

GROVE VINE

**The Magazine of
Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth, Leeds
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Special Anniversary Year



**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 293 6745
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (see page 4 for the appropriate church)

Monday

- 12.00 Luncheon Club 0113 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 0113 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 0113 250 6786 and 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
- 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 258 5519
- 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 Ladies' Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 0113 258 2097

Friday

- 7.30 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

Walking Groups: 1st Saturday and 3rd Thursday: Contact Keith 258 6316

Minister's letter

Dear Friends,

At this time of year our thoughts are centred on the Easter events which are so central to our faith. We remember the suffering that Jesus had to undergo; we remember the terrible death on the cross, but we remember also the great victory of the first Easter Day when Jesus was raised again.

Easter is above all a season of new beginnings; a time when we think of new life which is why eggs have long been linked with Easter.

When we look at Jesus; when we see the way he lived – his love, his care and concern – we see that in many ways it was a tragedy that he died so young. There was so much more that he could have done, given another 20 or 30 years. It always baffled me when I was young why the day we remembered Christ's death was called Good Friday. I couldn't think of anything "good" about it at all. We call it Good Friday because we know that it was a necessary part of God's work. We know that even in the death of Jesus, God was still active – that he was still working in the world, as the events of Easter Sunday made quite clear. It seemed to be the end of everything and yet far more has been achieved through the death of Jesus than could ever have been in 30 or more years of teaching and healing.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, countless millions of people have discovered a whole new way of life. The Easter events convince us that even when we humans do our very worst, God is still in control. Even when the powers of evil try their hardest, God is still in control. We now have a faith that should never be daunted by the difficulties and setbacks that sometimes come our way. We can rest secure in the knowledge that God can turn even the most difficult of problems into new opportunities for growth and service. We have a God who can bring good even out of the worst situation we could imagine.

Jesus knew that his death was necessary and that it would bring new life to others. He knew that out of death would come new life; out of the suffering would come strength, endurance and a new hope. The Easter story reminds us that we don't worship a distant historical figure who died 2,000 years ago – we worship the risen Lord Jesus who is alive today and forever.

The Easter victory inspires and encourages us all. It gives us inspiration and encouragement as we seek to live out our faith in our daily lives.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

There comes a moment, which we can never quite locate or catch, when an acquaintance becomes a friend There has to be a moment like that in our relationship with God. He ceases to be a Sunday acquaintance and becomes a weekday friend.

Cardinal Basil Hume

Church Family News.....

From the Church Registers

6th March Funeral of Anne Haigh

19th March Funeral of John Tranmer (former Head of Froebelian School)

11th March Baptism of Sophia Jennet and Thea Jennet
daughters of William and Jennet Riley

10th March Dedication of Evelyn Lily Marjorie Knight
daughter of Simon and Louise

Please remember in your prayers – all those known to us who face a variety of difficulties; bereavement, health problems, anxiety about loved ones and loneliness.

Sunday Services in April

1 st	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
8 th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Marian Jones – Family (NB not Parade)
	6.00	Philip Maud – Holy Habits
15 th	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey
	6.00	United Service at Woodside (note the change)
22 nd	10.30	Philip Maud
	6.00	United Service at Hunslet – Easter Offerings
29 th	10.30	Mrs Anne Blackburn
	6.00	Mrs Jean Orton – Taize Service

Stewards on Duty in April

1 st	Michael Wallis and Trish Whitham
8 th	Trish Whitham and Michael Wallis
15 th	Caroline Turner and Carole Abel
22 nd	Philip Maud and Margaret Shingler
29 th	Carole Abel and Kath Ashby



**Happy
Easter**



Tuesday 10th April 10.00 - 12.00 noon

We are holding a children's Easter activity morning at the Grove (in the Grove Centre) for primary aged children. They will do cooking, craft activities and play games all based on the Easter theme.

And we need YOUR help

Please encourage any children you know (grandchildren, your children, neighbour's children etc) to come along for a morning of fun, craft, games, cooking etc all based on an Easter theme.

