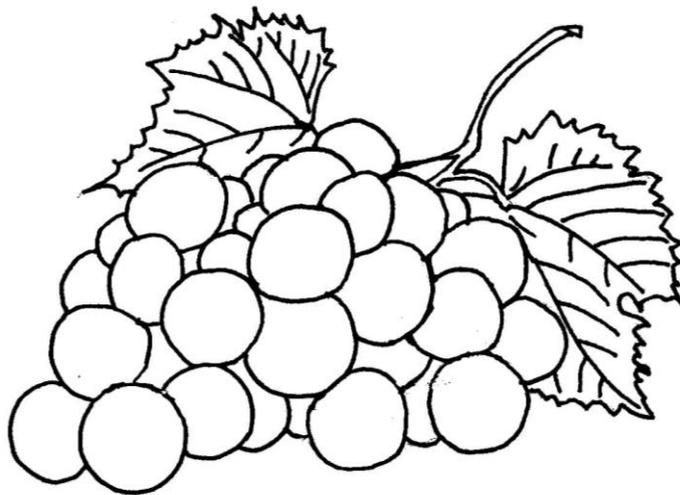


GROVE VINE

**The Magazine of
Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth, Leeds**

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**The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the
Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its
discipleship in worship, service and mission**

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Regular events

Sunday

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 0113 258 3509
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 0113 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,

The artist, the sculptor, the potter, the craftsman; they all begin with a vision of what they desire to create. From that moment they are under constraint to bring it to birth, to reproduce on canvas, in stone, wood, clay or whatever, that which already exists in their minds. It may be a long hard process which involves sadness as well as joy, and where disappointment is never far away. There will be times of repainting or reworking to bring the work into line with the vision.

The picture of the potter, hands moulding the clay, is a particularly vivid one. It is used in Jeremiah to illustrate how God can take the rough clay of a human life and fashion it into a life that conforms to his pattern (Jeremiah 18 v.1-6). The process is long, as with endless patience he shapes the clay; it can be painful as well, as twisted human lives are moulded to the form that God desires.

As I look round I can see evidence of this process at work, evidence of human lives that are being moulded and shaped by God. Seeing God at work in people's lives is a cause for joy. But God is only able to work in the lives of those who are willing to be changed and moulded by him. Being open to God means being open to his life-changing power and being willing to let him mould our lives.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

We can envisage a way in which God could use all the moments of suffering in our lives and weave them into a design which accomplished a unique sort of good in which they had played an essential part. The basic reason for envisaging this is the central Christian symbol of the cross.

Prof. Keith Ward

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.

Sunday Services in May

5th	10.30	Dr Tony Orton
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
12th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Family & Parade Service
	6.00	United Service at Central
19th	10.30	Rev. Albert Jewell - Holy Communion
	6.00	Easter Offering Service (see also Page 19)
26th	10.30	Miss Cathy Boocock
	6.00	Rev. Daniel Woodhouse

Stewards on Duty in May

5th	Paul Thompson and Caroline Turner
12th	Philip Maud and Kath Ashby
19th	Carole Abel and Trish Whitham
26th	Cynthia Hatton and Carole Abel

Methodist Summer Fellowship, August 3-8, 2019

This is a two-yearly event (otherwise known as Methodism's best-kept secret) that Gill and I have greatly enjoyed attending since the 1970s. It is held at the beautiful Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, N. Derbyshire. The theme this year is 'Peacemaking - engaging with conflict in our own lives and beyond'. There is an amazing team of leaders (Bible study, prayer, music, art work, entertainment etc), the food is great and there is plenty of opportunity to relax at the centre and to explore the surrounding countryside, Older folk and children abound. The cost ranges from £430 to £550 per adult and some bursaries are available to help in case of need. For more information have a word with us, and we can offer a lift on a first come basis.

Albert Jewell

A monk - but only in name!

Question: What do the following hymns have in common - 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide'; 'All things bright and beautiful'; and 'Christ the Lord is risen today'?

Answer: William Henry Monk (1823 - 89) composed the music!

Monk was one of the giants among the nineteenth century composers of hymn music. EASTER HYMN, the tune for 'Christ the Lord is risen today', is a glorious arrangement of a simple melody which had survived in an old publication called *Lyra Davidica*. So he 'borrowed' this tune, but it was his arrangement of it that has made it an Easter favourite. The tune that even non-churchgoers know is EVENTIDE (set to 'Abide with me', and sung at sporting events). And as for 'All things bright and beautiful', he incorporated a very clever novelty of writing verse and chorus in different keys, without it really being apparent as we sing the hymn.

