within the year, should there be new and fully detailed proposals which can be presented to the Church Councils and then to a Circuit Meeting.

Secondly, an invitation was extended to me to continue in ministry here for a further two years beyond the present five year appointment. I accepted that invitation, and hope that I can assist all the churches of this circuit in the mission and work of God.

*Rev Alistair Jones*

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## **Christmas Shoeboxes**

The time of year is here when we start thinking about Shoeboxes again for needy children in the third world and Eastern Europe. The leaflets will be in the Narthex from Sunday 28th September and the deadline for completing them is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November.

The support from the Grove Church has always been amazing and I am hoping that this year will be no different. If anyone has any doubts that these boxes make a difference to the lives of the children who receive them then the poem below should dispel them.

Thank you

*Carol Hoyle 0113 2169006*

### **SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS**

There is someone called Santa, well, that's what I've heard,  
But he doesn't come here; we're in the third world.  
He visits children, with presents for Christmas Day,  
All over the land – that's what people say,  
And the children write letters saying just what they'd like,  
A doll or an engine, a teddy, a bike.  
And I've heard that they get what they've asked for - and more.  
I guess that this Santa must have a large store.

These are the stories that have been handed down,  
But I'm in the third world and he's never been round.  
Then, only last year, a big plane flew in,  
It was making a loud noise, a terrible din.  
Then a man with something held to his face,  
Shouted at villagers to meet at this place.

Men and women were there to greet us with smiles,  
Their plane was full of boxes – piles upon piles.  
They were covered in paper all lovely and bright,  
Silver and gold, red, blue and white.  
“Do I get a whole box? Is there one there for me?  
Has someone sent us this magic for free?”

I hope that I'm not too old to be given  
A beautiful box of my own – I'm 11.  
I looked round to see how the happy faces glowed,  
Bare feet dancing in the muddy road.  
And into every outstretched hand a precious box was placed,

The children shouted “Thank you” and home again they raced.  
I received my parcel and shed a tear of joy,  
As it said on the label: “For an 11 year old boy”  
There is someone called Santa – that’s what I’ve heard,  
But now I know he’s out there, I believe it every word.

*Mrs Betty Richards; Ellesmere Port.*

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## **Grove Church Christmas Bazaar**

The Community Centre, New Centre



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014-09-28**

**10.00am – 1.00pm**

We are having the following stalls; if you feel able to contribute to any of these it would really be appreciated.

Please get in touch with the appropriate persons,  
**no later than SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Refreshments – Jean Fox / Doreen Wormald  
Home baking – Ladies Group Caroline Turner  
Tombola – Pauline Quick  
Crafts – Jean Kemp / Kath Spencer  
Wooden Crafts – Bill Kemp  
Fashion Accessories Kath Ashby / Sylvia Parker  
Bric a brac – Sue & Don Galbraith  
Raffle – Tots & Tykes Alison Maud  
Pickles, Preserves & Patés – Barbara Buckley  
Book Stall – Brian & Mitzi Whitham  
Chocolate Tombola – Judith Chapin  
Toy Stall – Pre-School Julie Parmenter  
Kitchenalia – Chris & Christine Seller

Many Thanks

*Jean Kemp*

# Disability and Special Needs in Scouting

My son Alexander is a proud member of Tenzing Shire Oak Explorer Scout unit based here at the Grove and he has Autism. Many of you will probably have seen him at church parade as he likes to carry the flag, you will have also seen me by his side making sure everyone is safe around him as it is a very large flag to carry! He was diagnosed with Autism at 3 ½ and his main problems are speech and social interaction; he finds being in unfamiliar surroundings and strangers extremely difficult, he also has no sense of danger.