The children can stay on their own (staff are DBS checked and have done safeguarding training) or

- parents/grandparents/carers can stay with them or
- they can go to coffee morning whilst the children are enjoying their activities.

If you'd like a flyer to give to someone (or to pin on your fridge as a reminder), please take one/some from the table in the Narthex.

Please pray for the activity morning, the children and the leaders

Please contact Mark or Jenny Godfrey (tel:0113 2582678) or email revmgodfrey@gmail.com if you'd like further information.

From Pharaoh to Freedom

A musical demonstration of the relationship between the Jewish Passover and the Christian celebration of Holy Communion.



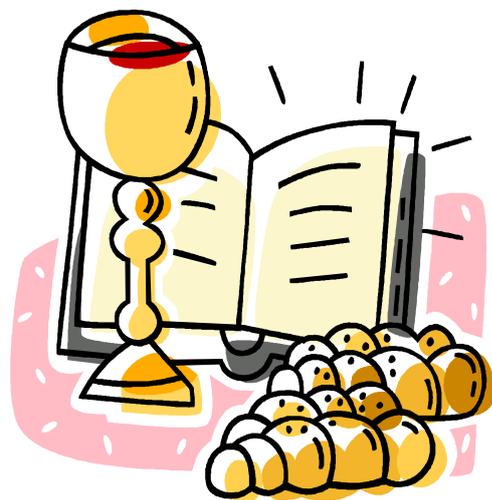
NEW TIME

Sunday 15th April

at 2.30 pm.

In The Grove Methodist Church

This dramatic musical will be presented as an event in the series which celebrates our very special 150th anniversary year. Sung by the Grove choir, with audience participation.



Free entry, with a retiring collection.

About Easter Offerings

Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for Missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions.

Since that time, each successive Methodist women's movement has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. In recent years, Methodist Women in Britain have taken responsibility (supported by the Methodist World Church Relationships Team) for producing resources including an annual service of dedication, often used widely around the Connexion as a circuit service.

All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain to be allocated for work in our 65 Partner Churches around the world. This money has been used by overseas partners to fund such work as enabling young women in north India to undertake nurse and midwifery training, and supporting Brazilian women to work in their churches with vulnerable women and children, developing women's leadership roles and integrating culture and art into worship. By sending out training resources, many thousands of women have been able to participate and develop this work across Brazil.

In 2017, collections from Easter Offering services raised over £350,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodist men, women and children. We thank Methodist Women in Britain for running this appeal, and you for making a difference by contributing to God's mission in this way.

As in past years The Grove will be putting out envelopes in the pews for Easter Day and the following Sunday. Please give as generously as you can. Our Leeds South and West Circuit dedication service will this year be at Hunslet Methodist Church on Sunday evening April 22nd at 6pm. you will be more than welcome to attend. There will be folk who can offer a lift if needed.

Gill Jewell

NEW CREATION

at the Grove

One of my favourite hymns of recent times is “Born in song, God’s people have always been singing.” The words and tune both by Brian Hoare.

Brian has had a very distinguished life, both as Methodist minister and musician. As minister, he has trained students at Cliff College, been a connexional secretary for Home Mission, as well as President of our Conference. He has even preached at the Grove.

As a musician he has written many hymns, five of which are in *Singing the Faith*, all, to me, memorable tunes.

Brian has said of himself: I trained as a musician and first began by writing tunes to other peoples’ words. However I increasingly found myself thinking: ‘If I’d written that I would have said it a bit differently’ and so I started writing words of my own.

Which led to **The New Creation**, a musical presentation for choir, congregation, narrator, soloists, small band (saxophone, trumpet percussion and piano), multi-media and drama. It puts the case for the Christian faith, examining creation and the human race.

Brian is involved, in retirement, with the Knaresborough Choral Society, who last year gave two highly acclaimed performances of the New Creation, one at Knaresborough and one at Skipton. They now come to us on Saturday May 19th at 7.30.p.m., linking in with our May exhibition **Creation : A Celebration**.

