

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) 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
- 8.00 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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The Minister's Missive

“Make your cross count”

It is no coincidence that the world's richest countries are for the most part democracies and enjoy a Christian heritage. Although there is little in the New Testament about politics as we know it, Jesus lived and died under Roman occupation, there is a great deal about the kingdom of God and the values we should live by. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says, “You are like salt for the whole human race..... You are like light for the whole world”.

It is a Christian duty to vote. The right of every adult person to vote secretly and without coercion was a long and hard-fought battle and should never be taken for granted. I am always deeply moved when I see hundreds of people queuing to vote in those developing countries which are struggling to move towards democracy. It puts our poor turnouts to shame.

How you vote is of course an individual matter and one even of conscience. The parties are keen to talk about both fairness and change. To adopt the values of the Kingdom involves a change in the way we think, act and live. Justice and fairness are at the very heart of the Christian gospel.

Politicians who appeal to selfish interest and gain pander to all those attitudes which oppose Christian ideals and values, so, when or if you have the opportunity to meet the candidates, either for parliament or for the local council, ask them where they stand on issues of justice, fairness and the eradication of poverty. Ask them what their priorities are. Ask, too, what they would offer in response to some of the great problems facing the world like climate change, world development and armed conflict. (The “Hustings” recently organised by Churches Together provided one such opportunity and proved both interesting and stimulating). Our votes are precious, but we need to be well-informed in order to cast them responsibly.

Finally, when on 7 May we know the results, pray for both the successful and unsuccessful candidates and for the future government whatever its colour or colours. It carries a heavy responsibility.

Greg

From the Editorial Group

We are much encouraged by your comments and contributions. We are grateful for any articles submitted by you the readers.

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Sunday Services in May

2 nd	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
9 th	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes –Christian Aid Service and Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
16 th	10.30	Miss Audrey Firth
	6.00	Rev. Greg Haynes Taize Service
23 rd	10.30	Rev Frank Pagden Pentecost Sunday
	6.00	Circuit Service at St Andrew's
30 th	9.00	Rev. Greg Haynes – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Greg Haynes
	6.00	United Service at Central

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

Church Family News

As we 'go to press' we are sad to announce the death of Terry Sumpter on Friday 23rd April. Please hold Chick and the family in your prayers.

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

We remember and give grateful thanks to God for the lives of **Rev David and Mrs Christine Bannister** who both died 10 years ago on the 10th May.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Jean Kemp who has now passed the £3,000 mark in donations to the Church from the sale of her cards.

Congratulations to Amy and Adam Richards on the birth of a daughter (Amy is a leader in the Beavers) and also to Elaine and Stan Ramsden on the birth of their first grandchild.

From the Church Registers

Weddings

1 May Alastair Turton and Alison Evans

Funerals

1 April Jason Pullan at Lawnswood Crematorium

8 April Leslie Sheard at Lawnswood Crematorium

Flower Rota for May

2nd Mr & Mrs D Hodgson; Mrs C Hearn

9th Mr & Mrs H Liddell; Mrs B Collis; Mrs E Ramsden

16th Mrs M Smith; Mrs J Redfern

23rd Mrs J Hunter; Mr & Mrs E Douglass; Mr & Mrs M Sykes

30th Mr & Mrs G Hoyle; Rev & Mrs P Reasbeck

June 6th Mr & Mrs P Abel; Mr & Mrs B Ball

Celebrating the Faith

Three of the great Christian festivals are celebrated within just a few weeks. At the Grove, Easter Sunday morning certainly felt like a resurrection experience with a large congregation of all ages singing the great Easter hymns, with the flower-strewn Cross and in the sharing of bread and wine.

Ascension Day is on Thursday 13 May when, at 12.30pm, we shall have a service of Holy Communion. Methodists rather neglect this day perhaps because it is a Thursday or because the idea of ascension is hard to understand. It should be seen not simply as a mode of departure, but as the crown and climax of the path which led Jesus through suffering and death. It is Christ's coronation day.

