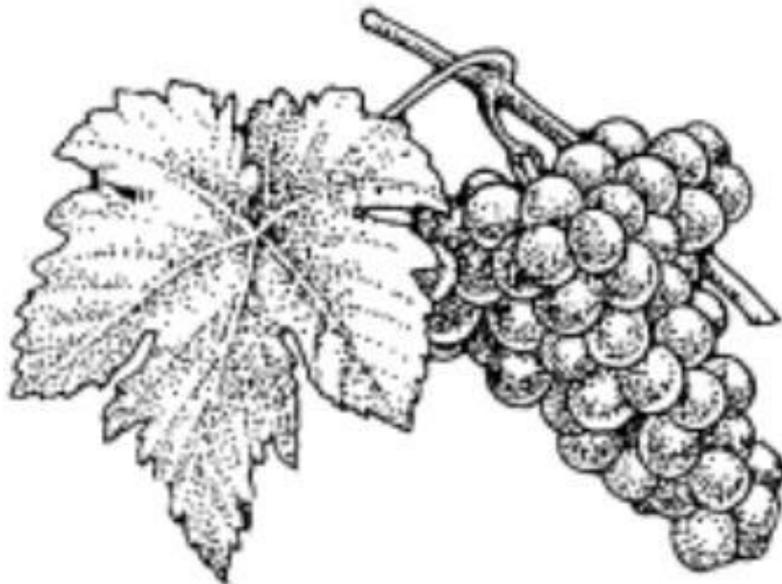


GROVE VINE

**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) 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

- 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
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 4406480
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

- 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

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Looking over the roundabout....

Due to unforeseen family circumstances Alistair is unable to contribute to the Vine this month. He sends his apologies.

Thought for the month

To live our lives as children means to let go of influence and power. it means to rediscover wonder and simplicity. It means to rediscover dependency.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell

Church Family News.....

Baptism

July 7th Zachery George Psarias son of Lucy Smith and Solos Psarias

Funeral

August 31st Rita Morris (wife of the organist at Woodside)

Please remember in your prayers: John Morris and family (see above), Margaret Ball, Joan and Brian Benson, Carol and Tony Emmott and their family, Florence Bonfield, Mary Hart, Ros Revell, Kathleen Taylor and Christine Wilson.

We also remember others known to us who face a variety of difficulties, health problems, bereavement, anxiety about loved ones and loneliness and the housebound.

Sunday Services in September

- 4th 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
10.30 Mr Philip Maud – Family and Parade
6.00 United Service at Woodside
- 11th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Covenant Service
6.00 United Service at Woodside
- 18th 10.30 Mr John Summerwill
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Taizé style
- 25th 10.30 Rev. Madeleine Andrews
6.00 United Service at Central
- 2nd Oct. 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
10.30 Harvest - Parade - Mr Alec Cross from All We Can
(formerly MRDF)
6.00 United Service at Woodside

Stewards on Duty in September

- September 4th Caroline Turner and Kath Ashby
11th Margaret Shingler and Michael Wallis
18th John Bussey and Caroline Turner
25th Tony Orton and John Bussey

Harvest Celebration

This year's Harvest celebration will begin with a Barn Dance and Harvest Supper on Saturday 1st October, from 6pm until 9pm.

Our Harvest Festival will take place the next day on Sunday 2nd October when the preacher will be Mr Alec Cross from All We Can. Gifts of food would be appreciated and will be donated to worthy causes.



*Cynthia Hatton
Senior Steward*

A letter from Kathleen Stocks:

Please accept my grateful thanks to all the friends who sent cards, letters, and made telephone calls, which I have received since Clifford died in June. So good to know that we are still in your thoughts.

It is six years since we left Horsforth and moved to Stoke Gabriel to be near the family. This has proved to be a good move, particularly now, as the family have been so supportive at this very difficult time. It is a lovely part of the country and we enjoyed exploring both Devon and Cornwall - even into Somerset - until this year when it became too difficult.

The congregation at Goodrington Methodist Church have been very welcoming and are helping me to keep going.

Should any of you be on holiday in this area I would be so happy to see you. Kettle is always on!!

We had such happy times at the Grove, so best wishes to you all, again with many thanks for your continued kindness and love from

Kathleen Stocks

Following the **Methodist Conference** in July our new President is the Rev. Dr. Roger Walton and the Vice President is Ms Rachel Lampard. This year's Prayer card giving the diary of their travels is available (free) in the Narthex.

On Saturday August 20th at Trinity Church Harrogate the Rev. Anne Brown was inducted and welcomed as our new Chair of the Leeds District for the next year. She and her husband Andrew were seen sitting incognito at the back of our Grove service the next day!