The chorus of around fifty is conducted by Robert Marsh, who has a distinguished musical pedigree and is now organist at Christ Church, Skipton. The tenor soloist is Howard Clinkard, who has sung at the Grove before and will be singing again at the Harvest Festival.

The New Creation. If you liked our own choir singing From Pharaoh to Freedom, you will like this too. It is fun. It has a wide appeal. It is moving. And it’s coming to Horsforth.

Peter Reasbeck

Grove Methodist Church
Saturday 21st April 2018

7.00pm - Doors open 6.00pm.



The Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band

Free to all.

Collection on behalf of Wheatfields Hospice
(Gift Aid envelopes are available)
All seats unreserved



Carboy Appeal – January and February

A big Thank You to all the folks at the Grove who gave so generously to **Mercy Ships**. A total of £100 was sent to them and received with their grateful thanks. *Brian and Mitzi Whitham*

THE CARBOY CHARITY FOR MARCH AND APRIL

The Juvenile Remand Home, Gulu, is a centre for teenagers who have been suspected of committing a crime and are awaiting a court decision to determine if they are innocent or have committed a crime. The conditions at the Home are very poor indeed and the judicial process is extremely slow.



I have been able to establish a Medical Centre to provide health care for the young people, the vast majority having suffered psychological trauma, physical injuries and illnesses throughout the 22 year civil war.

The Medical Centre provides clinics, led by qualified Acholi speaking nurses, for the young people on remand and also for members of my local community.

I have partnered with a charity who teach an agricultural and life skills programme, both of which the young people have missed out on as a result of growing up in the Kony Civil War.

This 6 month programme was generously funded by a donor and it has proved highly successful with the young people now cultivating their own crops to supplement their previously meagre diet.

Another donor has kindly funded a further 6 month course beginning in January 2018.

I am working alongside a number of business people and craftsmen to develop vocational skills training, to equip the young people with the ability to work and earn a living once they have left the Remand Home.

We are looking into funding agriculture, brickmaking, building, making local clay cooking stoves and tailoring programmes. Your donations to the carboy will help us influence their lives – physically, mentally and spiritually, as they wait for their cases to come to court, by providing:

- medication,
- wages for the nursing staff
- vocational teachers' wages and materials.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support for these young people.

Shirley Crawford

Creation: A Celebration comes to The Grove

Colour and textual artist and author, Sue Symons, began planning *Creation: A Celebration* in 2007, following completion of her acclaimed Bath Diptychs. In *Creation*: Sue has turned to the text of the Genesis account of creation for inspiration. The 42 breath-taking panels of embroidery, painting and mixed-media are a luminescent piece of storytelling which took two years to complete. Throughout, the art is rich in detail, vitality and even humour, helping viewers to reconnect with the natural world through a blend of historic and contemporary artistry.

The exhibition, which is on special loan from the Bible Society, will be held in **The Grove Methodist Church**,

10th - 31st May 2018

Doors Open: Weekdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm; 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Sundays 2.00pm – 4.00pm

There is no entry charge

Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.

There are rota sheets in the Narthex for anyone who can help, either for an hour or two or perhaps a whole afternoon or evening session. Two people will be needed for each session.

If you cannot add your name to the list in the Narthex but wish to help, please ring me on 0113 258 3346. *Kay Bassett*

Also – on the weekend **12th and 13th May** there will be a display of Arts, Crafts and Flower Guild Exhibits by Members and Friends.

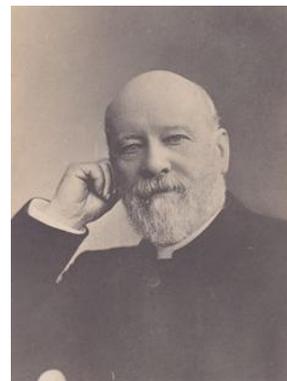
On Saturday 12th at 1.30pm there will be music from the Recorder Group and at **4.30pm** Messy Church.

Famous Methodists

Rev. Silvester Whitehead

We came across this name recently and his story is quite remarkable.