Sunday 23 May is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. At 6.00pm at St Andrew's there will be a special Circuit Pentecost celebration when the guest speaker is the Rev. Dr Phil Meadows from Cliff College. This is a service not to be missed and to which you can invite friends.

Christian Aid Week 9th -16th May

This is a message from Christian Aid:

We know how much hard work goes into raising every penny during Christian Aid Week, and want to say a big **thank you**. Whether tirelessly delivering envelopes, shaking buckets or putting on events, Christian Aid Week only happens because of you.

Without you we could never achieve so much.

- We couldn't give over £43 million to long-term development projects.
- We couldn't campaign for justice on issues such as climate change and trade justice.
- We couldn't give nearly £17 million to people suffering in emergencies.

We did all this last year because of you. This year we're determined to do even more.

Barbara Buckley will welcome volunteers to collect in the house-to-house collection around Horsforth again this year. Please contact her on 258 3807

Bereavement

What is bereavement? The Oxford Dictionary says it is to 'leave desolate'. In my personal experience it is so much more than that. You do feel desolate, robbed of the love and companionship of someone you have loved for 50yrs. Knowing that you will not hear that familiar voice or laugh - in the home, garden, or garage and so desperately wanting to engage in conversation with this other half that you talk to your loved one constantly but receive no reply. Somehow, you feel abandoned with only half of you functioning - the one half still working goes onto automatic pilot and things do get done - I feel this is God's way of getting you through the most terrible time of your life.

Jim and I came to the Grove as newish parents and immediately felt happy in our choice of Church. Yes, we had done the round of visits to various churches as we were new to Leeds and, somehow, the Grove enveloped us in an extended family love. We have been here ever since. That love developed. The Grove became our second home. It was the first place I wanted to come after Jim died last year so unexpectedly and why I came to early Holy Communion the following morning. I needed that cushion of love which we had so enjoyed together. Without the love and prayers from my family and the Grove community, life would have been very hard to bear.

That love, I feel, was brought out with great feeling at the Memorial Service on Easter Sunday evening. I hope that everyone who attended, in similar circumstances, felt the peace that we, as a family, felt. Yes, there were tears, as there will be for many years, but life is for living and, as Jim's plaque was dedicated, I could see him there in the Choir pew where he took his place so faithfully for many years. One part of my family lives in the East and the other in the West and I know that it gives them great comfort to know that I am cherished and nurtured here at the Grove – thank you everyone.

Jean Douglas.



The Ladies Only Midnight Walk

- Saturday 15th May - in aid of St Gemma's Hospice.

Carole Abel is walking 12 miles to raise funds for this worthy cause. She would be grateful to receive sponsor money, however large or small!

Phone: 0113 258 7744 or pcabel@talktalk.net

Extending Discipleship, Exploring Vocation

An opportunity for Methodists to develop their Christian discipleship and vocation has recently been announced. The 12-session course, called "Encounter", has been organised by Viv Morrissey, the District Training Officer, and the Revd Sue Sowden, Superintendent of Leeds South Circuit. It is described as "A journey of discovery for anyone who wants to explore with others what being a disciple means for them, and what God's call on their life, gifts and talents might be."

All of the sessions will be held at Oxford Place, beginning in May and ending in March 2011.

