

# **GROVE VINE**

**The Magazine of  
Grove Methodist Church  
Horsforth, Leeds**

**November 2015**



**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)

### **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 -9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 0113 258 8803
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 440 6480;  
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

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## Looking over the roundabout...

I am reminded of the first day of the Genesis 1 creation story.

Out of chaos, a measure of order emerges, triggered by a cry of 'Let There Be Traffic Lights!'

I say the Genesis 1 creation story, because there is another, and fragments of others, scattered throughout the Bible. Flip to Genesis 2: 4, or Proverbs 8: 22, and read on. They are not the same.

However, we have one particular story fixed in our minds as ***THE*** Creation story, and it presents us with a few difficulties. For a start, we now *know* that the sky is not a dome in the midst of the waters. So if we present the Bible to people as literal truth, we are asking them to let go of all rational thought, and all scientific evidence.

On one occasion in Mandalay my mother lectured the mission cook on the necessity of guarding against bacteria. He looked at her with a mixture of wonder and pity and replied "But we are Christians, so we know that isn't true! Diseases are caused by evil spirits!"

The problem is when we make an amazingly presumptuous mental leap. Why do we assume the Biblical authors thought every word they wrote was literally true? I don't think they were daft.

I think they understood the limits of their knowledge, and wanted to present their readers with stories that could inspire them to trust in God. So should we. We should never be afraid of the answer 'I don't know.' We should always be prepared to follow it up with 'Yet I have faith'.

With every blessing,

*Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)*

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### **Thought for the month**

The day of death is when two worlds meet with a kiss: this world going out, the future world coming in.

**From a Jewish prayer by Jose ben Abin (4th century)**

## From the Registers

27<sup>th</sup> September          Baptism of Archie Benjamin Tait

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

## Sunday Services in November

|      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| 1st  | 9.00  | Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion              |
|      | 10.30 | Mr Phillip Maud - Family / Scout and Guide Parade |
|      | 6.00  | United Service at Central                         |
| 8th  | 10.30 | Mr Andrew Barker                                  |
|      | 6.00  | Rev. Alistair Jones                               |
| 15th | 10.30 | Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion              |
|      | 6.00  | Mr Phil Maud                                      |
| 22nd | 10.30 | Local Arrangement                                 |
|      | 6.00  | United Service at Hunslet                         |
| 29th | 10.30 | Rev Peter Reasbeck                                |
|      | 6.00  | Horsforth Churches Together at Woodside           |

## Stewards on Duty in November

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 1st  | Tony Orton and Margaret Shingler   |
| 8th  | Michael Wallis and John Bussey     |
| 15th | Caroline Turner and Carole Abel    |
| 22nd | Tony Orton and Caroline Turner     |
| 29th | Margaret Shingler and Phillip Maud |

## Porch Duty

The idea of a welcome at the front door was considerably enhanced when the Church Meeting agreed to have a rota of people to share the job. As the names of the welcome party appear in the bulletin it also assists in everyone knowing who everyone else is!

A few vacancies have appeared in the rota, and currently we only have 44 weeks of the year covered. Some people already do more than one week. If any individuals or organisations want to volunteer, either for the first time or for an extra week, they should make it known to Cynthia Hatton or Keith Whitham.

The rota for 2016 will be prepared and distributed in late November. I intend to include phone numbers so that swapping is facilitated. Any comments to me please. *Keith Whitham*

**Horsforth Churches Together**  
*Together in our community*

**Café of Hope**



**7.30 pm on 4th November at Lister Hill**

Come and enjoy cake, coffee and fruit. Hear reports of what is happening in Horsforth. Enjoy discussion and sharing of ideas around tables. Join in feedback, reflection and prayer. Be encouraged. Share hopes. Be part of discerning God's direction for our mission together. (Since the last Café, two of our shared dreams have been realised: Horsforth Foodbank and Fairtrade Horsforth.)

## A Poem for Remembrance Day

“The inquisitive of a child”

Why are they selling poppies Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.  
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died in the fields where the  
poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.  
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

*Author unknown*

## The decision of a lifetime?

Joining the local church choir at the age of ten was a good move. I enjoyed singing hymns in primary school assemblies (my favourite was 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds'), and one of my elder brothers was in the church choir, so it was natural for me to follow him. It was the only church in our village, and it was Anglican. I sang and learned there for fourteen years, apart from spells away at university. Since then, there's never been a time when I haven't been singing with a church choir somewhere.

We sang every Sunday morning and evening, and we choirboys were paid one penny (*d* not *p*) for each service we supported. There was also Sunday School in the afternoon, and an early communion, so it was a very full day. There was a charabanc Choir Trip on one Saturday in summer, a children's party at Christmas, and a Sports Day on Whit Monday in a large field, now interred under a road and roundabout. I feel sad about what happened to that field, despite the traps for unwary runners in the form of concealed cow pats.