Silvester Whitehead was born in 1841 in Aysgarth, Wensleydale. As a young man he worked as a clerk for a corn miller and, in the 1861 Census, he added 'Local Methodist Preacher' to his listed occupation. By 1866, he had left Wensleydale and was in Canton, China. He served there as a missionary for eleven years.



Canton was important because of the tea trade and had been occupied, in part, by British Military Forces. He corresponded with a Mr Edmund Peacock who lived in Redmire, Wensleydale, telling him that there were seven different missionary societies in Canton (there were English and European with one American).

Silvester Whitehead's work was all the more admirable because of the many differences – not only of the language. He had written to Mr Peacock that "the Chinese hate us as much as they hate our religion. Opium has been forced upon them by foreigners – England went to war because they destroyed a lot of it belonging to Englishmen". He also raised the objection that many Chinese had been taken to work as Coolies – little better than slaves.

He stayed in Canton until 1877, with his wife Isabella (who was from Pateley Bridge) and their 3 children, all born in China.

In 1877 he came home to take up appointments in various Methodist Circuits with speaking engagements on missionary work and religion in China. He used his speeches to denounce the traffic in opium. In 1883 he had been stationed in Manchester and in 1884 sailed from Liverpool to visit Canada and the USA. Isabella had died in 1881 when his children were 11, 9 and 7, but in 1887 he married Frances Craven and they had 2 sons. He continued to serve as Minister in various districts and in 1904 was President of the Methodist Conference. He died in 1917, having served the Methodist Church for over 50 years.

Gordon Mellor

Update on Fred

Dear Friends,

It doesn't seem possible that Fred will be four in May and due to go to school in September. His parents are very pleased that the education authorities have agreed to defer his Reception class place until September 2019. This will give him more time to develop and be stronger for a full school day. Of course, he will still need support so we hope that the funding for that can be sorted. At the moment, Fred goes to nursery two mornings a week and to his childminder for one day. He gets very tired and needs a sleep most afternoons. He continues to be a happy boy when well. Fred joins in at nursery with the other children and particularly enjoys stories. He communicates quite well with his Mum using Macaton sign language. His Dad and I are not so good at it and, not surprisingly, Fred gets cross with us when we don't know what he wants. He says some words – his favourite is 'cat' when he wants to know where Paddy the kitten is. He loves to make playdough cakes and put them in the cake tin in the 'oven' (a cardboard box). Best of all, he loves it when we time how long they cook for and claps his hands with joy when the alarm goes off on the phone after 10 seconds - then we do it again! His eating is much the same. He eats some pureed food and lots of high calorie snack foods. Hopefully, he will begin to enjoy a wider range of foods as time goes on and we hope he may even enjoy a chocolate Easter egg one year. As ever, Fred goes downhill rapidly when he's not well. He's had a lot of ear infections lately and may have to have grommets. He was recently in hospital for 24 hours with a severe febrile convulsion. Fortunately, he hasn't had a liver infection for some months so that's good news. All in all, Fred has become just 'our Fred' with lots of personality – he's funny and happy and makes us laugh.



Please continue to hold him and his parents in your thoughts and prayers. It's a 'road less travelled' for all of us.

Ann Bailey

OUR AMAZING GOD(part one)

On Sunday morning (March 18th) we had a 'local arrangement' service. Lots of overnight snow! Local arrangement means the circuit plan could not find a minister/local preacher so it was 'up to us'!

Thank you to the 40 people who made a super effort to attend.

What follows are direct quotes from the part in the service when we had personal reflection time.

We had read Mark 6 v 1-6 where Jesus was 'amazed' at the lack of faith of his local synagogue congregation and then we read in Luke 7 v 1-10 how Jesus was 'amazed' at the great faith of the Roman Centurian.

We wondered where Jesus would see us on this 'faith continuum'.

Here are the PERSONAL and PRAYER quotes.....(creation and community next month!!!!!!):

Jesus would think I should have travelled much further on the Christian 'road' to life- too many wrong turns and too many cul-de-sacs. But he has been with me throughout my life! JUST AMAZING.