Monk seems to have spent his entire life in London. He first served as organist and choir director at a succession of London churches, before being appointed to that same position at King's College, eventually also becoming professor of vocal studies there. It is clear that his main interests lay in what we sing in church, rather than in what organists play. He edited journals and books of church choral music, and his reputation was such that, at the age of 34, he was appointed as the first music editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, which has been a significant hymn book ever since.

His other hymn music includes the well known tunes for 'All glory, laud, and honour'; 'And now, O Father, mindful of the love'; 'Come thou long expected Jesus'; 'Hail the day that sees him rise'; 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild'; and 'New every morning is the love'. He also composed the older tune (the one we probably learned many years ago) for 'At the name of Jesus', and many others set to words we no longer sing. So, remember to give thanks for those who have written our wonderful hymn tunes, and at this season particularly for William Henry Monk.

Tony Orton

MY HOBBY: WOOD TURNING

“Can you shove up a bit?” It's 1966 and I am at Featherbank Night School sharing a bench with another chap. I'm making book ends; he's constructing a wardrobe. Space was tight each week and that's how I ended up in front of a lathe and with a life long love of wood turning.

A piece of dried wood is fixed between two in-line centre points of a lathe then revolved, cut, smoothed and polished. Chisels, scrapers and other metal tools are used followed by progressively finer sandpapers to produce a smooth surface prior to sealing, waxing or varnishing. Remember, always hold the polishing cloth loosely. Don't wrap it round your hand or fingers. If the cloth gets caught your hand is in great danger. Also do not wear loose clothing or hanging sleeves and do not have long hair! I am mainly self taught but my family's Christmas present one year was a wood turning course at Boddy's woodyard in Boroughbridge.

Polishing is produced by applying sanding sealer to the smooth wood while it is revolving using a smooth cloth. After the first coat has dried fine steel wool is gently pressed against the revolving wood and then another coat of sealer is applied. This can be polished and finished. Personally I like to finish a job using Carnauba wax which is made from leaves and is similar to the wax that makes laurel leaves shiny. Bees wax is good but because it is soft it does collect dust. I have had great fun and a lot of my items are sitting on many Horsforth shelves.

I have made bowls, lamps, spoons, dishes, cheese boards with or without glass domes and it has been an absorbing and relaxing pastime. My special efforts are the Flower Stand in Church and the lecturn in the Centre. Personally I like the big soup stirring spoons which are in the Centre Kitchen and which are used frequently for the Monday lunches.

Wood is beautiful. It is hard or soft. Amongst my favourites are Sycamore, Lime, Poplar, Ash, Yew and Laburnum which is dark brown and pale yellow and nearly as hard as concrete. Jesus was a carpenter and would use wood daily under the watchful eye of Joseph. He would use Olive wood for plates, cups and cutlery quite probably. Olive Wood is my favourite. There was no electric power so the work had to be done using a foot treadle which is a

laborious, tiring and time consuming process. Nowadays it is simpler.

This has been my pastime for nearly 50 years thanks to my wife and her “love” of shavings and dust. Oh, and that other chap who shared the bench at Featherbank? That is John Bussey, my dear friend of nearly 50 years.



Trevor Fox

Thank You

A word of appreciation and thanks to the Church Stewards and all those who helped provide the Local Arrangement Services.

What is Fairtrade?



WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

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There are over 1.66 million farmers and workers spread across more than 73 countries participating in Fairtrade. Learn how choosing Fairtrade products changes lives.



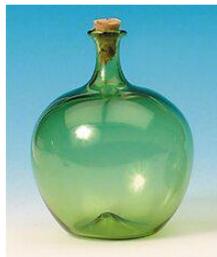
Rosine Bekoin is a mum of five, cocoa farmer and member of CAYAT co-operative in Côte d'Ivoire.

Having received training in quality and good agricultural practices from CAYAT, her production increased by 50 percent from 2017 to 2018.



With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you that means they can make their own decisions, control their future and lead the dignified life everyone deserves

Carboy Appeal: May/June



Aquabox is a charity and community project set up and managed by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth to provide safe drinking water, through the use of filtration units, and humanitarian aid to crisis zones around the world.

Since its formation in 1992, Aquabox has distributed more than 110,000 boxes to countries suffering from natural and man-made disasters, helping hundreds of thousands of people in more than 50 countries. As well as a water-filtration unit, each Aquabox contains a variety of humanitarian aid items, including cooking utensils, hygiene equipment, tools, shelter materials, baby and children's clothing and educational items.

