

GROVE VINE

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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 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) 07718 287070

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 harvest time we give thanks to God for the wealth of his creation, for all that he has made. I'd like us to think about our wealth, though I am not qualified to advise you on ten ways to make a million. Our wealth is much more than just how much we have in our bank balance. We have tremendous wealth in terms of our experiences of life. It's part of the wonder of creation that there is so much of it; there's so much to see, so much to do, so much to experience.

The world in which we live is immensely varied and if we think about it, much of that variety is really quite unnecessary. God could have made things much simpler if he had wanted to. If God had had efficiency at the top of his list of priorities he could have organised things much more simply; for example he could have made all butterflies the same. But the fact that there are so many species of butterflies adds something to life. It isn't only butterfly spotters and collectors who appreciate the fact that there are so many varieties; we all do, it adds something to life.



Think of the varieties of food that are available for us to eat. God could have arranged it so that we got all the vitamins and proteins we need in one small tablet that we took daily. That would be so much more efficient; there would be no cooking or washing up to do and a huge amount of time would be saved. As it is there is a great variety of different foods available to us, and that is a form of wealth.

So much of our wealth cannot be expressed in financial terms, the wealth of variety, the wealth of experience. God is amazingly generous, he has created so much. We need constantly to remind ourselves not to take his gifts for granted, but to thank him for the wealth of his creation.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

A church that is not integrating environmental concern and action across its life has not fully embraced the ethical implications of discipleship having not fully understood the gospel of Christ.

Nigel Hopper, Baptist Minister

Church Family News.....

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. Names can be found in Sunday's Bulletin.

From the Church registers

Funeral

September 9th Allan Drury

Baptisms

September 29th Jacob Daniel Burnett

Harley James Cayden Keith

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Sunday Services in October

6 th	10.30	Dr Robert Moore
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson - Taizé
13 th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey - HARVEST FESTIVAL & Family & Parade Service
	6.00	United service at Woodside
20 th	10.30	Rev. Tim Boocock - Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
27 th	10.30	Rev. Dr. Albert Jewell - Memorial Service
	6.00	United Service at Central

Stewards on Duty in October

6 th	Ann Bailey and Trish Whitham
14 th	Trish Whitham and Cynthia Hatton
20 th	Ann Bailey(am) Phil Maud (pm) and Caroline Turner
27 th	Michael Wallis and Cynthia Hatton

Marriage and Relationships Report to Conference

The Circuit staff will be offering a number of opportunities to discuss the Marriage and Relationships Report to Conference. This is important in the life of our Circuit, and as such, we wish to root our conversations in the context of a wider reflection on the way we bring our faith and contemporary issues into conversation, and how we, as the people of God, hold contradictory convictions with grace and mutual respect.

These conversations will take two different formats:

In a 'Holy Habits' format (the same material presented on two Sundays at different venues. The first Sunday is always at Hunslet, the second Sunday will be in our part of the circuit.):

Sundays 6th/13th October 6-8pm 'Doing theology' - faith-full conversations

Sundays 3rd/10th November 6-8pm Good relating

Sundays 1st/8th December 6-8pm Sexuality and Gender

Sundays 5th/12th January 6-8pm Cohabitation, Civil Partnerships, Marriage and Divorce

Sundays 2nd/9th February 6-8pm Marriage of same sex couples

In a 'Saturday workshop' format using the same material as above (on each day participants will be able to access three of the five sessions, so people may choose to come to one or both days):

Saturday 18th January 10am-4pm

Saturday 7th March 10am-4pm

Do have a look at the reports (full report and 4 page digest) that are fixed to the noticeboard behind the piano in the Small hall).

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There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.

William Butler Yeats

Update to the Copyright situation

Reminder: If you are involved in organising Grove services or meetings where hymns are sung, wherever they are held, even out of doors, you need to know the law. Most old hymns are no longer under copyright restrictions, but it is not legal to photocopy or project many recent hymns without permission. There is never a problem, however, if you are singing from a hymn book or published hymn sheet.