"Encounter" has four strands: discerning, reflecting, rooting and learning. It includes

- reflecting on your own story of faith so far
- finding out more about yourself
- exploring the ministry of the whole people of God and the ways in which God may speak
- developing your ability to reflect on social, political, and ethical issues
- learning and practising a model of theological reflection
- considering Methodist belief and practice and your place within the Methodist community
- appreciating the importance of learning for discipleship

If you would like to know more contact Viv Morrissey, Training Officer
0113242 5978 or

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St Andrew's Methodist Church Pudsey

Saturday 22nd May

at 7.30pm

Celebrating 25 years of singing

The Wesley Singers

In concert with the

***Yorkshire Evening
Post Brass***

Tickets £8

available from the Church office or Tel: 01924 366803

Proceeds in aid of

Martin House

children's hospice

Tickets also available from Gladys Pagden Charity No 517919



The Wesley Singers



*Musical Director : Barry Jordan
Accompanist: Patricia Jordan*

The Wesley Singers are based in the Leeds Methodist District. The choir was founded in 1985 to assist local churches in exploring the new material in 'Hymns and Psalms' which had recently replaced the Methodist Hymn Book of 1932.

With David Carr as their founder/conductor, joined later by Pat Jordan as their accompanist, the original choir of about eighteen members steadily grew and their range of activities broadened. Now the choir numbers over 30 members and has sung in churches throughout the Leeds Methodist District and beyond.

Though not originally intended as a 'concert choir' the Wesley Singers are regularly invited to provide concerts for local churches as part of an anniversary weekend or special fund raising event. The programmes for these concerts are always based on church music with a selection of secular items, solos, readings and monologues. Whilst the Wesley Singers take their music seriously, humour, whether intentional or otherwise, is always a part of their musical programmes.

*The Wesley Singers welcome requests to participate in worship
Tel : 0113 263 786*

FROM JENNY AND GRAHAM LONGBOTTOM'S BLOG

The Longbottoms were formerly doctors in Horsforth New Road Side and members at Woodside Methodist Church.

Solomon Islands April 16th

Opening of Robina House & College of Nursing

We are beginning to recover from a week of frenetic activity culminating in the official opening of the Helena Goldie College of Nursing. The Minister of Health arrived by plane from Honiara and a church service was followed by a display of the hospital departments and feasting with traditional dancing.

The hospital is looking good after the Australian Rotary group worked for a week sealing floors, mending lights & fans, fitting extra sockets, some carpentry work and putting up curtains. Our young paralyzed patient has finally left the cubicle by the nurses station to a newly curtained area in the corridor where he can look out of the window to the hospital canoe shed and watch the comings and goings there. It was a chaotic time as each section of the ward had to be evacuated for at least 24 hours for the floor sealant to dry.

Unfortunately it was also the week for Jenny to go out touring - this time to the Vonavona lagoon. We tour in 4 different areas and she has now visited them all. Managing the patients, liaising with our rotary visitors and baking 5 banana cakes for the feast on her return left Jenny exhausted: Graham tried to manage clinical work and his new role as Hospital Secretary. Two different groups of visitors from the Uniting Church in Australia also visited and were delighted to catch up with the touring team on one day (they fund the touring). It was also good for the church and Rotary to meet up. They hope to work more closely in the future. It is a very exciting time to be here!

In every walk with nature one receives far more than one seeks.....

John Muir

British Methodist Youth Choir

Do you remember the acclaimed visit of the BMYC to Grove Church in October 2008?

Members come from all parts of the British Isles meeting at their chosen weekend venue to rehearse their programme before joining their hosts for the weekend. Saturday is spent in rehearsal and sightseeing etc with a concert in the evening. On Sunday the choir leads worship and they disperse to their own homes after lunch.

Choir members are aged between 14 and 27 and they sing music traditional and modern, sacred and secular, to a high standard. They are always on the lookout for new members. They are broadcasting live on Radio 4's Sunday Worship on 23rd May from Hinde Street Methodist Church in London and are hoping to encourage interested young people to join them for the rest of the weekend (expenses paid) for music, fellowship and social activities as a 'taster' of what they do. (No commitment to join.)

If you or any young person you know are interested in this great opportunity more details and future dates can be found at <http://www.bmyc.info>.

Following Greg's article in March, I wondered if you would like to hear a story from a book I received from Sunday School in 1943, it is full of moral stories. Here is one of them:

THE THREE SIEVES

"Oh Geraldine, I've heard such a story about Blanche Ellis, come over and I will whisper it to you". But Miss Morton, the governess, hearing the conversation, called Geraldine's school friend to her.