Church Garden Party - 6th August

Dear Friends,

I hope that, by now, my original thank you to everyone has been printed in the church bulletin - unfortunately there was a glitch with the technological 'stuff'.

First of all, I want to say thank you once again to everyone who came to the Garden Party on the 6th August, and especially to all those who were able to help on the day. It was a joyous, God-given occasion. The sun shone, the gazebos were up, the strawberries were lush, the cakes and scones ditto and the Mini-Olympics was almost as huge a success as Rio! There was a gentle hubbub of conversation throughout the afternoon and we welcomed so many friends and their families - it was truly a lovely day and our thanks go to Anne Blackburn for the use of her garden.

As for the support for my Grandson Fred, I'm sure that most of you know that the total given over the weekend was £881.71, and that this was increased to a total of £1000 by the Grove church. My son Tom and his wife Ruth have asked me to say thank you to you all. I've said before that words are inadequate, but they are all we have. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The money has gone towards the cost of Fred's trip to Austria. Tom and Ruth only wished to cover their costs so have asked me to tell you that any money left over will be given to the LGI Children's Liver Unit who have helped Fred so much since he was born in May 2014. He was diagnosed with a rare liver disease called Biliary Atresia and the surgeons performed a 7 hour operation on him when he was 14 days old. This helps to delay the time when he will need a liver transplant. The Children's Liver Unit in Leeds is one of only three regional centres - the other two are in Birmingham and Glasgow. Parents have to travel long distances and we have been very grateful ourselves to live so close to the LGI.

In May this year, Fred's parents decided to take him to the NoTube clinic in Graz in Austria to take advantage of that organisation's expertise in helping children who have been tube-fed to eat. When Fred was about 6 months, NoTube helped Fred transfer from being fed by a nasal-gastric tube to being able to suck and swallow his special fortified milk from a bottle. This was done by telephone and internet support. Fred is still unable to eat solid food. The medical and support staff at the clinic are

convinced that Fred can learn to eat and this is what they do at their two week feeding clinics every month in Graz. As far as I understand it, they make lots of toys out of all sorts of food so that the children, who come from all over the world, can play with it, touch it, smell it and taste it without it being regarded as 'food'. Somehow, they then manage to move on to eating it. Fred also has a rare genetic disorder called Kabuki Syndrome and this causes both physical and cognitive delay which, in part, contributes to his inability to eat solid food. He has made amazing progress over the last year and he can now sit, crawl, pull himself up and take a few steps with a 'walker'. He is beginning to communicate with us and we are all trying hard to learn Macaton sign language as we know that this will help him. Each new thing that Fred does seems like a miracle to me.

Unfortunately, as many of you will know, Fred was not able to travel to Austria on the 20th August as planned because he had an infection of the bile ducts at the beginning of August. He is now much better - back to his usual cheeky self with a big grin - but the consultant has advised that Fred must not travel abroad for three months while he is still on medication. This has been upsetting for us all but we are very thankful that Fred is well again. The timing was just so unfortunate. However, the family will go to Graz in 2017 - either at February half term or at Easter. Elizabeth, Fred's sister, starts school in September so they are a bit more limited as to when they can take a fortnight out. The staff at the NoTube Clinic are very understanding and they will stay in communication with Tom and Ruth to work out the best time for them all. I will keep you up to date with Fred's progress and let you know when they go to Austria. Please continue to pray for Fred and the family.

Ann Bailey

The Grove Church Bazaar Saturday the 26th November 2016

Toys and Games are needed for sale at the Christmas Bazaar

Parents, Children and Grandparents, if you can make any contribution to this stall, please contact:

Janette Mawson 0113 2503264 or Rita Grainger 0113 2583790

You may have caught sight of our Minister wearing a safety pin on his lapel. This is why:

Resolution from the Methodist Conference 2016

What follows is the text which the Conference agreed should be read in all our churches as soon as is possible. The statement is also shared on our website <www.methodist.org.uk/nationallife>, where it can be turned into an email to be automatically sent to your local Member of Parliament. The Conference encourages the Methodist people to send this letter to their MP. The Conference also encouraged the Methodist people to join the campaign to wear an empty safety pin as a badge symbolising solidarity against racism (please see <<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36661097>> for details).

The Methodist Conference believes that the British Isles are enriched by diversity and celebrates the contribution made by those who have come from other parts of the world.

