

GROVE VINE

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Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth Leeds

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The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship, service and mission

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Regular events

Sunday

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 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
- 6.30 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 0113 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 0113 202 9010

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Looking out over?

No foreward from Rev Alistair Jones received.

Thought for the month

The tragedy is that after people have been in the church for a time, they find it hard to relate to outsiders. Jesus does not suffer from this problem.

Darrell L. Bock

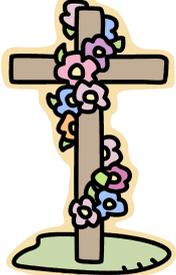
Please remember in your prayers: Florence Bonfield, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Ros Revell, Kathleen Taylor, Christine Wilson, Simon Benson, May and Harry Tripp.

Sunday Services in March

6th 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
10.30 Mrs Ann Bailey – Mothering Sunday / Scout and Guide Parade
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones
13th 10.30 Mr Peter Mawson
6.00 United Service at Central
20th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Palm Sunday
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
27th 10.30 Reasbeck – Holy Communion
6.00 United Srvice at Central
3rd April 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Family/Scout and Guide Parade
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Café style service at The Grove - Holy Communion

STEWARDS in March

6th Tony Orton and Kath Ashby
13th Carole Abel and Michael Wallis
20th Caroline Turner and John Bussey
27th Michael Wallis and Kath Ashby
3rd April Phillip Maud and Kath Ashby

<p><u>Holy Week</u> Mon 21st - Wed 23rd There will be short Holy Week Services at The Grove (7.30- 8.00 pm)</p>	
<p>Thurs 24th 7.30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service at The Grove</p>	
<p><u>Good Friday</u> Details of the Walk of Witness are still to be confirmed 12.00 Noon - Service on the Green 12.30 - Soup and hot cross buns at The Grove 7.30 pm - Service of music and meditation at The Grove</p>	
<p><u>Easter</u> 6.30 am - Sunrise Service in Hall Park followed by light breakfast at The Grove 10.30 am - Easter Morning Service of Holy Communion.</p>	

Horsforth Churches Together
Together in our community

Horsforth Churches Together are hosting **Lent Talks on the theme of the Kingdom of God. The remaining talks at 7.30 pm are:**

Wednesday 9th March John Battle 'From neighbours to brothers & sisters' - at **The Grove Centre**

Thursday 17th March Rev Stephen Brown 'The Kingdom of God in Film' - at **St. Margaret's Parish Centre.**

History beneath our feet!

How many feet below our path had those first disciples walked? In places, the excavations revealed fascinating sights – the synagogue at Magdala and the village fish-salting factory; in Capernaum, the remains of the house of Simon Peter's mother-in-law within the house church ruins, within the walls of an octagonal church beneath the glass floor of a 20th century church and, walking towards the white walled synagogue built at the highest point of the community, the streets with the ruins of black basalt house walls. Walking down the Mount of Olives following the steep path of the Palm Sunday walk, imagination takes over. Conversation on the journey, listening to the voices of companions, until we reach the Garden of Gethsemane and sit among the olive trees listening to the Jerusalem traffic and the echoes of another voice. The Anglo-Welsh poet, R.S.Thomas, wrote:

‘ . . . his are the echoes we follow,
The footprints he has just left.’

Somehow, the echoes here come from a place not too far away; the footprints are only just ahead of us.

The Holy Land is called ‘The Fifth Gospel’, and for good reason. Not everyone is able to visit but, for the majority who go on pilgrimage, the gospel stories come alive. To sit on the shore of the Sea of Galilee listening to the story of Jesus cooking breakfast for the disciples who are out fishing and to see a little fishing boat sail into view . . . to see the remains of a 1st century fishing boat preserved following its discovery in the mud in the 1980s when the water level of the lake fell . . .to stand at the foot of the steps leading to Temple Mount . . . and imagine and remember.

Marian Jones (former Superintendent of the Wesley Circuit) will be leading a pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine from September 8th till 19th 2016. If you would like details, please contact her on 01978 810292 or

marian.jones@methodist.org.uk

Mrs Margaret Bosomworth



Margaret Rawsley was born on the 26th of October 1932. She had a difficult childhood following her parents' divorce, as her mother worked as a seamstress while bringing up Margaret and her brother, Jack. Margaret attended Lawnswood High School, and always regretted not being in a position to

take her education further – which in future years was to make her as proud as could be of the academic achievements of her family. She attended Burley Methodist Church in Leeds, which provided her with a sense of community and personal happiness which she never forgot.

After school, Margaret went on to work first at McCormick's vets on Kirkstall Road and then as a Laboratory Assistant with the Ministry of Agriculture. Whilst there, she had dealings with the Dales vet's practice that was to become famous through the works of 'James Herriot'.

