

GROVE VINE

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Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth, Leeds**

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He is Risen!

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) 216 0678
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 258 9093

Monday

- 12.15 Luncheon Club 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 258 2285
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre small hall 258 3568; quiet room available for prayer. Jean Kemp's hand-made greetings cards will be available on the first Tuesday of each month
- 6.00 Rainbows (5th Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 202 9010

Wednesday

- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882

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The Minister's Missive

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

From cathedral to tiny chapel the great Easter acclamation rings out across the world on Easter day as congregations celebrate Christ's victory of life over death, hope over despair and love over hate.

Of course, in Britain, in the northern hemisphere, Easter coincides with spring. The Easter cross is decorated with daffodils and other spring flowers. We think about seeds hidden and dormant in the ground beginning to show green shoots and we wonder, yet again, at the evidence before our eyes of the irrepressible force of nature all around us, despite having experienced one of the coldest winters for many years.

I came across the following prayer by an American who describes the lessons of spring so beautifully. It is called Song of Awakening.

Teach me, O glorious Spring,
the lesson that nothing dies completely.
At the death of my body help me to know
that I have not entered an endless winter,
but simply a stage in the unfolding mystery
whose name is Life.

On this feast of the spring equinox
may I taste with delight
the freshness and vitality of new birth
and come forth from the womb of winter
youthful with hope
and fully alive
in the presence of my God.

Edward Hays



Greg

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Sunday Services in April

4 th	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Greg Haynes – Memorial & Thanksgiving Service
11 th	10.30	Ann Ashton
	6.00	United Service at Central
18 th	10.30	Mr Philip Maud
	6.00	Kath Harwood – Easter Offering Service at Woodside
25 th	10.30	Mr Peter Mawson
	6.00	Rev. Greg Haynes

If you are unable to get to church because of transport problems, please phone the Hearn on 281 8176; they will be happy to arrange a lift for you.

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Poppy Busfield, Joan Hunter, Stan Ramsden, Eileen Stones, Terry Sumpter, family and friends who are housebound and those who are caring for loved ones, who all need our prayers and help at this time.

Mary Hodgson would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and support on her recent move to Menston, and indeed for all the kindness and friendship shown to both her and Charles over their many happy years as Grove members. Please feel free to visit Mary at Flat 8, The Beeches, Newfield Drive, Menston, LS29 6JQ. Telephone 01943 882438

From the Church Registers

Funerals

15 March

Martin Vorley at Rawdon Crematorium

25 March

Ivy Florence Collier at Lawnswood Crematorium

Solomon Islands Appeal

Many will know or know of Drs Jenny and Graham Longbottom, Mission Partners working at the Helena Goldie Hospital in Munda, which serves 25000 people spread over numerous small islands.

The hospital has no fully qualified nurses. In February a College of Nursing was opened. Our friends at Woodside have made a commitment to sponsor the training of one nurse, £700 a year for three years.

The Leeds (Wesley) Circuit Missions Committee is inviting wider support from other church members, and is making an appeal to offer a regular commitment of money. This could be £5.00, £10.00, £20.00 or whatever per month for three years.

If you wish to donate please speak to Greg or Ian Pattison (258 7107)

You can follow their blog: <http://grahamandjenny.co.uk/>

Meet the Candidates

Churches Together in Horsforth has arranged a lunchtime election forum on Sunday April 18th at St Margaret's Parish Centre when the prospective MPs for our constituency can be questioned.

Sandwiches, cakes and drinks will be available from 12.00, with the meeting starting at 12.30 pm (you can bring your own packed lunch if you prefer). Please let Jean Orton or Greg know by 13 April if you are planning to be there to help with the catering.

[We have been asked to include the following Press Release]

Free Energy Advice for Horsforth Community!

The Energy Saving Trust has teamed up with Leeds City Council to offer free impartial energy advice to the residents of Horsforth. Over the coming weeks a team of advisors from the Energy Saving Trust will visit over 2 300 homes in Horsforth to offer people advice on the best ways to reduce their fuel bills, save money and help cut their carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas contributing to climate change.

In the UK the average household could save around £340 a year on energy bills and around 1.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions simply by making some straight forward improvements. Though many of us try and make steps to be more energy efficient, it's not always that easy to find the best and most affordable solutions.

The Energy Saving Trust provide s free, impartial and expert advice for your home and can assist with details on current grants and schemes available in the local area. The advice that is available includes home insulation, renewable energy, waste, smarter driving tips and much more.