There was a midweek choir practice, for which we received one halfpenny, but if we didn't attend we couldn't sing on Sunday. An attendance record was kept, and we knew that if we missed too many services we could be booted out. How times have changed. We were paid on a monthly basis, so most months that was 10*d* - a small fortune to a child in those days. I don't know what I spent it on, because there weren't any sweetshops until some years later.

It had originally been an all male choir, in the old Anglican tradition, but girls began to be recruited around the time when I joined. I think the problem was mainly a shortage of boys - equality wasn't an issue in the olden days. Most churches don't have choirs now because of a shortage of willing recruits, and perhaps willing choir leaders.

Cathedral choirs still prosper, and they held on to the tradition of all male choirs until relatively recently. However, the obvious inequality eventually had to be addressed. But rather than recruiting girls into the former all male choir, one idea pioneered in 1991 at Salisbury

was to have two separate junior choirs, one for boys and one for girls, and they take it in turns to sing with the older males. They also sing as separate children's choirs. The boys have to leave around the age of thirteen for obvious reasons, so the girls have to do the same. Equality again. Or as one clergyman said to me: if the girls didn't also have to leave, some never would, and then there wouldn't be sufficient vacancies for new young female singers to enjoy and learn from the experience.

Anyone interested in church music must surely enjoy listening to a good cathedral choir. We were fortunate enough to attend both morning and evening services at Salisbury Cathedral recently. The boys sang with the choir in the morning, and the girls sang in the evening. Both were excellent. But how do they manage to recruit sixteen boys and sixteen girls in a rural region?

One unexpected bonus was that the tower was open on Sundays, and we were able to climb up to the base of the spire, which is the tallest in the country. It took me a very long time to do that. Our guide told us the ascent was timed to take us alongside the bells when they chimed the hour, but I didn't need the earplugs which were provided to muffle the sound, because I was so far behind everybody else. Also, I'm going deaf anyway. What chimes?

What a view of the full length of the interior when we were part-way up! And what a view of the countryside from the top! I'd never realised before how much permanent scaffolding was needed inside a spire. There were ladders too, allowing access to the apex to replace the exterior light bulb which serves as a warning to aircraft. I also hadn't appreciated how much equipment for fire fighting had to be available in the rafters nowadays (remember York Minster?). Nor how the water was drained away should hoses have to be used up there.

The surprise extra bonus was that a pair of peregrine falcons had made their nest on the viewing gallery, at the junction of tower and spire, so one quarter of the gallery was closed. But we got a good view of the birds, both circling and on the nest, and their chicks, and inside we could view the nest on CCTV.

Apparently, the spire was put on the top of the tower some time after the construction of the main building. When that was done, the supporting pillars at ground level buckled. So later we had to go and have a look at those bent columns. You probably wouldn't notice the distortion if you hadn't been told, but I'm glad we didn't know about it when we were climbing up the tower!

It all goes to show how singing the Lord's song in a strange land can be a very rewarding, enjoyable, and even exciting experience. And how a decision made early in life can enhance a lifetime.

*Tony Orton*

## Solutions to the October Puzzles

### **Hymn titles:**

1. And can it be; 2. Immortal, invisible; 3. All for Jesus; 4. O thou who camest from above; 5. Beneath the cross of Jesus; 6. This is the day; 7. He is Lord, he is Lord; 8. I need thee every hour; 9. Abba Father; 10. I am a new creation.

### **Countdown solutions:**

A.  $4 + 1 = 5$ , multiply this by 50 to get 250, then add 8 and subtract 1. Written more briefly that is  $50(4 + 1) + 8 - 1$ .

B.  $75 + 10 = 85$ , and  $7 + 3 = 10$ ; then  $85 \times 10$  is 850. Now subtract 6 and add 4. More briefly that is  $(75 + 10)(7 + 3) - 6 + 4$ .

There is often more than one solution, for example  $(50 + 3)(4 + 1) - 8$  for A and  $4(3 \times 75 - 7 - 6)$  for B.

## **Final Weekend at Helena Goldie Hospital -**

### **Jenny and Graham Longbottom's final blog**

August 29 2015

Our final weekend here in Munda has arrived suddenly. For the month of August we have been joined by two medical students, Laura and Jerry, who have been excellent, enjoying hospital life as well as snorkelling and a dive today.

Work has been varied as usual with its ups and downs: the nurses are preparing themselves to take over again with no prospect of a doctor soon. The accountant is now also acting hospital secretary and the director of nursing is the acting medical superintendent. There has been a lot of activity to try to get the agreement signed with the ministry. On Monday they will meet with local companies to try to establish a fund to support doctors that might be willing to come to the hospital from overseas.