Even today, more than one billion people in the world are without access to safe water. About half of the world's poor suffer from waterborne diseases, over 6,000 people – mainly children – die each day by consuming unsafe drinking water.

Safe water interventions have a vast potential to transform the lives of millions, more especially those in areas of the world suffering disasters both natural and man-made.

The Aquafilter Family. Fits into an Aid Box. The box is filled with water, and the filter clipped onto the side. The user then just has to pump to get drinking water at the rate of 1 litre a minute.

The Aquafilter Community. Was developed for schools and other organisations delivering up to 300 litres of drinking water an hour.

Thank you. Brian Whitham and

Aireborough Rotary Club.



SERVICE Above Self

My Best Day Out

A short while ago, on a holiday in Filey, and on our only damp and chilly morning, we went to Burton Agnes Hall. It was closed!

Anyway... while wandering around outside we found an old church, St Martin's, built in 1100. It was open - and the heating was ON! Apparently there had been a meeting so we got the benefit when we went in.



It was a joy - a complete mix of ancient and modern. There were 12 old tombs, circa 1480 - and lots of bright pictures painted by Burton Agnes Primary School children, circa 2018!

The tomb of Sir Walter Griffith and his wife from 1481. Note that they have their arms in prayer, he is in armour and one of their two children lies beside his wife.



Pictures painted in the style of David Hockney by pupils in years 5 and 6 at Burton Agnes Primary School. Hockney lived in the area and painted the landscapes extensively.

On the front door, however, we found this:

God, our Heavenly Father,
make, we pray, the door of
this church wide enough to
welcome all who need
human love and fellowship
and a Father's care; but
narrow enough to shut out
all envy, pride and lack of
love. Here may the tempted
find help, the sorrowing
receive comfort, and the
penitent be assured of your
mercy; and here may all
your children renew their
strength and go on their way
in hope and joy, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Thomas Ken - Bishop of
Bath and Wells 1684-1711.*

Amazing! Written all those years ago. As appropriate today as it was then. Don't you think every church in Britain should have this displayed prominently? To make us stop and think! *Judi Swales*

Famous Methodists

Robert Collyer

This remarkable man was born on December 8th 1823 in Keighley but shortly after his birth his family moved to Blubberhouses. He started work aged 8 in a linen mill and at 14 became an apprentice to 'Owd Jackie Birch' an Ilkley blacksmith.



Collyer was naturally studious, read books and studied while working at the smithy bellows. He attended Ilkley Wesleyan Church on Skipton Road and became a local preacher. He developed a reputation for his oratory and was appointed a Methodist Minister in 1849., He also achieved something of a reputation for writing poetry and later went on to write several books on a range of subjects. At 23 he married Harriet Watson and they had one child. Sadly Harriet died giving birth to a second child in 1849. Her gravestone is in Ilkley Parish Church. Their infant daughter Jane died 3 days later.

In 1850 he sailed to America. He obtained work as a hammer maker in Philadelphia. He had now married Ann Longbottom and she supported him as he preached at local Methodist churches on Sundays. Collyer was a vocal anti- slavery campaigner. This put him at odds with authority and his licence was withdrawn. So, in 1860, he left Methodism to join the Chicago Unitarian Mission Church. Incredibly, he built a larger church and his own house but that church burned down in 1871. Undeterred he organised a new and even larger church.

He then accepted a role as Pastor in the Church of the Messiah in New York in 1880. His eloquence and the colourfulness of his sermons earned him the name of 'America's Poet Preacher'. He was awarded an honorary degree by Leeds University.

He died in 1912 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx.

As a footnote: Robert Collyer will not want for some good music. Also buried in the Bronx Woodlawn, is Irving Berlin; Duke Ellington; Lionel Hampton; George M Cohan; Miles Davis and W C Handy.

And, of course, there is a Woodlawn in Town Street, Horsforth - the Coffee Shop!

Gordon Mellor

Becoming Dementia Friendly

So often people with dementia feel misunderstood, marginalised and excluded. I am therefore delighted that Horsforth is determined to become a dementia friendly community. You can see the appropriate signs in the shops, banks etc. on Town Street. Now Churches Together in Horsforth have taken up the challenge and recently Grove Church Council were given a presentation on the subject.

My own interest in dementia dates back to my time serving Methodist Homes as pastoral director for the seven years before my retirement. At that stage MHA had three dedicated dementia care homes; now all its care homes provide special care. More recently I have been involved in research into the challenging experience of Christian family carers of those with dementia. My last article, published a few months ago, is titled 'Dementia: are we all on the spectrum?' The short answer is that, potentially, yes we can be, because we are living longer lives these days and so should beware harbouring an attitude of 'them and us'.