Alexander likes to be around people but in unfamiliar surroundings or people he will tend to be on the outside looking in, when he is in a situation he finds uncomfortable he tends to pace a lot as this is his coping mechanism until he feels happy and comfortable enough to join in. He, like most people with Autism, does not like lots of noise especially if it's high pitched, like a baby crying, as they have very sensitive hearing, but believe me he can make plenty himself. Autism is a life long learning disability and the degree it affects each individual varies immensely from being unable to communicate or interact with almost anyone to being like Alexander who can communicate and interact but will only do so when prompted. He was also diagnosed with epilepsy at 16, a lot of people with Autism develop epilepsy around puberty, thankfully his seizures are now under control. He also has eczema and a long term allergic eye condition but he takes all this in his stride.

## What scouting has done for Alexander

Alexander joined scouting quite late at 15, he joined a unit in Farsley and when he was invested with 3 other scouts he was the only one who didn't have to repeat the leader's words as he had learnt the Scout promise off by heart which is pretty amazing for someone who at the time could barely string 2 words together. He joined Tenzing in September 2011 and we have never looked back. Alexander likes order and structure and this is what scouting has brought him in abundance, he wears his uniform with pride and loves receiving badges to put on his uniform. He has just received his Silver Yorkshire Challenge Award which was presented in Switzerland where we went this summer with the 9th Airedale Scouts. Tenzing has been absolutely amazing with him and I have seen him grow in confidence over the years. He loves being outdoors walking or hiking though he was rather cross with me when we did the Yorkshire 3 peaks the other year as I kept telling him we just had a little bit further to walk. After several hours he stopped asking me but kept walking and we did it in 11 hours 45 minutes, we would have done it quicker but his poor old mum's knees were a bit tired!

I started off being a parent helper because Alexander needed one to one support on camps and before I knew it I had a shirt and necker too. Through having so much fun on various camps (though camping at Kielder Water at -8C this year did test my sanity), we now camp several times a year as a family but we don't rough it like at scouts. What I

love about Tenzing and scouting in general is that though Alexander has special needs he is just another scout, he likes to learn new things, he likes to have fun and he has had the opportunity to try so many activities I never dreamt he would do, like cycling from Colne to Rodley over 2 days even though he had only ever ridden a bike for about an hour in a forest. He wasn't very happy with me for pushing him to finish, but finish he did. He flatly refused to get on his bike again for about 6 months after! He has done climbing, quadbiking, huskydog sled racing, scuba diving and even been up in a training plane with a retired airline pilot. Our biggest adventure was going to Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland this summer, an experience I know I will never forget. We slept in a mountain hut and swam in a mountain lake which to say it was cold was an understatement. We even travelled down the River Aare from Uttigen to Bern in a rubber ring which took us about 3 hours. There are so many more activities we have both done over the years but the main thing scouting has taught Alexander is he can achieve anything if he tries, he has learnt to follow rules to keep him safe. Being a member of Scouting has given him tools to help him be more independent and a sense of belonging.

When he was diagnosed I was told he probably wouldn't achieve much, he didn't speak until he was nearly 5, but he takes life in his stride. He writes his own rules, and doesn't conform to what the medical books say he shouldn't do. He likes to be held and loved, he has empathy for others and he has a warped sense of humour. He has achieved so much more than I ever thought he would; he now has 3 GCSEs and he has just started at Henshaws College in Starbeck in what is known as the Oxbridge of colleges for young adults with special needs. Thanks to Tenzing Explorers and their leaders Chris, Helen, James, John and Martin and for all of the explorers helping him belong to an organisation that has no barriers for children with special needs. As I am also proud to be a scout, I salute you all and thank them from the bottom of my heart for all the opportunities scouting has given both myself and Alexander.

*Donna Alderson*

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## **Horsforth Live at Home Scheme**

### **Volunteer Car Drivers & Escorts Appeal**

Do you have use of a car and a full clean driving licence?

Are you interested in giving up some time to help take someone to a hospital or GP appointment, or bring someone to an activity at our scheme?

We need drivers for our HomeWard service.

Mileage and travel expenses would be paid.

A DBS police check would be required.