On Thursday evening we enjoyed a farewell dinner that we missed last December as a result of our sudden departure in November. It was a feast preceded by a short devotion and followed by some entertainment from the students at the college of nursing. We leave for Fiji on Tuesday to meet up with the other Methodist mission partners that are currently posted in the Pacific.

September 5

Our time in the Solomon Islands has come to an end again this year. Graham had a busy month despite the dog bite and is now recovering well. Jenny was sorry to leave the hospital yet again without a doctor, the nurses preparing to take up the extra responsibilities. The hospital and church are now working together to try to get the long-awaited M.O.U. signed with the government in the hope that it will help to secure a local doctor and also hoping to set up a fund with the help of the local businesses to support any overseas doctor. The hospital took the opportunity to do the farewell that they had been denied with our sudden departure last year and our last evening was spent with the Kokengolo congregation. As some of our heart remains in Munda, we hope to have an ongoing relationship, in whatever form that might take.

We are currently in Fiji staying with Julia, another Methodist mission partner. She is working on climate change and relocation issues. We have had a wonderful time meeting new people and also sharing with the other two mission partners working here in the Pacific: Val at the theological college here in Suva and Wande working in education in Papua New Guinea. It has been good to spend time together and we will leave here with some sadness, heading for New Zealand before returning home.



**LEEDS  
SOUTH AND WEST CIRCUIT**

**Methodist Women in Britain**

**You are welcome to the**

**Service of Intercession**

**at**

**Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth**

**on**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 2.00pm**

**Speaker: Mrs Pam Turner**

**Past Network District President and former**

**National President of Network**

**Followed by refreshments in the Small Hall**

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# International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

On the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, an event which happens every year, thousands around the world join together to pray for Christians who suffer for their faith. Use the information below to inform your prayers, and download our free IDOP resource pack to get your church involved.

**“I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.” 1 Timothy 2:8 (ESV)**

## What is IDOP?

In 1996, a coalition of Christian organisations decided that the global Church could no longer be silent: They were appalled by the knowledge that more people had died for their Christian faith in the twentieth century than in all the previous centuries combined. A statement was issued, pledging to end “our own silence in the face of the suffering of all those persecuted for their religious faith.”

People from an astonishing 110 countries pledged to pray for the persecuted on IDOP that first year. That included countries such as Sudan, China and Iran, where Christians were suffering severely themselves but still wanted to uphold other parts of the persecuted Church in prayer. This humbling realisation spurred the organisers on to make it an annual event.

**“Remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” – Hebrews 13:3**

Churches from all over the world now pray together annually for the millions of fellow Christians who suffer harassment, torture, imprisonment or even death, simply because of their beliefs. And sixteen years on, we’ve seen some amazing answers to prayer as a result of IDOP.

*<http://www.csw.org.uk/idop>*

## **Guiding at the Grove**

During the last year Guiding at the Grove has lost 3 of its past leaders and Scout and Guide Sunday will see the dedication of their names on the plaque in the guide window ensuring that their work at the Grove is not forgotten.

We felt that a few words about each would also ensure those members of the congregation who were not familiar with these ladies are also able to recognise their contribution to the guide movement which has been strong and enjoyed the support of the Grove for many years.

### **Chris Shagouri**

Chris has been a well loved and inspirational guider for many years at the Grove.

In September 1978 she became a unit helper at 14<sup>th</sup> Grove Guides, undertaking her leader training and becoming assistant guider in May 1980 a role she continued for 5 years before progressing to unit guider in Oct 1985 running the unit for a further 9 years.

During these years she also held a variety of roles within the District, Division and County, being District treasurer for 6 years, Division camp advisor for 2 years, Young Leader advisor for 6 years and County Young Leader advisor from 1993 to 1998.

Chris also enjoyed many International adventures with Leeds county taking girls to Guide centres Sangam in India and Our Cabanna in Mexico.

At the end of her Guiding career she brought her expertise and knowledge when she became unit helper at 14<sup>th</sup> Brownies.

She was also an active member of Horsforth North Friends of Guiding being their treasurer until her death participating in activities to raise funds for all units in the district when needed and to help girls who struggle to be able to join in all activities due to financial problems.

### **Maureen Smith (Snowy)**

Maureen from New Crescent began volunteering with 5<sup>th</sup> Brownies as a unit helper when her eldest daughter became a brownie in 1988. A year later following a serious accident to the Brown Owl Maureen stepped up becoming Assistant guider.

Her help on unit meeting nights and on many unit outings and pack

holidays was much appreciated and her kind personality was an asset to Guiding at the Grove.