The life-changing moment for Margaret came one year when she needed to get a Christmas tree home. A young man in the street offered to help her. So Brian Bosomworth carried the tree, and in 1953 they married. He built their home, 'Treetops', on Tinshill Road. At first a dental technician, with Margaret he later opened a second hand furniture store in the Kirkstall Road, and they lived there until 1975. Family duly arrived with Harvey in 1957, Eryl in '59 and Jamie in '64. Margaret loved all her family as it grew. She adored her grandchildren, Andrew, Emerson, Rhona and Sam, and thought the world of them, taking great pride in them all.

In 1975 Margaret and Brian moved to Yew Tree Farm, Skipton, retiring to Inver Alligin in Scotland in 1988. They were very happy there, but after Brian died in 2000, Margaret noticed that the community was changing, and she no longer felt quite as much at home. So back to Leeds she came, to a house with a good view and which wasn't overlooked – important factors in her choice. She returned to a community she loved, and where many remembered her with love too.

She was thrilled to visit her cousins in Australia, and enjoyed globe trotting. Indeed, holidays had evolved from caravanning in the Dales and around Leyburn to campervanning in the west of Scotland and then jetting off to Cyprus, Spain and Portugal. Margaret was never one to be limited in her outlook. She was a woman who made, and kept many friends. She had an enquiring mind, whether engaged in one of her Open University courses, or studying the scriptures.

Her faith, nurtured in Burley, had continued and been expressed wherever she went, and she greatly valued the fellowship at the Corrie Church in Torridon in Scotland. Here at the Grove her impact was felt by many, as a member of the church itself and of different groups within it, as a Steward, pastoral visitor, an encourager and enlivener, a mighty champion of the church's constant need for prayer. A good friend, who is much missed.

Adapted from the funeral address given by the Rev Alistair

Lenten Labyrinth in Leeds Trinity Chapel 7 – 11 March 2016



Labyrinth, a maze where you never get lost. For hundreds of years people have been walking labyrinths as a way of focusing on how God walks with them. Now we can walk this labyrinth to accompany Christ on his final journey to the cross. Spend as little or as long as you can afford. All are invited to take part in this Lenten practice.

Come on your own or in a group anytime between Monday 7th at 12 Noon through to Friday 11th at 3pm.



Sunday 14th February, the first Sunday in Lent, the Grove congregation had lunch of soup, bread and water after morning service and raised £825.72. This will allow 3 bore holes to be drilled and supply fresh water to needy villages. A great effort by all, thank you.

Barbara and David Buckley

When I saw the film I realised how lucky we are, we have clean water, good food and nice clothes. We can turn on the tap and BANG crystal clear water. But in those villages children spend hours going to collect water, the worst part is the water is dirty, also the children are late for school or don't go at all. Clean water would provide more than you think, it would provide good education which would lead to a better job and money for the village.

Maisy Micklethwaite aged 9

The Grove Church Council, 8th February 2016

Twenty four members were present and a further eight members sent apologies.

Under ' Church Officers', the **resignations** of Don Galbraith as Chair of Finance and Sue Galbraith as Minutes Secretary were accepted with thanks for their time and work.

In Matters Arising from the previous meeting, an update was provided on the church's position with regard to the **Circuit Auto-Pension Scheme** that is now available to lay employees. Note was taken that the Rev'd Anne Brown has been appointed Chair of the Leeds District for one year, starting 1st September 2016. During the year of office she will engage in discussions with the other four Yorkshire Districts on their future structure. In the meantime the Rev'd Stephen Burgess, Chair of York and Hull District, has been given oversight of the Leeds District.

Items raised by committees included:

The need to overhaul and update the **church organ** in order to

maintain the sound of what, on inspection, was described as 'a very well built instrument of quality'. (Finance)

The go ahead on **pew alterations** in the near future so as to improve access for worshippers with mobility problems; also the renting of a further car parking space by Manse Capital. (Property)

A start made in explorations for the provision of **Messy Church**. (Church Life)

Discussion on whether to hold a **Christmas Bazaar**, whether to move the **Covenant Service** to January instead of September and on the effectiveness of **church committees**. (Church & Society)

Membership stands at 164, representing a steady fall in numbers over the last sixteen years. (Pastoral)

The **draft Annual Report** for the year ending 31st August 2015 was accepted as definitive by Council.

Other items included:

- Discussion on **Lay Presidency** at Communion Services when there is no presbyter available. It was agreed that this would benefit from wider discussion across the church.
- Purchase of a **Calamus License** to extend the church's ability to project hymns that are still under copyright, onto the screen during worship.
- An agreement to permit the Churches Together **Good Friday Walk** of Witness to proceed down Town Street from Central Chapel to The Green providing stewards are hired as a safety precaution.
- Agreement to financially support the work of **Horsforth Churches Together** (HCT) and also Duncan Stow as **Outreach Facilitator** and a 'significant factor' in enabling HCT mission activities to take place.
- Possible items for the **General Church Meeting** (provisionally 13 April 2016) to include: Lay Presidency at Communion, marriage and human relationships.

*Peter Mawson
for The Grove Vine
Church Council Secretary*

9th Airedale Scout Group Production.