You are an amazing God. We can trust you completely. You hold us in the palm of your hand. You know everything about us, - good and bad. Your forgiveness knows no bounds. Your love for us is amazing. The world we live in is amazing in its beauty and intricacy.

On several occasions I have had to make life changing decisions, at work and in my personal life. I prayed about the situations and the 'amazing' God showed me the way.

God helped me to do things I never thought I could do (amazing). E.g. the courage to speak out when everyone else was doing wrong.

The way things work out.

Amazed at how troubles and problems brought to God seem less of an issue and more manageable.

How ideas for solving problems come to mind after a prayer. How music, one of God's greatest gifts, comforts, inspires and gives strength to move forward.

How amazing that I was there just at the right time to help. How amazing that you could use me, Lord.

How amazing that you answer prayer - not the way perhaps that we want or expect, but how amazing that you do want us to contact you and you do respond.

How amazing that you are totally beyond us and yet so near to us.

God is always by my side, holding me up when things go wrong in my life. He answers my prayers and gives me hope.

The one thing that amazes me is that Jesus is always with me - that's ALWAYS!! May I remember to tell everyone I meet of this true fact.

An amazing God who shows his wonder in creation. A God who forgives all my many sins, when I turn from Him and go my own way. Who forgives when I do not acknowledge Him and His power and love.

It's amazing that God doesn't give up on us - His love and forgiveness are eternal whatever we do or say.

More times than I can count I have heard a voice urging me to do something out of the blue. I have done it and been amazed that on many occasions I have done it and been glad - otherwise it would have been too late.

Amazing - you have kept your hand on me. Thank you Jesus.

Amazing God. You walked this earth as Jesus. My friend, my helper, my joy, my comforter, my creator. Amazing God, you are with me always - thank you.
Phil Maud

Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event 20th May 2018

Thy Kingdom Come is a simple invitation to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for friends and family to come to faith. Now in its third year, participation has grown every year.

In 2016 – 100,000 Christians pledged to pray. By 2017 – more than half a million had pledged to pray from more than 85 countries including Ghana, Netherlands, Malaysia, Cuba, South Africa, Australia, Korea, Japan and the Philippines to name a few.

In the UK, in 2017 many cathedrals took part, hosting 'beacon' events designed to focus prayers in towns and cities nationwide.

The campaign's broad ecumenical appeal led to more than 50 denominations and traditions being involved last year; including the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

The positive impact of *Thy Kingdom Come 2017* continues to unfold as numerous stories of personal and communal transformation pour in from churches, families and whole communities alike.

This year's *Thy Kingdom Come* is from 10th - 20th May and we, as the Yorkshire West Methodist District, have been asked to host a 'beacon' event.

On Sunday 20th May we are taking over the John Charles Arena (aka South Leeds Stadium), and intend to fill it with 2,500 praying, partying, praising pilgrims and their friends.

The plan is to gather by 1.30pm, enjoy a couple of hours of activity and entertainment, before a time of worship at 3.30pm, with National Vice President Jill Baker as speaker and Stuart Townend as worship leader. The event will end by 6.00pm.

Tickets for the event are free and further details will be updated on our website: www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/news-events/events.

Top 29 Bee Attracting Plants

I have recently had one or two conversations about plants in the garden which are most attractive to bees. And I offer this list, which is the result of a scientific survey in the summers of 2014 and 2015, Helenium being the winner.



Helenium autumnale	Eryngium giganteum	Phacelia
Sedum spectabile	Echium vulgare	Eupatorium
Stachys byzantia	Echium blue bedder	Hyssopus
Origanum vulgare	Verbena bonariensis	Agastache
Nepeta racemosa	Veronica spicata	Calamint
Veronicastrum	Rudbeckia fulgida	Nepeta mussinii
Knautea averensis	Succisa pratensis	
Eryngium planum	Erysimum Bowles Mauve	
Teucrium hircanicum	Borage (spring germinated)	
Stachys officinalis	Borage (over wintered)	
Lavendula eidelweis	Centaurea scabiosa	
Scabiolus columbaria		

However, I have found the following to be very attractive in my own garden:

Limnanthes douglasii (poached egg plant)	Mahonia	
Cerise	Cranesbill (geranium)	Echinops

Last summer, I had a remarkable Echium growing over 10ft high, always covered in bees. I have saved seed and have high hopes for many plants this year. As I have for Echium vulgare (Viper's bugloss) the seed of which I have just obtained with considerable difficulty. I hope to have plenty for distribution soon.