The Christian tradition calls for respect, tolerance, love of neighbour and hospitality to the stranger. All bear the responsibility of speaking and acting for healing, reconciliation, and mutual respect

The Methodist Conference abhors and deeply regrets those actions and words which incite hatred and lead to the victimisation of groups within society and notes with concern that such actions and words have been normalised in recent public discourse. Believing that racism is a denial of the gospel and that to stay silent when others are abused is to collude with those who seek to promote hatred and division, the Methodist Conference calls:

- *on the Methodist people to challenge racism and discrimination;*
- *for a political debate which neither demonises any nor leaves the vulnerable (the foreigner, the immigrant and refugee) in danger of victimisation;*
- *on political leaders to work together for the good of the whole community putting the needs of the nation before party politics;*
- *on all those in positions of power and authority to hear the voices of those who have been marginalised and alienated and to respond to them in ways which offer real hope for the future.*

From the Reverend Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference



Messy Church at The Grove will be starting on Saturday 10th September (4.00 - 5.30 pm). We are hoping that many families with primary school children will enjoy taking part. Our focus will be on the ideas of fruitfulness, growth and togetherness suggested by the words of Jesus 'I am the true vine'. The children will enjoy activities such as grape treading, vegetable modelling, potato printing, apple bobbing, making vine branch bracelets, hedgerow harvest displays, and vine bookmarks. The worship will include visual stories and lively action songs and we shall end by sharing a simple meal together. Our final planning session will be on Wednesday 7th September at 1.30 in the Minister's Vestry. It is not too late to join in if you would like to help!
More information from Jean Orton (258 9093) or Ann Bailey (258 6961).

In a Spanish park, posted on a tree are these words:

I am a tree. You who would pass me by and would raise your hand against me, remember that I am the heat of your hearth on cold nights; the friendly shade screening you from summer heat; the source of refreshing draughts; the beam of your house, the board of your table; the bed on which you lie; the timber of your boat; the handle of your hoe; the wood of your cradle and the shell of your coffin. Harm me not.

*Taken from the Rev. Frank Pagden's book 'Eastward in Eden'
with kind permission of Gladys*

Here is the third in our series about the churches in our new circuit

Cookridge Methodist Church

This church dates back to about 1936 when the area was being developed for housing. Starting with Sunday School meeting in local homes, it developed through the years to being part of the Headingley Circuit in 1943, and after the war by meeting in an ex-army guard hut.



In 1956 a new wave of house-building began, and newcomers were welcomed. The Sunday school increased, a Young Wives Fellowship commenced, in October 1957 a Guild was formed, and a Youth Club started. In 1958 the hut was moved to a newly purchased plot – where the church now stands. 1959 a Guide Company and Brownie Pack came into being; membership was growing, Sunday School was meeting in two sessions. Towards the end of 1960 an Inters Club was started for young teenagers, together with a Cub Pack and Scouts.

The decision was made for a new building to accommodate all these activities. Plans were drawn up, money-raising activities increased, and in 1961 the stone-laying took place. On 19th May 1962 the new church was officially opened by Sir George Martin.

Important themes have been dealt with over the years: the possibility of Anglican/Methodist union, “The People Next Door” scheme involving house meetings, changes in the Circuit and the groupings of churches. Many events, both joyful and sad have taken place within its walls, and other organisations have used the premises for events and meetings. Many lives have been deeply influenced by the presence of this church in the community.

The uniformed organisations continue to meet – and are present in the All-Age worship on the first Sunday of each month; a small group of young children enjoy Junior Church activities on a Sunday morning; there is a regular lunch club, an afternoon tea-group and a Thursday Group with a

very varied programme. At present there is a kindergarten using the premises Monday to Friday in the mornings; a community film club puts on a film once a month, serving more than just church-going members; four times a year there is a book and jigsaw puzzle sale, attracting customers from far and wide. A recent addition to activities has been Messy Church, when once a month parents and children join in sessions together on a Saturday, learning, playing and feasting together, based on a Christian theme.

The members of the church are older, and smaller in number, but deeply dedicated to maintaining premises suitable for worship in the 21st century, and sharing in a caring ministry under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Jo Lightowler.

Rita Savage

What is a Pastoral Visitor?

On August 7th a rededication service for Pastoral Visitors was held within our morning service.

When someone joins our Church Family and wishes to become a member a Reception and Welcome Service takes place in the Church.

A Pastoral Visitor is then assigned to the new member who is taken onto their Pastoral list.

It is the tradition of the Methodist Church that within our community we offer pastoral care to one another, to pray regularly for those in their care, to share in their joys and to give comfort and support in time of sorrow and need.

We have seventeen Pastoral Visitors at the Grove (with an average of 9/10 Members each), and the Secretary of the Pastoral Committee is Margaret Simmons.

Our Minister Rev Alistair Jones reminded us at the last Church Council that the Pastoral Committee is the only such group the Methodist Church is required to have. All others are optional. It shows how important this work is.

*Carole Abel
Church Steward*

Seaside Rock

Another happy Holiday Club has taken place during August when we had a week immersed in our theme “Seaside Rock”. You might think “What’s that got to do with anything?”