Permission to photocopy or project some copyright hymns may be obtained through possession of a licence. There are two licensing agencies, each of which covers a different collection of hymns. So possession of a licence from both of these agencies is really needed, and we do possess both at the Grove. But remember, these two agencies together do not cover every hymn that has ever been written. There are many hymns which cannot be copied or projected at all, unless permission can be obtained direct from the publisher (often not easy to achieve, for a variety of reasons).

Changes: One of the agencies has recently changed hands. Hymns which were formally covered by the Calamus agency (British) are now covered by an American agency called ONE LICENSE (i.e. Calamus has been bought up). The form of words to use for us at the Grove, for these former Calamus hymns, is now:

"© Year of publication, Publisher, Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved. ONE LICENSE A-633670".

A suggested parallel form of words for us to use with hymns covered by the agency known now as Christian Copyright Licensing International is:

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If you need to know more details please contact me.

Tony Orton

Story Time

This year the President of Conference, Rev Barbara Glasson, is challenging the church nationally to 'tell our story'. Barbara normally works in the Touchstone Centre (Bradford) with ethnic minority ladies who do not often have a 'voice'.

Our Circuit has printed some postcards which you will find in a box on the table in front of the prayer corner display. The message is that **your** story, **my** story and **our** story are all part of the **JESUS** story.

Feel free to take one at any time and jot down how God has been seen and experienced in your life. There is no need to put your name on.

Pop over and read the cards, add your own and start the ball rolling. If we can **write** our story, then **share** it informally with others we will get to the stage where we can **tell** our stories within worship.

I hope they can be an **ENCOURAGEMENT** to us all. *Phil Maud*

PS: If you want to write a new hymn (using the tune and pattern of "Tell me the old, old story of Jesus and His love".....just bring it up to date by using



"Tell me the **recent** story".....

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Solution to last month's crossword:

Across: 1 Aristarchus, 7 Pit, 9 Taper, 10 Barbarian, 11 Mark, 12 Bigot, 13 Here, 16 Decani, 18 Spoil, 21 Petra, 22 Caspar, 25 Pray, 26 Minor, 28 Luke, 31 Regrouped, 32 Rites, 33 Sir, 32 Nostradamus. **Down:** 1 Autumn, 2 Impure, 3 Torn, 4 Rabbi, 5 Harmonics, 6 Soar, 7 Philemon, 8 Tenderly, 14 Demas, 15 Isaac, 17 Archippus, 19 Epaphras, 20 Stranger, 23 Custom, 24 Verses, 27 Order, 29 John, 30 Arid

Puzzle Page

How well do you know your hymns?

Can you identify the hymns that contain these lines of words?

1. Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.
2. Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
3. Consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.
4. Should teach his followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.
5. Days of darkness still come o'er me; sorrow's paths I often tread.
6. It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain.
7. What heights of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet.
8. Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
9. The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore.
10. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling.

Condensed Words Puzzle

In the hymn first lines below, the vowels have been removed, and the remaining letters have been regrouped. In this way 'Amazing grace' could become MZN GGRC Here are some hymns for you to identify:

1. BRNNSNG	6. FRH RTT PRSM YGD
2. BDWTHM	7. SMDT HWN TRS SNW
3. LLLS NGTJ SS	8. LKC NDLF LM
4. MNWC RTN	9. LVTH TWLT NTL TMG
5. PCP RFC TPC	10. MTN DRG HTTS TSNG

Tony Orton

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Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift.
That's why it is called the present!

Bill Keane



Methodist Summer Fellowship (MSF) 2019

On August 3 this year Gill and I took off to spend six days at the Methodist Summer Fellowship which has been held every two years since the 1920s at The Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire. We took our children in the 1970s and resumed going regularly in the mid-1990s and find it unfailingly stimulating and refreshing.

There is always an overall theme which this year was Peacemaking. It was explored in a variety of ways; through morning prayer, expertly-led Bible studies leading into group discussion and voluntary workshops. The main speakers (on mindfulness, community relations, inter-faith etc) were outstanding. We are well served in that regard because one of our regular attendees is the former BBC head of religious broadcasting whose invitations they seem unable to resist! Highlights of the week are undoubtedly the all-age worship on the Sunday and the communion service on the final evening.