George Munson of Leeds City Council hopes all Horsforth residents will take advantage of the advice on offer *“This is a great scheme, and one that Leeds City Council encourages residents to take advantage of. It is a really practical way to make your home more energy efficient, saving you money and reducing your carbon footprint.”*

Energy Saving Trust advisors will host a series of free advice surgeries at:

Grove Centre, New Street - Tuesday 13th April 10am -5pm

Horsforth Library, Town Street - Wednesday 14th April 3pm -6.30pm

Morrisons, Town Street, Horsforth – Wednesday 21st April 1pm -6pm

For free and impartial advice ring your local Energy Saving Trust advice centre free on 0800 512 012 or visit energysavingtrust.org.uk



It is good that the churches in Horsforth work so well together planning united services and addressing our common task of outreach to the Horsforth community. As well as 'The Fraternal' (the gathering of ministers) there are meetings every two months for representatives from all the churches.

We hear reports from the projects we support: 'The Live at Home Scheme, Horsforth youth cells, Alpha courses etc. In the winter we organise the distribution of Christmas cards (giving information about all our Christmas services) to every house in Horsforth, and in summer the booklets 'It's your move', presenting Christian challenges, are distributed to all primary school leavers. United services include those at Advent, New Year, Holy Week and the Civic Service. Our Good Friday walk of witness is a great opportunity to witness together to our common faith in our crucified Lord as we process down Town Street behind the big wooden cross to our service on The Green. Recently young people have been distributing hot cross buns or Easter eggs to people during the procession.

In 2008, as part of Hope08, new ventures were introduced including Parenting Courses, a Litter pick in partnership with the Horsforth in Bloom workers, and summer activities in the park. This year we want to extend the park outreach by providing family activities, hospitality, and opportunities for dialogue, on three summer Sunday afternoons (starting on 20th June 1.00 – 3.00 pm), as well as at the Gala. The activities fall into three categories: Reflection (including a relaxation tent and a prayer tent); Activities for children and young people (provision for under fives, inflatable challenges, football matches etc); Music and Food (with singing in the band stand and barbeques). Lots of helpers will be required. More information from 2589093. *Jean Orton*



Visit to the Hindu Temple in Bradford



When I read that the Scouts were arranging a visit to the Hindu Temple in Bradford, I was really interested in going as I had had a young Hindu Indian Graduate staying with me for over a year and we had many discussions on our respective faiths.

Arranging a lift with the Group Scout Leader, Keith Whitham, we arrived at the temple in good time for 6.30pm. We were greeted by officials and shown a room where there seemed to be hundreds of pigeon holes where we were requested to leave our shoes. How everyone manages to get their own shoes back seemed to me a miracle, especially when there can be over 1,000 worshippers!!

There was some apprehension from the Scouters as to how many would turn up as it depended on parents taking them. These fears were unfounded! There must have been around 100 beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, scouters and parents there, all sitting cross-legged on the carpet facing the front of the temple.

The lady in charge was excellent and had everyone interested in the culture of the Hindu faith, the dress, the food, the services held there and showing us the statues. She told us that the Queen had opened the temple two years ago and even the Queen had had to take off her shoes and be given special slippers to wear. The temple was truly impressive, colourful and beautifully lit. It had cost £3.6 million. Everyone was given a sweet, a drink and biscuit before going home.

A memorable event but what was an equally lasting impression was the excellent behaviour of all the youngsters. They were respectful, questioning and attentive. I felt so proud that they came from our church and that we have such devoted leaders giving their time to equip them for their future lives. Thank you.

Jack Myers

Footnote: The Royal train bringing the Queen to Bradford was driven by a young friend of ours. He had been specially selected and was sworn to secrecy. Not even his wife (my Goddaughter) knew what his "shift" was for that day, though he does have a photograph of the Queen saying 'thank you' to him.

Gordon Mellor

MOTHERING SUNDAY through the eyes of a four and three quarters year old!!

I got up early today as I had to give my Mummy the card I had made at school. I wished her happy Mother's Day. All the boys and girls in my class had made a card.

After breakfast me and my Mummy got in the car and went to Grandma and Granddad's house.

We then walked a bit to Chapel. (That's what Grandma calls it.)

I picked where we were going to sit and it was at the front. Auntie Barbara and Auntie Jean came to say hello to me.

It was noisy.

I didn't like the first song. I then had to walk round and get some flowers to give to my Mummy. My Mummy then went back to get some flowers for my Grandma cos Grandma was her Mummy when she was a little girl.

All the boys and girls then went to another room. I had lots of fun. I made a card for my Grandma and a cup with marshmallows in it and some chocolate too!! I had some juice.

I then walked back to Grandma and Granddad's house and told them I had enjoyed myself. I forgot to say thank you for having me to the lady but did say it on the way home. Sorry.

I then went for some dinner with Mummy and Daddy. I ate the marshmallows.