Peter Reasbeck

The Grove Church Council, 27th February 2018

26 members were present and a further 7 sent apologies.

The Chair **welcomed** Carol Hoyle to her first meeting as the new Secretary of Church Life Committee. The meeting accepted her **appointment** with thanks and also, with thanks, that of Michael Wallis as Transport Co-ordinator. Taking note of Standing Order 623 concerning the six year limit for Council Secretary and Secretary of Pastoral Committee, and the need to fill essential offices (CPD 607 [4]), the meeting unanimously agreed with thanks, by separate votes, that Peter Mawson would continue as Church Secretary and Margaret Simmons as Secretary of Pastoral Committee. Note was taken that Trish Whitham is the new Finance Committee Secretary.

In Matters Arising, updates were provided for discussion on various issues from the previous meeting:

- Note was taken that **Safeguarding** training opportunities would be provided by the Circuit for anyone who is working with children and vulnerable adults.
- Following discussion, the revised **Safeguarding Policy** was accepted. A full copy is to be displayed in church and abbreviated versions at points around the premises. Particular note was taken that safeguarding is a matter of concern for everyone at The Grove and not simply for designated officers.
- Council was awaiting further details from Churches Together (HCT) on the Church's role in **emergency situations** and **dementia friendly churches**. It was noted that basic information courses at two or three church venues will be held by HCT during National Dementia Week in May 2018 and that on Thursday 21st June the Ladies' Group had arranged a speaker on being dementia friendly that would be open to all church adherents.
- As a sign of good neighbourliness, Council agreed that the **Manse Capital sign** could remain in place for the coming year.

Items discussed by committees included:

2.30pm start for the choir production "**From Pharaoh to Freedom**" on 18th March. **Scout and Guide Gang Show** at 6.00pm and 8.00pm on 24th March. (Church Life)

The Grove church to be offered for opening to the **Walk of Art** on 7th July. Consideration being given to a new **Church information pack**. (Church & Society)

The current **membership** is 162 and opportunities available for membership. (Pastoral)

Currently an **overall deficit** of £12,000 but hard work is being undertaken behind the scenes to ensure maximum efficiency in running the church. Overhaul of the Centre boiler needed. (Finance)

Environmental Audit and Access Audit have been **completed**.

New cooker required for the kitchen. (Property)

Under **Other Business** the **Annual Report** for year ending 31st August 2017 was accepted and **donations** made towards the work of HCT and the Outreach Facilitator. The Town Street **notice board** is to be updated and the church needs to comply with requirements for the **legal deposit of printed publications** in the British Library and the Circuit's request to complete a **data audit** in preparation for government legislation later in the year.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm with the blessing.

Peter Mawson, Church Council Secretary

Solutions to the March Mystery Crossword

1	G	14	R	<p><i>Across:</i> ANNUAL, UNIQUE, SKID, RECAP, AWRY, JAIRUS, LUTHERAN, ODOURLESS, FIGS, BOAZ, SACRAMENT, COVENANT, SATINS, SANG, INCUR, PAGE, SUDDEN, AMAZON.</p> <p><i>Down:</i> AWKWARD, BAOBABS, NADIR, UNAVENGED, AEROSOL, MAXIXE, ECCLESIASTICS, NEPETA, ROSTRUM, QUAKERISM, TOPAZ, EARLAPS, NONAGON.</p>
2	Q	15	X	
3	W	16	S	
4	E	17	J	
5	Z	18	D	
6	M	19	V	
7	C	20	H	
8	A	21	L	
9	K	22	F	
10	O	23	P	
11	U	24	N	
12	Y	25	T	
13	B	26	I	

What's your favourite one-liner?

