

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 250 6786
- 6.15 Cubs 0113 250 6786
- 7.45 Scouts 0113 250 6786
- 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 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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One step at a time, that is all it takes.

We start the process of change, and look to a different future.

Jenny and I are submitting our Ministerial Profiles to be matched to possible churches and tasks, and your Circuit Stewards are preparing the Church Profiles to submit for a new minister.

There are three approaches that naturally spring to mind.

Firstly, to ask for the Archangel Gabriel.

Secondly, someone who does everything just the same.

Thirdly, someone who does everything differently.

None of these are actually productive. The first is unreal, the second dull, and the third regressive.

What IS needed is someone who listens to God, reveres God, and will work for God in Horsforth.

Whether you like them or agree with them is completely beside the point. We are here to follow God, not an individual human. In my time here, I have done my best to listen to God, I most certainly revere God, and I have undertaken such work as I have been called to by God.

I fully understand that there are some who will gladly see my back as I disappear, but they have rather missed the point. My calling is to listen to God, not them, and I have done my best to hear the voices of the One over those of the others.

So will my successor. What she or he will hear, I can neither anticipate nor dictate, but you will learn ***one step at a time.***

When the time comes, welcome them, and walk with them in the Way of the Lord.

With every blessing,

Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)

Thought for the month

A real Christian is not only a good and well-intentioned person but a man or woman for whom Jesus Christ is ultimately decisive; for whom Jesus - not Caesar, not another god, not money, sex, power or pleasure - is Lord.

Professor Hans Küng

From the Registers

31st August Funeral of Mrs Rita Morris

Please remember in your prayers: Florence Bonfield, Mary Hart, Kathleen Taylor, Christine Wilson, Carol and Tony Emmott and their family, Madge Thorpe, Margaret Ball, Shirley Crawford, Doreen Hardaker and Ros Revell.

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

Sunday Services in October

2nd 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
 10.30 All We Can - Family - Scout / Guide Parade,
 Harvest Festival
 6.00 United Service at Woodside

9th 10.30 Rev Dr Albert Jewell
 6.00 United Service at St Andrew's Methodist Church
 Robin Lane Pudsey

16th 10.30 Mr Stephen Barber
 6.00 United Service at Woodside

23th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Bible Sunday - Holy Communion
 6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones

30th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones - Thanksgiving and Remembrance
 6.00 United Service at Woodside

Stewards on Duty in October

2nd	Michael Wallis and Margaret Shingler
9th	Tony Orton and Kath Ashby
16th	Philip Maud and Michael Wallis
23rd	John Bussey and Caroline Turner
30th	Kath Ashby and Philip Maud

The Grove Christmas Bazaar The Community Centre , New Street Horsforth

Saturday 26th November 2016 10am – 1.00pm

There will be various stalls including:-

Refreshments with Mince Pies

Home Baking Tombola

Crafts Christmas Stall

Raffle Pickles, Preserves and Pates

Kitchenalia + Toy Stall

Home made Greeting Cards

Santa's Grotto Children's games

Plus More.....

Come along **ADMISSION FREE**
And Buy your Christmas Gifts

I wish.....



I wish I could hover around the red, ripe berries that grow quickly among the swaying plants.

I wish I was small enough to ride on a soft, colourful feather through the daylight sky.

I wish I could live inside a blossom flower and chatter loudly to the hard working, when they come to do their business.

I wish I could slide down the curved green grass on a crystal clear dew drop.

I wish I could be the cure for cancer, and feel all the people's joy.



By Maisy Micklethwaite

Too much of a good thing?

'Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.'

These words, and the tune that accompanies them, are both very familiar now. But they were something of a novelty when we adopted *Hymns and Psalms* as our hymn book in the late 1980s. Where did they come from?

The words were written by Eleanor Farjeon, an English poet, playwright and children's author, at the request of an eminent team of hymn book editors, Percy Dearmer, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Martin Shaw. It seems a tune had taken their fancy, and they wanted new words to it, suitable for their new school hymn book (those were the days!) *Songs of Praise*, first published in 1925. So the words were actually commissioned, and it was the tune which came first! But where did that come from?

Mary Macdonald (Màiri MacDhòmhnaill) was born in 1789, and lived out her life in Ardtun, a tiny crofting hamlet on the westernmost outreaches of the Isle of Mull. She didn't speak English, but became well known as a Gaelic poet. *Leanabh an àigh* was her best known hymn and she sang her words to a traditional Scottish melody. Nearly a century later, Lachlan Macbean found the hymn when researching for his book, *Hymns of the Scottish Highlands*. He translated it into English as:

'Child in the manger, infant of Mary,
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all.'