That was the main thrust but there was a lot of other fun going on around it. We had visits from our Prof. Ali who appeared most days in a different disguise to teach the children, in a most amusing but informed way, of topics connected to the sea. We also had a visit from Kay in her St. John’s Ambulance capacity to both talk about and demonstrate basic first aid. This tied in with our story that day about Jesus’s healing power.

We always seem to run out of time to do all we plan! The week flew by not least because we are so well blessed with ideal facilities in which to run the Holiday Club - plenty of resources, a beautiful building to have the use of, including the safe outside play area where we had most of our games - as we were fortunate with "summer holiday" weather for 4 out of 5 days. Indoors the children made a huge variety of craft items, from boats, seagulls, shell boxes, wind chimes, glove puppets, crosses, clown hats (made out of biscuits and cornets and decorated with Smarties) to an Easter garden.

The Holiday Club team are a wonderful blend of mixed skills.....the technical, the musical, the artistic, the delightful donkey, the volunteer caterers and, of course, the leadership skills of Jean who makes everything happen. It has been a really enjoyable atmosphere all week and the children have gone home at the end of the Friday closing service with a spring in their steps and smiles on their faces, knowing a lot more about the life of Peter and the love of Jesus because, after all, without him we wouldn’t have a Holiday Club.

Rita Grainger & The Holiday Club Team

How well do you know your hymns?

Below are some lines, each taken from a hymn that we sing regularly. Can you write down the first line of each of the eight hymns?

1. Keep me praising till the break of day.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven.
3. Here in the grace of God I stand.
4. Don't carry a load in your pack.
5. And after supper he washed their feet.
6. But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
7. Glorify your name, in all the earth.
8. Fill this land with the Father's glory.

And here are some more condensed hymn titles

Find the first lines of the hymns below, presented without vowels, and with the letters regrouped (e.g. MZN GGRC would be 'Amazing grace' and THNB THG LRY would be 'Thine be the glory').

1. SLD RSFC HRS TRS
2. SKY FRS TTHK NGD MFGD
3. FRT HNT HYNM LRDG
4. PRST THHL STNT HHG HT
5. LWNT HGR VHLY
6. NCHR STLN
7. WHWL DTRV LRS
8. LLLS NGTJ SS

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Answers to the last month's Wordsearch and Jumbled Names

People: Aquila, Barnabas, Dorcas, Felix, Gaias, James, Jason, John, Justus, Lydia, Mark, Paul, Peter, Philip, Silas, Simeon, Stephen, Theophilus, Timon, Timothy. Places: Antioch, Asia, Corinth, Cos, Cyprus, Damascus, Ephesus, Joppa, Lydda, Lystra, Myra, Philippi, Pontus, Rhodes, Rome, Samos, Syria, Tarsus, Thessalonica, Tyre. Jumbled names: Gabriel Fauré, Thomas Tallis, Edward Elgar, Charles Wesley, Harold Darke, Johann Sebastian Bach.

Tony Orton

Do you like yoghurt? Do you like cycling?

Do you know that there are 3 ways of helping to raise money to bring retired red telephone boxes to life by placing life-saving defibrulators in them?



- (1) by buying the special plum 'n' ginger yoghurt produced by "The Collective UK";
- (2) by supporting a 350 mile cycle ride from Keswick to London;
- (3) by making a donation to the Hodgson family.

All this is in memory of Mike Hodgson (Shirley and Dave's son) who died a year ago from a heart attack he suffered when out biking near his home in the Lake District. (Mike was co-founder of "The Collective UK") Mike's wife, family and friends are involved in the 5-day cycle ride starting on 2nd September.
More information from: bikeformike@thecollectivedairy.com

What's On

The regular church activities are starting up again this month. Please use the information on the covers to find details.

Please inform the editors if there is something you would like to advertise as a more general invitation. If you would like to announce your programme send the details to the editor who is responsible for that month's Vine noting when the deadline is (*– very important!*)

We can't function without you!

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 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

Please note that the new Church Treasurer with effect from 1st September 2016 is going to be Bryan Whitham.

You can contact him at 4 Airedale Drive, Horsforth, Leeds.LS18 4DR;
Telephone 0113 293 6745 (Mobile: 07950493909) or e-mail
address: 007firstcontact@gmail.com

Don't panic - Philip Abel is still around clearing up the old year to 31st August 2016 !! You can also catch Bryan at church on a Sunday as he is one of the Microphone Operators and is also connected with Scouts.

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the October Issue will be prepared by **Paul and Jenny** and you should send items to them no later than **5pm on Wednesday 21st September.**

Please include dates up to Sunday 6th November.

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