In case you are thinking this sounds like really hard work, it's not. You can choose what to go to, there is plenty of time to sit in the sun (hopefully) and everyone is so friendly. The voluntary workshops are interesting, challenging or just plain fun. This year Gill tried



her hand at glass fusing! Quite a lot of us are in our 70s and 80s but there are lots of younger people and children who greatly enjoy their own very creative sessions. In fact one joy this year was that the whole programme was largely planned and led by young people, many of whom have grown up with MSF. There are plenty of all-age sports to watch or take part in! This year we had an excellent comedian on one of the evenings.

The Hayes has lovely accommodation and the food is excellent. We look forward to going again in 2021 and think that Grove members would really enjoy the experience. Gill or I will be happy to tell you more.

Albert Jewell

My Career

Helena Watkins

It seems hard to believe that the work which now fills a good part of my week and provides opportunities where I can find from time to time that I've made a difference for someone, started 30 years ago in Horsforth.

While working for Ian Pattison he realised that I had a flair for Probate and was good with figures. This meant that after he had taken the initial instructions from the client, I would be passed boxes or carrier bags of papers belonging to the deceased person and tasked with opening the file and sending out the opening letters. From there I would deal with the correspondence and estate accounts under Ian's watchful eye. I felt that my work was helping a grieving family by doing something that they didn't feel able to manage and I could quietly live out my faith by doing my job.



I very much enjoyed my work. Sadly, the collapse in the conveyancing market in 1991 meant that in January 1992, the firm had to make several staff redundant and this included me. It was more than 2 years before I was able to find permanent work in a solicitor's practice and this was as a Legal Cashier, not doing Probate. No firm wanted a non-qualified member of staff.

For 12 years, I built up my experience in Legal accounts, before an opportunity to work on a self-employed basis, a couple of local firms responded to my email offering my services for either legal accounts or probate, asking for assistance with probate. The second opportunity lasted for several weeks and led to further work.

Since 2010, I have had six occasions where I have taken instructions for a will for a client terminally ill with cancer in a hospital or hospice, returning with the will for signature within a couple of days so that it was signed and the client's wishes in place. There is then the quiet satisfaction of knowing that the client can enjoy their remaining time with their family. At one point in the past, I had three different probate files - all with a connection to World War II - an Engine Driver (a dangerous reserved occupation), a Czech refugee to this country and a German-born forced conscript who found himself as a soldier in Jersey during the war. The irony of the three different lives was not lost on me.

Having returned to working locally a year ago, I have a varied caseload of wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, probate and Court of Protection application. A combination of my own personal experience of life (and grief) and my faith has helped me deal sensitively with clients who were unexpectedly bereaved and left shattered and tearful when they came for their first appointment.

A few weeks ago, I had to undertake a task which I had first done when at my first job, whilst still in my teens, before I worked for Ian Pattison. Back in 1987, one Monday morning I'd been sent to the Registry Office at Fairfax House to register the death of an elderly Jewish lady who had died over the weekend. This time a phone call from a hospital bereavement team informed me that a client had died. It seemed he was widowed, with no family and when they had visited his house, they found a copy of his will, leading them to the firm where I worked. The original will, in our strong room provided an address for me to write to for the executor.

Following this up a few days later resulted in a phone call from America. I confirmed to him that a longstanding family friend had died but obviously he would be unable to register the death. There was a funeral plan and he asked if I could make the arrangements and keep him informed.

This meant that I could arrange to collect the required paperwork from the hospital and get an appointment with the Registrar for Births Deaths & Marriages. I tried to perform what I felt was a solemn duty which fell to me sincerely and with respect.

When I became aware that the deceased was a Catholic I asked the funeral directors to have a catholic priest take the service at the crematorium. I discovered that the priest had gone to visit the executor's parents, lifelong friends of my late client and his late wife, to find out about him to speak about him at the funeral.