### **Isobel Hill**

Isobel was a member of Guiding at the Grove from 1947 to 1981. She became Guide Lieutenant in August 1947 with 5<sup>th</sup> Guides and then moved to Rangers in 1958, returning to 5<sup>th</sup> Guides as assistant Guider in 1968 becoming Guider from Sept 1971 to Dec 1981.

These Guiders have helped shape the lives of many girls within Horsforth through the adventure of Guiding and also been a great help and guidance to us as we continue the Guiding tradition at the Grove.

*Suzanne Arnold and Judith Chaplin*

## **A WILL IS NOT ENOUGH..... WHY?**

On Wednesday 4th November in the Small Hall of the Grove Centre at 7.30pm

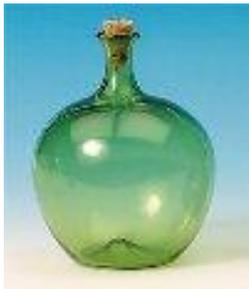
### **John Mumford, Estate Planning Consultant**

will answer this question, covering the following issues

- Why a Will does not protect your assets against Care Fees, Blood Line and Probate
- The importance of using Family Trusts and how they work
- The rules regarding Local Authorities taking payment for Care Fees
- Nine reasons why a normal Will will not protect all your assets
- The importance of arranging lasting Powers of Attorney

*Meeting arranged by Wednesday Break. All are welcome*

## Carboy Charity Appeal – November & December



### Oxford Place Children's Centre

As many of you will know Oxford Place Children's Centre seeks to provide care in a loving and safe environment for children whose parents/carers are attending the adjacent courts in whatever



capacity. We also take children whose parents are attending other charitable groups in Leeds Mission and are open Monday to Thursday from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 1.40 pm to 4.00 pm throughout the year.

The Centre was founded in May 1983 by the women of the Leeds District of the Methodist Church who still support it financially and, crucially, with volunteers. Now it is part of the outreach of Leeds Mission and run by a Management committee under the chair of Deacon Jenny Jones. The Centre is under the supervision of two paid qualified staff assisted by approved volunteers and is registered with Ofsted. Leeds City Council provides an annual grant without which we could not keep going. Other funds come from the Leeds District, churches and other sources which are now, of course, very difficult to come by.

Thank you for your support.

*Gill Jewell*

### Toys urgently needed!

Now is a good time to sort through the toys you longer play with or need!

We need them, please, for the **Toy Stall** at the **Bazaar**, 14<sup>th</sup> November

Please contact Janette Mawson 0113 2503264

or bring **toys, games, and children's books**

to the stage at The Grove Centre as soon as you can, and clearly labelled: **"The Grove Bazaar"**

# **The Grove Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**10.00am – 1.00pm**

**Music by D'Ukes and Nev Kaye**

**ADMISSION FREE – Come and buy your Christmas Gifts**

Refreshments

Home Baking

Tombola

Christmas Crafts

Bric-a-Brac

Raffle

Pickles, Preserves and Pates

Book Stall

Chocolate Tombola

Kitchenalia

Toy Stall, Face Painting and Games

Santa's Grotto

*Jean Kemp*

## ***Can we also remind you.....***

Tots & Tykes are going to be organising the bazaar raffle again. Last year we made up different hamper baskets of food and toiletries for the prizes and it seemed to go down very well. How

can you help? ....we are starting to collect any nice toiletries (bath oils, gels etc., fragranced candles, and new hand towels). Luxury food items (suitable for a Christmas hamper).

If you have a basket you no longer need that would be brilliant.

*Please contact Alli Maud 07743514494 or any of the Tots & Tykes helpers.*

## THE EVERLASTING ARMS

A crimson flower,  
perfectly formed,  
sits at the end of  
a thorn-spiked stem  
sprouting leaves  
already marked  
with grim decay  
and the cruelty found  
in nature's core.

Only in Jesus  
Can the stem  
be grasped,  
and the life-spent  
sting of death  
turned into  
the life-enhancing beauty  
of eternal life

God holds for us In the everlasting arms

## What's On

Rawdon Quaker House Quaker Lane Rawdon

**Sunday 8th November 7.30pm**

Friendly Fire – Sound Company Men's Choir

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1.00 tp 3.30pm**

Greeting Card Campaign, an opportunity for you to send messages of support to prisoners of conscience round the world. All

information and materials provided.

Admission Free.

1st Nov Grove Scout and Guide Sunday

2nd Nov Methodist Women of Britain – see page 5

4th Nov Caf'e of Hope – see page 5

4th Nov John Mumford Estate Planning – see page 14

14th Nov The Grove Church Bazaar – see page 16

6th Dec Grove Church Toy Service

## Regular Events (contd)

### Wednesday

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

### 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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