"Miriam", she said, "before you tell the story, let us see if it will pass through the three Sieves."

"What do you mean, Miss Morton" was the reply and two curious eyes fixed upon her countenance.

“I will explain. In the first place is your story TRUE?”

“Yes, I suppose, I got it from Emma, a great friend of Blanche's.”

“A funny sort of friend to tell tales about Blanche. In the next place, although you feel sure it must be true, is the story a KIND one?”

“I suppose not” said Miriam feeling a little ashamed, “I did not stop to think whether it was or not, it was so funny”.

“One more question Miriam, is it NECESSARY to tell this funny unkind story about Blanche?”

“Of course not Miss Morton” said Miriam, an honest little girl, “there is no need to tell it at all”.

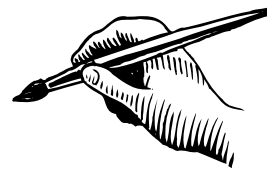
And so the story about Blanche was never told because it could not pass through the THREE SIEVES.

How often we say things we regret, perhaps next time we should see if it will pass through the THREE SIEVES.

May B Carter

ART EXHIBITION

**Saturday 15th May – 2 .00 to 4.30pm
In the Main Hall of the Grove Centre
Admission £1 including tea and
biscuits**



Twenty-five years ago, Howard Carlisle started teaching watercolour painting. He now has up to 150 people in his weekly classes – making it one of the largest specialist watercolour schools in the UK.

From time to time, Howard and his wife Cath mount an exhibition of “students’ work”. We are pleased to have the exhibition at the Grove this year and ALL are welcome to visit. As some friends at the Grove will testify, ANYONE can learn to paint at one of these classes. Maybe you will feel encouraged to take up this happy pastime!

All proceeds (after expenses) are to be given to the Church to buy more folding tables (much in use as the Centre continues to flourish).



Release your stress by gardening

Plant a garden for your daily living

Plant three rows of peas

1. Peas of mind
2. Peas of heart
3. Peas of soul

Plant four rows of squash

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

Nor should we forget thyme

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for the family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

MODERN HYMN WRITERS

Timothy Dudley-Smith

So far in this series we have not included an Anglican. For good measure Dudley-Smith is a C of E clergyman who was bishop of Thetford from 1981 for ten years until his retirement.

He never set out to write hymns, rather poems for which to his surprise he found that others composed tunes, he claiming to be very unmusical. Many have also been set to well-known existing tunes.

Some of his most loved hymns were written over 40 years ago, the wonderful 'Lord, for the years' for the centenary of Scripture Union and 'Tell out my soul' when he received a review copy of the New English Bible and was captivated by its version of Mary's song, the Magnificat. His Christmas hymns are perhaps less well-known. 'Child of the stable's secret birth' he wrote for a

Christmas card and he has composed a new carol almost every year since.

It is good to discover that he is a great Wesley-lover and that he greatly admires our book, Hymns

and Psalms! HP contains nine of his hymns, and many more are to be found in all other modern hymnbooks, including Mission Praise, Hymns and Songs of Fellowship, and especially Psalm Praise. I personally admire his Pentecost hymn, 'Born by the Holy Spirit's breath' set to the tune Church Triumphant usually associated with 'We sing the praise of him who died'.

Oxford University Press has published his collected hymns, 1961- 2001, entitled 'A House of Praise', which many use as a devotional aid.

Albert Jewell

Leeds District Network Summer Supper

At Crossgates Methodist Church Leeds on Monday May 10th

6.45.pm for 7.00pm. Majors Graham and Sharon Willetts:

'Salvation Army at Home and Abroad' Tickets £6 (see Gill Jewell)

Bag Bedlam

On Saturday 22nd May a social evening is being organised by the Scout Executive committee, open to all. It will take the form of "Bag Bedlam" which is basically the old game of Beetle with a twist. Every competitor should bring a small bag containing three items of low value. As the game progresses the contents of your bag will change depending upon your success or failure.