Jason (Beryl Thompson's grandson)



DO PUBLISHED DIARIES TELL THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

My history teacher at senior school once told my class about Samuel Pepys and in particular about his diary which he kept from 1660 to 1669. It describes such events as the Plague and the Fire of London. He said that the diary was of great historical importance to our country. Fifty plus years on I cynically wonder whether Pepys foresaw that in the future the diary would be published for all the world to read. Therefore did he omit certain happenings which, if they had been written today, would have made the headlines. As he did not die until 1703 were other diaries written which his family or friends destroyed?

Two of my great heroes are Sir Ernest Shackleton and Captain Scott who were Antarctic explorers and excellent writers. As most of their expeditions were under-funded they sold the publishing rights to their diaries prior to the expeditions taking place and thus they were written with the public in mind, ie they were sanitized. However I would add that they encouraged all the expeditions' members to keep their own diaries and so, as you would expect, differences did occur. Soon after Captain Scott's death in 1912 the diaries of his last expedition were published. However before publication, his wife, a couple of literary friends and some of the senior members of that expedition carefully read through the texts, amending some and re-writing others. Can we fully believe what we read in published diaries?

Over the last seventy years the diaries of Generals and Politicians such as Churchill, Thatcher and Blair have been, or are to be, published for all to read. The three names mentioned have made, or will make, a substantial amount of money from their publications. No doubt the events which are included are the ones they wanted us to read about and were written in a way to justify the particular writer's actions and decisions – need I say more?

My humble diary writings started in 1999 when my wife persuaded me (against my judgement) to keep a diary of my walk from Land's End to John O' Groats. Another seventeen have been written to record what took place on some of the walks and major holidays that have been undertaken since the Millennium. Knowing that my wife, family and a few friends would read them did I subconsciously write the diaries with those people in mind? What did I leave out, and can someone read between the lines? Hopefully not.

As we are in the middle of Lent let us consider, with published diaries in mind, the Bible. Most of the Old Testament concerns the Israelites, God's chosen people. Their ups and downs, their victories and defeats are there for all to see, warts and all. The fact that those events could not be written down at the time does not mean they never took place. If Moses for instance could have kept a diary we would not have one but several volumes about the forty years spent in the Sinai Desert.

The New Testament is made up of twenty-seven Books of which twenty-one are published Letters. However the first four Books tell the life story of one Man as written down by four separate writers. They collected together details of events which concerned the Man, whose life spanned thirty-three years.

The Books are not biographies and are much more than a set of diaries. Some of the facts included were collected long after the Man's death and theologians, ministers of religion and just plain ordinary folk read them, dissect them and even try to read between the lines. The simple truth is that a baby, Jesus Christ, was born in Bethlehem and lived the major part of His life in Nazareth. At the age of thirty He left His family to do His "Father's" work. This entailed a three year walk-about with twelve special companions and other friends. He taught His companions and subsequent followers how to live their lives, He preached, He healed the sick and carried out various miracles. Finally He rode into Jerusalem where He was treated as a King for a few days. His people did not understand Him and worst of all the Jewish religious leaders did not recognise Him as God's Son, felt threatened by His popularity and did not like hearing the truths He spoke. He was therefore condemned by a "kangaroo" court to die on a Cross at Calvary. According to the Roman and Jewish leaders this should have been the end of each of the four Books but as we know it was only the end of the beginning. Yes, Jesus Christ died for our sins but after three days He rose again in order that each and everyone, who believes, should not die but have eternal life!

A Very Happy Easter.

John Bussey

Modern Hymn Writers

Graham Kendrick

I have often looked through Songs of Fellowship, when choosing hymns for a service, to find something I may not know but which is worthy of singing.

I skip over empty repetitive songs and then find one which has depth and needs thinking about. Often I find it is by Graham Kendrick. Out of 640 in the book he has written over 60.

Many consider him to be the best of contemporary hymn writers, of whom thankfully there are many. Hymnody, like everything else, needs renewing. The dross will disappear and the best will prevail.

Kendrick's best known hymns are 'Servant King', (the first of his that I learned) and 'Shine Jesus Shine' with its stirring tune. I am not against clapping when singing, at appropriate times, but I always feel that it is too easy to run away with this hymn and overlook the deep meaning. The words are very profound and provoke a comparison with Charles Wesley because the biblical references are there to be spotted in most lines,

particularly the last verses of 2 Corinthians 3. Kendrick knows his Bible and even Wesley couldn't have squeezed in more references and allusions.

On the other hand, his 'Beauty for Brokenness' speaks of the ravaged earth, cruel wars, sanctuary and the dispossessed, themes not appearing much in the Wesley hymns we sing. We have more hymns today expressing concern about the world and its problems, as well as the individual's personal relationship with God.

Simple and direct words with music in a modern idiom, both usually written by Kendrick himself.

As a minister of my vintage, I cannot see anyone usurping Wesley's pre-eminence, but in the circuit service recently we had hymns requested by those from different congregations (not the ministers and preachers!). Three were by Graham Kendrick and two by Charles Wesley.