One of the gratifying developments of recent years has been the increasing number of books on the subject written by individuals with the condition who consequently can write 'from the inside' as compared with medics who can only speak 'from the outside'. A pioneer in this field is an Australian woman, Christine Bryden, (see the April Vine for her story) who was diagnosed with dementia as long ago as 1995 and was shocked to be advised to retire immediately from her high level civil service job and prepare for an inevitable downhill journey. Since then she has spoken at many international conferences and written a series of helpful books with such titles as 'Dancing with Dementia' and 'Who will I be when I die?' I have recently had the privilege of reviewing her latest book, 'Will I still be me?' In addition she has just completed her PhD! She pays great tribute to the support she has received from her Christian faith community and one mentor in particular.

Of course not everyone with dementia will be so high-achieving but Christine's example is a great counterbalance to the stigma those with dementia face in our society. Nor is she alone. Last year Wendy Mitchell, who worked in a non-clinical capacity in hospitals in Leeds and York, wrote 'Somebody I used to know', a moving and encouraging story which was featured in BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week. We all have so much to learn if we are to become more dementia sensitive and those with the condition and their carers can help us do so.

Albert Jewell

Grove Methodist Church: Working Towards Being Dementia Friendly.

This second article on Dementia is by Phil Maud.

The Grove has registered with Dementia Friendly Horsforth and is 'on the road' to improving our understanding of dementia.

There are 850,000 people over the age of 65 living with dementia; dementia being an umbrella term for upwards of 100 brain diseases. Alzheimer's and vascular dementia the most common. As part of our registration we have highlighted these aims.

1. Improving awareness by attending Dementia Friends Sessions.

The Brownies, Thursday Ladies Group and Church Council have already had the presentation. Other groups are invited to book a talk which Phil Maud or Philip Hickman can deliver. You will need 50mins to one hour.

There are 2.8million Dementia Friends in the British Isles and we shall be delighted to increase that number!

2. To establish a quiet spot for reflection and prayer. You will notice the large display stand, table and chairs at the front left of the church. The simple display will grow over the coming weeks; perhaps to include a prayer request section, "God in the news" or a simple eye catching bible verse and picture. Do have a look and let me know if you have a creative idea or theme for future displays.

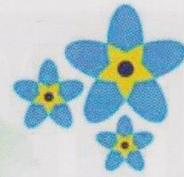
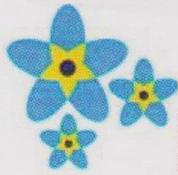
3. Dementia Friendly Worship. It is common to find that short term memory may be fragile but long term memory is still good. People living with dementia can therefore find great solace in the past and faith memories are strong.

"Tell me the old old story" is a well remembered hymn but old Bible translations, communion services and prayers give comfort. I am looking to explore opportunities here at the Grove.

You will notice that aims 2 and 3 are not exclusive to people living with dementia. We could all do with stopping to reflect or pray and to enjoy the old language that portrays our faith. The message of Dementia Friends (DF) is one of patient understanding and care. If Morrison's and Santander Bank on Town Street have the DF sticker.... we should too! I hope we can all support one another.....

Get in touch if I can help.

Phil Maud



DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK 2019

A week of FREE local events & activities in Horsforth 19-26 May

SUN 19 MAY

1:30 - 2:30 - Dementia Friends Awareness session @ Cragg Hill Baptist Church

MON 20 MAY

Alzheimer's Society display & information @ Horsforth Morrisons with a Memory Support Worker

TUES 21 MAY

12:00-1.00 , repeated 1:45-2:45, Dementia Friends Information sessions at Horsforth Hub Library Conference room

WEDS 22 MAY

9:30am - Dementia Friends Awareness session
10-11:30am - Poetry readings at the Smile Café
Both activities @ Live at Home, Central Methodist Church

THURS 23 MAY

7pm - Play "The Last Memory" @ St Margaret's Parish Centre - Play by Talking Stock Productions. Tickets through Eventbrite, at Horsforth Hub Library, or at the door.

FRI 24 MAY

10am - Walk & Talk with Horsforth Live at Home - Hall Park & Cricket Club (meet at Fink Hill car park)
6.45pm - Film showing: "Still Alice" *certificate 12
Grove Methodist Church Centre (access New Street)

Thanks to all our partner organisations & hosts

for further information please contact dementiafriendlyhorsforth@gmail.com

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The Grove General Church Meeting (GCM), 2019

The meeting was open to anyone who had an interest in The Grove to discuss items affecting the church. 29 members and adherents were present and a further 10 sent apologies.