Please call the office for more details: 2591511

# The Church Windows

## 12. The Worker Window

(On the back wall in the Narthex)



We have been very grateful to Gladys Pagden for being able to use the text from Frank Pagden's booklet for this series of articles. This is the final window and is the most recent, having been installed in 1995. It is also most unusual as it features **Jesus the Worker**. Indeed, the young local artists who created it say that to their knowledge it is unique. Until he was about 30, Jesus worked as a "Tecton" as Joseph his father had done. The word translates as "Carpenter" but this is misleading and more accurately should be "Carpenter-builder". Architecton means Master Builder and Jesus would have been equally at home with stone and mud brick as with wood.

Reading the Gospels we find Jesus using many building illustrations about such things as foundations or estimates. He even talked about setting up a vineyard, with detail about the fences and the wine-press but no mention of the vines!

In the window we see Jesus humping beams onto a cart, with David Speight helping in the background. David's wife is calling to him that the meal is ready and David's great love, animals, are scattered around the scene, for he would have loved to have been a farmer, had he not inherited the greengrocery (formerly opposite the end of the Church drive).

David was one of Grove Church's great handymen, and actually died in the Church after putting the tools away at the end of a big job. So this unique window is dedicated to **"David Speight, one of God's fellow-workers"**.

This is a role we all have to play, for God left the poems unwritten, the songs unsung, the rivers unbridged and the gaps between peoples and nations uncrossed. In truth we are all God's fellow workers.

This article brings to an end the series of the Rev. Frank Pagden's wonderful descriptions of the stained glass windows in our church. Again we thank Gladys so much for her permission to reprint Frank's text for our readers who may not have had the opportunity of reading the original booklet.

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## What's on?

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Church Council in the Small Hall

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Wednesday Break Members Evening at Margaret Simmons' home, 105 Southway.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October A taste of Italy. Ladies Group evening outing to Italian Deli. Ring 2589237 if you would like to join them.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Wednesday Break at Keith and Trish Whitham's home, 9 West End Lane. Indoor Games

Saturday 1st November 10-12 at Central Methodist Church. Coffee Morning, Cake stall, etc in aid of the Guides and the Bible Society. Offers of cakes or bric a brac appreciated

Thursday 6th November 7.45 in The Small Hall. History of Horsforth by Nancy de'Dombil. Ladies Group meeting..

Thursday 20th November 7.45 in the Small Hall Riding for the Disabled by Helen Cox. Ladies Group meeting.

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## Fairtrade's bumper year

Did you know that sales of Fairtrade products worldwide grew by 15% last year? The total reached was £4.4bn! Here in the UK, which is the largest international market, sales reached £1.8bn - an increase of 14% from £1.5bn. These figures were published recently by Fairtrade International.



Facts:

- 74 FT producer countries are selling more than
- 30,000 products in
- 125 countries

The Fairtrade mark first appeared in this country in 1994 on Green & Black's Maya Gold Chocolate, Cafedirect coffee and Clipper tea. Now, twenty years later, there is a choice of over 4,500 products which include tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, cotton, bananas, cut flowers, wine and chocolate.

Initiatives are opening up for more opportunities for more than 1.4 million farmers and workers who belong to 1,210 producer organisations and local cooperatives.

The Chief executive of Fairtrade International, Harriet Lamb, reports the introduction over the past year of new living-wage benchmarks, piloting community-based schemes to prevent child labour and supporting local trade unions in negotiating with employers.

Here at Grove we need to face up to the challenge of becoming a FT by:

- using only Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which the church has responsibility;
- moving forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit;
- promoting Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible.



*Gill Jewell*

## **Regular events (contd)**

### **Thursday**

9.30 – 11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs) 0113 293 8458  
11.00 Bible Fellowship 0113 258 3239  
6.00 Cubs 0113 216 9006  
6.15 Beavers 0113 216 9006  
7.45 Scouts 0113 216 9006  
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 0113 258 2520

### **Friday**

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 0113 258 9093

Walking Groups: **Thursday** 0113 258 6579  
**Saturday** 0113 258 4520

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## **From the Editorial Group**

**This important information is included in this spot each month. Please take note of it and use it.**

**The Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the November Issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

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