When the new hymn book comes out, how many will there be from each of these?

Peter Reasbeck

Judith Hibbert in Concert



Grove Methodist Church, 24th April at 7pm

Judith works extensively in TV, theatre, musicals, cabaret and pantomime, having played in Carousel at West Yorkshire Playhouse and toured in Dr Who. She has also toured America and the stately homes of England with Opera Della Luna. She is much in demand as an entertainer and, having been a fan of old fashioned variety theatre, she has turned back the clock to provide a tribute to some of England's finest entertainers.

For Free Tickets send s.a.e. to Jack Myers, 19 Hunger Hills Ave, LS18 5JS or see Jack in the Narthex after Church on Sunday mornings.

Proceeds from the collection to go towards the hearing loop system.

Grove Winter Concert at 3.00pm

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL –

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Orchestra of Die Musicii II - Another chance to hear 13 year old composer Gregory Kenwood-Herriott's rock masterpiece

"The Amazing Adventures of Action Man" premiered last year.

This concert also features the concerto debut of outstanding young oboist Katie Mcleish, in Marcello's Oboe Concerto in D

Minor, and Elizabeth Kenwood-Herriott playing the Telemann concerto for Oboe D'Amore.

Tickets £5 on the door (children free) or
Christopher Seller 0113 2582662



**This year's
LADIES GROUP
BIRTHDAY
EVENT will be**

Flower Rota for April

- 4th Mrs K Pearson and Mrs B Hodgson
11th Mrs B Throup, Mrs M Towler and Mrs J Speight
18th Mrs A Stokes and Mrs M Chadwick
25th Mr F Bagshaw and Mrs J Swift

Worth Following

I know it's true
I cannot prove
just why it is that God
does win:
I only know
that on a cross
Christ was the victor over sin –
and He's worth following.

From a series of poems "Worth Following" by Sam Doubtfire

Leprosy Mission

My grateful thanks are due to all who bought gifts from the Leprosy Mission Catalogue at Christmas, when purchases of £700 were ordered and appreciated by all who received them. Also, my thanks to all who have regularly given me money they have collected through the "tubes". This money is used almost entirely for the treatment and eradication of leprosy – world wide. If you would like to have a collecting box, then please ask me.

The garden party, which has been at my house, has now moved to be a summer event at The Grove Centre. Last year it was a great success and we raised £2,050. So, I give further thanks to Carole, Philip and Christine who spearheaded the event – supported by many friends.

Soon, we shall have raised £30,000 over 10 years. This is worth £80,000 out there, where the work is done. How wonderful to make this possible.

This year we are changing the date to **Saturday 25th September** when once again we will be asking for your support. Can we top last year's magnificent total?

Jack Myers

Grandchildren's sayings!

The lovely piece from Beryl Thompson on page 11 reminded us that we have thought how much pleasure we get from the funny and innocent remarks often made by children and grandchildren. We think it would be nice to carry one or two such sayings in future issues. Please let us have your family favourites.

Mary Mellor

EVENTS FOR APRIL 2010

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| Tues 13th | Meeting of the Energy Saving Trust
(see separate article). All are welcome. | |
| Thurs 15th
7.45pm | Ladies Group. in the Small Hall.
Speaker: Christopher Seller.
"Hunger Hills Woods" | Pauline Low
258 6020 |
| Sun 18th
12.00 noon | Horsforth Churches Together at St.Margarets Parish Centre to meet the election candidates. Light lunches available or bring a packed lunch. | Meeting begins at 12.30. |

Wed 21st 8.00pm	Wednesday Break at 9 West End Lane. “Bag Bedlam”	Keith Whitham 258 6316
Thurs 22nd 12.30pm	Midweek services resume	
Sun 25th 3.00 pm	Concert by Die Musici II – Autism Awareness Day see separate article.	Chris Seller 258 2662
Mon 26th 7.30 pm	Pastoral Committee in the Parlour.	
Wed 28th 7.30 pm	General Church Meeting in the Large Hall All members and adherents welcome.	

Please let Frank and Gladys Pagden have items for May 2010 by 6.30 pm on Tuesday 20th April. Phone 228 8091 or e-mail frank@pagden.com

Regular events (contd.)

Thursday

- 9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458
- 10.30 Bible Fellowship 258 3239
- 12.30 Lunchtime service (Holy Communion on 1st Thursday), followed by soup lunch
- 6.15 Beavers 239 7327
- 6.00 Cubs 258 9865
- 7.45 Scouts 216 9006
- 7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 225 2734

Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580

Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

Stewards on duty

April 4th Jean Fox
John Hardaker

11th Betty West
Andy Walker

18th John Hardaker
Janette Mawson

25th David Buckley
Kay Bassett

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gill and Philip by 21st April. Please include dates up to 2nd May. Email would be appreciated!

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