This hymn has since become well known, sung in many churches at Christmas time, though it's never been in Methodist hymn books. In publishing it, Macbean called the tune 'Bunessan', the name of the fishing village close to Ardtun. It was the melody that Dearmer, Vaughan Williams and Shaw had heard and wanted to use in their new hymn book.

Since then, and much later, a harvest hymn by Albert Bayly was set to the same tune, and was included in *Hymns and Psalms*:

'Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
For all things living you have made good.'

Both 'Morning has broken' and 'Praise and thanksgiving' are in *Singing the Faith*, where there's also two newer hymns set to Bunessan. Firstly there is a thanksgiving hymn by Marjorie Dobson, which begins:

'Born in a stable. Call his name Jesus.
See how his birth brings hope breaking through'.

Secondly there's a wedding hymn by Shirley Erena Murray:

'Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,
Come on a day when happiness sings!'

But that's not all. In other very recent hymn books we find:

'Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers,
All those who love us, for whom we care',

a new Mothering Sunday hymn by Timothy Dudley-Smith; also

'Lord of creation, giver of gladness,
In celebration we come today',

another new wedding hymn by David Mowbray; and

'Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart',

an older hymn based on St Patrick's Breastplate.

You just can't keep a good tune down - that's obvious. But that's eight hymns all set to the same melody, from just three recently published hymn books. It's such a relief when we're faced with new words and we find we know the tune. But I hope neither this nor any other tune gets so overused that we get tired of singing it. In any case, variety is important too.

But what a production line! All started by Mary Macdonald two hundred years ago. And I bet, like so many who have followed on, she wrote her words to fit an existing Scottish tune that she liked.

Tony Orton

Singing the Faith

Gifts of copies of 'Singing the Faith' are still always welcome. Dedications may also be inserted in your book(s).

Tony Orton

Church Council – Wednesday October 5th 7.30pm in The Parlour

Solutions to September Puzzles

How well do you know your hymns (with StF number)

- 1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising (76)
- 2 Morning has broken like the first morning (136)
- 3 I am a new creation (553)
- 4 God's spirit is in my heart (404)
- 5 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare (569)
- 6 I danced in the morning when the world was begun (247)
- 7 Father we love you, we worship and adore you (6)
- 8 Lord, the light of your love is shining (59)

Condensed hymn titles:

- 1 Soldiers of Christ, arise
- 2 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
- 3 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
- 4 Praise to the holiest in the height
- 5 Low in the grave he lay
- 6 In Christ alone
- 7 Who would true valour see
- 8 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

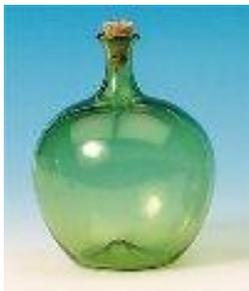
Messy Church **at The Grove Centre**



Saturday 8th October 4.00 - 5.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming families with primary school children. Do come and enjoy our exciting activities, stories and refreshments

Carboy Charity Appeal – September - October



About the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an independent charity providing a life saving rapid response emergency service to 5 million people across the whole of Yorkshire. The service is operational seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Charity currently attends over 1,000 missions a year, an average of 3 incidents every single day. Last year they treated 1067 patients at scene and carried 599 of those to hospital for emergency treatment.

The YAA currently operates two helicopters – one based at Nostell Air Support Unit, near Wakefield and the other at RAF Topcliffe, near Thirsk.

To keep both of Yorkshire's Air Ambulances maintained and in the air, the YAA needs to raise £12,000 every single day, which is the equivalent of £4.4m a year. The generosity that they receive really is the life blood of the Charity.

The charity was set up in 2000 and with the addition of the second air ambulance in October 2007, the YAA now operate their own Dedicated Air Desk for rapid dispatch of their helicopters to an incident. The swift medical interventions provided by their air ambulance crews have a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and subsequent quality of life.

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 250 6786
6.15	Beavers 0113 250 6786
7.45	Scouts 0113 250 6786
7.45	Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 0113 258 2520

Friday

7.45	Choir Rehearsal 0113 258 9093
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Walking Groups: **Thursday** 0113 258 6579
Saturday 0113 258 4520

NOTE!

Change of Contact Details re Church Organisations. Please advise the Editorial Team with any changes to meeting times and telephone numbers so the Vine magazine can be updated and kept fresh.

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the November Issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary Mellor and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26th October.

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