The event is timed to start at 6:30 to enable young children to attend, and will finish at about 8:30. Refreshments will be available.

Open to all, young and not so young!

*Keith Whitham
Group Scout Leader*

Horsforth Grove Ladies Group



invite you to an evening with
"SANTIAGO"
Jazz and Swing Group with vocalist
Foot tapping music and songs for all tastes

Thursday 3rd June at 7.30 pm
in the Grove Centre
All Welcome

Tickets £5 (including refreshments)
now on sale from Committee Members
and Pauline Low 2586020

Saturday 12th June: 2.30pm District Network Summer Festival
at Ropewalk Methodist Church Knottingly.
Speaker Mrs Gillian Pengelly, Connexional Network President

From the Catholic newspaper The Tablet.

Catholics like their homilies to be short and pithy, with jokes included wherever possible, according to a new survey, writes Isabel de Bertodana. The survey by the Codec research centre at Durham University compared opinions on sermons among people in Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and new evangelical denominations.

It found that Catholics like biblical texts to be used in a sermon and for the priest to interpret them in a way that is relevant to modern life. About 84% of the Catholics questioned said that a sermon could affect the way they live, compared to just half of the Methodists.

Of all the denominations questioned the Catholics liked their sermons the shortest, at 10 minutes on average, with some Baptists suggesting well over an hour.

Katie Brice, director of preaching at Codec, said she had been struck by how much they were valued. "People were remarkably positive about sermons."

The survey was carried out as a pilot study using 300 worshippers nationwide.

Thanks to our retiring Stewards

The Grove is well-served by its team of Stewards, two of whom John Hardaker and Jean Fox retire on 30 April. Both have brought their particular gifts and ideas to the office of Steward and as a church we offer our thanks for all they have done.

Jean, of course, was our Senior Steward. Most of us have little idea of how much she has done in that role often unseen and always with great courtesy and sensitivity. I shall greatly miss her unfailing support.

Greg

Events in May 2010

- Wed 5th
7.30 pm Churches Together in Horsforth meeting at Cragg Hill Baptist Church.
- Wed 5th
8.00 pm Wednesday Break at 49 Carr Bridge Drive.
Andy Longstaffe 2568497
- Thurs 6th
7.45 pm Ladies Group. Speaker: Christine Brown. (Horticap)
Plants for sale. Pauline Low 2586020
- Sun 9th Start of Christian Aid Week.
- Wed 19th Wednesday Break. Visit to "Footloose, The Musical"
at Yeadon Town Hall Keith Whitham 2586316
- Thurs 20th Ladies Group. Members Evening. Pauline Low 2586020
7.45 pm "Memorable Holiday Moments"
- Sat 22nd Family Social in Grove Centre "Bag Bedlam"
6:30 - 8:00 See separate article Keith Whitham 258 6316
- Sat 22nd Concert at St.Andrew's, Pudsey GladysPagden 2288091
7.30 pm In aid of Martin House Hospice
See separate article.
- Sun 23rd Great Pentecost Celebration at St.Andrew's, Pudsey
6.00 pm Special speaker: Rev. Dr Phil Meadows from Cliff College.

Dates in June

- Wed 2nd Wednesday Break at 14 West End Close Trevor Fox
Faith Barbeque 2583568
- Thurs 3rd Ladies Group. Birthday Event
7.45 pm 'Santiago' Jazz Group Pauline Low 2586020
- Sat 5th Churches Together Barn Dance in The Grove Centre
7.30-10.pm

Please let Frank and Gladys Pagden have items (with a contact telephone number please) for June by 6.30 pm on Tuesday 25th May. Phone 2288091 or e-mail frank@pagden.com

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