This and helping the executor arrange some simple refreshments meant a lot to the executor, his parents and the dozen friends who attended the funeral and the first meeting with the executor and his parents got off to a good start.

Twice I've had Thank you gifts from clients, a bouquet of flowers in 2009 and a basket of fruit just recently. But underneath it all is the sincere desire to help.

We WILL remember them

The Grove will be open between 8th and 11th November to provide a display space for artwork, poems and personal stories relating to the two World Wars.

There will be material to help you reflect and remember in a meaningful way.

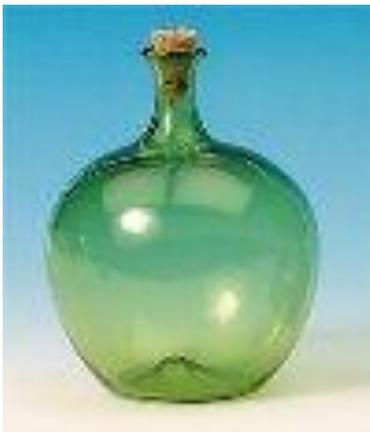
If you would like to display your work (or know of others who would like to be involved) please get in touch with me at (philmaud@hotmail.com)

We are showing the film War Horse and there will be torchlight prayer services on the Green. The two minute silence will be observed at 11am on the 11th.

We shall have a rota of welcomers and refreshment makers nearer the time.

Phil Maud

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Carboy Appeal: October

The 'Operation Christmas Child' initiative (for schools, businesses and churches across the UK) will send shoeboxes overseas to aid in work on water and sanitation; sustainable livelihoods and disasters/emergencies. The 'headline' for Operation Christmas Child is that:

'A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child'. Look at the display in the Narthex and help yourself to a fold-up box with an explanatory leaflet. You have till mid-October to fill your box.



Saturday 12th October 4.00 - 5.30

We look forward to welcoming children and their parent/carers.
Do come and enjoy our exciting activities,
stories and refreshments.

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A Prayer

Merciful God
help us to speak in love what is in our minds,
and hear in love what is said by others;
to feel in love what is in our hearts,
and to sense in love what is in the hearts of others;
to confer in love to discern your truth,
and to be open in love to your guiding Spirit.
Through our disagreements guide us;
in our agreements direct us.
Together may we share the mind of Christ,
In whose name we pray. Amen.

The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft

Juliet Kitchen has moved her church allegiance to Calverley Methodist Church and writes this to all her friends at the Grove.

"To everyone at the church choir and the church,

I would like to start this letter by saying thank you to you all, firstly for putting up with my craziness but also for supporting me as I became a member of the church and as I struggled with my illness at 19.

I would like to thank particular friends for making me laugh, and for keeping me focused and grounded. (They will know who they are!) I would like to say thank you for the laughter, the good times, the bad and the ugly! I am joking about the bad and ugly!

Each and everyone of you made me into the person I am today and for that, you should be proud of yourselves. I have to admit, when I realised that time in the church choir was up for me, I nearly cried as it had been the one constant in my life that I had relied upon.

Thank you for guiding me and for helping me in the decisions I made. Especially when I was younger!! I am proud of each and every one of you!

I will sign off by saying that even though I will visit the church from time to time, I will miss you guys and I wish you well in your endeavours.

With love, prayers and best wishes,

Juliet "

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What's on in October

Tuesday October 8th 7.30pm Church Council in the Small Hall

October 9th Wednesday Break Volunteer work in the third world by Jai Rae at Don and Sue's 7 Regent Avenue

Saturday October 12th Harvest Supper & entertainment in the Large Hall

October 23rd Wednesday Break Phil Maud on Dementia, at Anne's, 116 Hall Lane

November 4th 2.00pm at The Grove MWiB Service of Intercession

Speaker: Mrs Linda Crossley, Past Connexional President MWiB

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the November issue will be prepared by Paul and Jenny and you should send items to them - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 23rd October and include items up to 1st December

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