Star Gazer

Stories are told of a world millions and millions of light years away from our own galaxy. A story of a princess who seeks the waters from the Fountain of Knowledge will help the Princess and her people stop the forces of the Empire taking over their planet.



What a great show, the cast of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts put on four performances supported by Leaders and many other committed helpers. A real team effort that showed through the performance giving the audiences a real treat of slap stick humour,



songs new and old favourites. Congratulations to all.

Bill Bailey

Nancy Maryon Mathers 1930 – 2016

Nancy's family had a family connection of some 200 years with The Grove and were also involved in Wesley Street Chapel in Rodley where they lived. Grove members may remember Nancy as a former Sunday School teacher as well as a regular attender at church services. She also had a commitment to the work of overseas missions.

Educated at Leeds Girls' High School she went on to study French, Latin, English and Biblical Studies at Leeds University. She then spent 16 fulfilling years working at the Bradford Library and Literary Society, achieving a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts for her work in producing an authoritative bibliography for the management of medicine. Attending a French literature for foreigners course at the University of Rennes she met Professor Robert Merle who pays tribute to Nancy in the foreword to his book 'The Island' as she had been so helpful to him in accessing 19c British literature. Later she went to work at Leeds College of Building where she helped students develop the basic skills they needed.

Unfortunately Nancy's mental problems of depression, anxiety and agoraphobia brought an early end to her professional career and greatly curtailed the cultural activities she so greatly enjoyed. This eventually culminated in the development of Alzheimer's disease and for a number of years she was lovingly cared for at Aire View, the BUPA home in Thornbury and Gilroyd nursing home in Guiseley.

Nancy's sister Christine gave careful thought to the contents of the thanksgiving service held at The Grove on January 20 and we rejoiced to sing two hymns by Charles Wesley, one by Isaac Watts, and to rejoice in the words of Wesley's Easter Hymn printed on the back of the order of service:

Soar we now where Christ hath led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Alleluia!

The Rev Albert Jewell

Passiontide Pathfinder Puzzle

Can you find the sequence of hymn first lines which lead from the bottom left hand corner to the centre? All of the seven hymns are from 'the Passion and the Cross' section of *Singing the Faith*. Here's a clue to get you started: the first word is 'WHEN'. You must move by adjacent squares up and down or right and left, but not diagonally, and every square must only be used once. The solution is the list of hymns.

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U	R	G	N	P	L	I	L	A	N	R	E	D
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And here's some more questions for number puzzle addicts. You may use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to get the target number (within 30 seconds if possible). You can use each of the six given numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all.

Given numbers						Target
25	1	3	5	8	7	239
50	75	4	7	9	2	837
75	5	7	3	4	1	570

Tony Orton

AN ANTHEM FOR EASTER, CHRIST HAS REDEEMED THE WHOLE CREATION

Christ was stricken for our sake;
scourged, mocked and crucified for us,
and all the sins of our humanity
were buried in the tomb as sin
endeavoured to defy God's reign.

But death is not victorious in the grave;

Can never bind the power of love;
and Christ who died in love all for love's sake,
was stirred by love, love's power to prove.

Alleluia!

And now love brings redemption to our sinful
state

for Christ our Lord burst free from sin's restrictive
prison; cast off His chains; restored Heaven's light
as Heaven itself shouts: He is risen. Alleluia!

Life is now restored in Christ by love
and all who would rise from death's grave
can leave death's womb to break sin's grim,
destructive hold
by owning Christ as Lord
and living in the strength of His love's reign.

Alleluia!

New birth, new life, the Spirit gives us freely.
Resurrection power is ours.
Christ has redeemed the whole creation.
Heaven's glory shines again through us.

Alleluia!

Sam Doubtfire

The Leeds Methodist District Children's Holiday

The Leeds Methodist District Children's Holiday takes place annually in August giving children from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to benefit from a wide range of new experiences. The majority of these children have never been away from home before and each year a new group of children are provided with the opportunity to benefit from the scheme. Outings are arranged, such as visits to Lightwater Valley and Scarborough, and activities, such as swimming, horse riding and the Harrogate Climbing Wall are enjoyed.

Over the years The Grove Church joined with many other churches, groups and individuals who supported this event by contributing clothes, toys, baking and monetary donations towards the costs when it was held at the NCH Hilton Grange in Bramhope. More recently it has been hosted by Ashville College in Harrogate and it is some years since the Grove has been involved. Can we not support it again?

This year it is being held from 20th to 27th August. (This is later than usual, but Ashville College cannot have them at the usual time)

Items needed - as before - clothes, toys, baking and monetary donations.

Look out for more details in The Grove Vine in the next few months.

Gill Jewell

Regular Events (contd)

Wednesday

- 2.00 Line Dancing 0113 258 7444
6.00 Rainbows (14th) 0113 239 0335
6.30 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

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the April Issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary Mellor and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday March 24th.

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Email (copy as an attachment) would be appreciated!***

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