No, I don't mean the sort delivered by comedians. I mean the sort we sing in church, such as:

'We are marching in the light of God.'

That single, short line of words is repeated again and again to form a full 8-line verse. In fact, the South African original of this hymn was simply that one verse - so it started life as a one-line hymn!

There are many one-line hymns and songs in church worship:

'Rejoice in the Lord, and praise his holy name, alleluia!'

- an acclamation of praise from Taizé;

'Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, your love has melted my heart.'

- a meditative worship song from 'Songs of Fellowship';

'For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, amen.'

- a response to prayers from Iona, with an obvious source;

'I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.'

- a CSSM chorus from years back - do you remember it?

And now we have them in 'Singing the Faith', too, for example:

'Blessing and honour, glory and power, are rightly yours all gracious God.'

- a response from The Methodist Worship Book with a tune we've not used yet in congregational worship (StF 765).

It is all too easy to be critical when a one-liner is sung repetitively. But picture yourself taking part in worship in the open air, say a huge gathering in the sunny wide open spaces of South Africa - which does happen! Hymn books are often not available (too expensive); no-one has the time, equipment or money to produce printed sheets; facilities for projecting onto a screen are just a dream - so what do you sing? Something easy of course, such as *'We are marching in the light of God'*, to a catchy tune! It's certainly very easy to remember the words! And what if you are indeed marching, or walking, or even running (most people do not own a car in African countries)? Such a one-liner is ideal for singing as you travel, or indeed as you go about your daily work and duties.

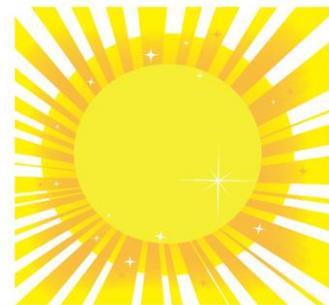
And what if you are leading a gathering of people from around the entire world, as at Taizé? Why not teach everyone a song in any chosen language, but make it short, because many of those present will be singing unfamiliar words? So to learn it they'll need to sing it again and again. And also, what if you work on a beach mission at a British holiday resort? You'll want to teach some songs, so make them short to ease memory problems, and sing them all several times. If the tune is memorable it will work. And then, sure as anything, participants will want to sing these lively one-liners at their home church when they get back.

Yes, there is a place for one-liners. But what about us, sitting comfortably in our own warm church, should we use one-liners in our worship? What do they have to offer us? John Bell provides the answers (Church Music Quarterly, September 2017): *"Do not be dismissive of a short song ... Such songs were never intended to be read from a book or be a substitute for a five-verse hymn. Rather they are learnt to be sung repeatedly from memory, sometimes enabling movement as in a procession or dance, sometimes allowing for meditation. Such songs often succinctly articulate sentiments which our more cerebral Western texts never represent."*

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EASTER MORNING

The Lord has risen
Shout aloud
The Lord has risen
Hear the crowd
Shout praises to the
Risen King
Let all creation
Shout and sing



HALLELUJAH!

Lent and Easter Pathfinder Puzzle

Pathfinder Maze: Can you find your way from the start to the end, by following the first lines of nine hymns from the Lent and Easter section of our hymn books? You must move by adjacent squares up and down or right and left, but not diagonally, and every square should be used just once. Clue: The first words are 'O sacred'.

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We'd love to hear from you.....

The editorial teams would like to carry a series of articles under either of two headings:

“My Best Day Out” and/or “My Hobbies”

What’s on

- April 5th Ladies Group – Meal out at The Brownlee Arms
11th Wednesday Break – Film Evening at Cookridge
Methodist Church – 6.30 for 7.00pm
19th Ladies Group – A Day in the Life of an Amateur
Auctioneer.
May 2nd Church Holiday at Ravenhall
17th Ladies Group Birthday Event – Fashion Show
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