Thanks were expressed to the stewards whose duties now extends to Local Arrangement services once or twice a Quarter. Current stewards were **re-elected** unanimously for a further year. The meeting agreed to the **appointment** of Ann Bailey as an additional steward from 1st September 2019.

Yet more **thanks** were given to Linda Douglass who completes her second term of office as GCM Representatives to Church Council on 31st August. Philip Abel was **elected** as Representative for a second term and Janette Mawson for her first, as from 1st September 2019.

The Church Treasurer drew attention to the **financial summary** for the year up to August 2018 as stated in the Annual Report. The Report indicates that Total Net Assets for 2018 were £5,951,763 [£5,734,842 for 2017]; Surplus/deficit for the year was - £8,601 [+£14,020 for 2017] and Bank Cash deposits stood at £74,428 [£81,173 for 2017]. He commented upon the **financial position for this year**, to April 2019, that indicates an overall increase of £18,000 on the same period last year. This is partly due to a rise in collections, Gift Aid and donations due to the Gift Day in December, fund raising and commercial hire. Other items such as collections and income from weddings and funerals show a comparable decrease. Overall expenditure is down by £6,000 on the same period as last year, although the Circuit Assessment, Outreach and repairs and maintenance show an increase. The Treasurer concluded that finances were acceptable and the church is in a stable position so long as it is able to pay its day-to-day expenses and there are no financial difficulties. However, he added that large financial outlay in the future will cost around £38,000 (weather boarding, roof repairs). He felt that this amount could not be met by current finances. The Treasurer warned of the need to match income to expenditure to ensure future security and that if this did not happen then improvements could not be made.

Under '**Circuit Matters**', group discussion focussed upon the **Forward Plans** of the Circuit Meeting for 2019 – 2021. The Chair summarised the current Circuit situation regarding the shortage of available ministers and how those appointed should be used effectively. Proposals included named ministers taking responsibility for new aspects: Discipleship and New Monastic Networks, whilst others would have pastoral responsibility for up to 5 churches. It is planned that from

September 2019 **The Grove** will be in a block of 5 churches with Central, Woodside, Headingley and Meanwood, all led by the Rev'd Mark Godfrey. Further **implications** will involve the need to consider frequency and timing of morning worship, Local Arrangements services, the work load of ministers with pastoral responsibility and the nature of the Methodist voice in Horsforth.

Matters of **Other Business** included:

Availability of The Grove **Annual Report** for the year ending 31st August 2018 (copies in the Church Narthex).

The need for volunteers to work on the **church garden** and its restructuring for manageability to include removal of the hedge and grassing of the garden area on the Town Street side of the fence.

The request for additional **transport drivers** for the Sunday Morning Transport Rota that currently entails one morning duty every five weeks. (Offers to Michael Wallis)

The idea of a **joint Local Arrangement** involving the 3 Horsforth Methodist Churches (or 4 if Cookridge was included) in a morning visit to each church before coming together for a final picnic.

A trial arrangement for an additional **Sunday morning greeter** to be stationed at the disabled entrance from 10.15am until the start of the service.

The chair offered an **open invitation** to anyone interested to attend the start of the next Church Council at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th June 2019 in the Small Hall when the Rev Tim Boocock will explain the implications of establishing **New Monastic Networks** in the Circuit.

(Council Members please note the change of date of the next Council Meeting)

The **2020** General Church Meeting is to be held in the Centre Main Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd April and all are welcome to attend.

Peter Mawson, Church Council Secretary

Christian Aid Week - 12th to 18th May

Wordsearch: Paul's Missionary Journeys

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Paul visited many towns and villages on his journeys, and the names of 30 of these places are contained within this wordsearch. Here are 15 places to help you to get started: Amphipolis, Attalia, Berea, Derbe, Iconium, Lystra, Miletus, Neapolis, Patara, Perga, Paphos, Salamis, Seleucia, Smyrna, Troas. The other 15 are better known, so it's over to you - with the help of the Acts of the Apostles!

In case you need a solution to the April Puzzle, the words (top to bottom and left to right) are: Across Encourage, Quoted, Prayer, Emus, Mixup, Jeep, Innings, Elector, Inertia, Prophet, Ufos, Fazed, Etna, Heaven, Rhebok, Gratitude; Down Religious, Autumn, Erodes, Nets, Unity, Over, Ordains, Against, Rapture, Pierrot, Glad, Tenor, Wend, Behest, Hatbox, Spiritual.

Tony Orton

Easter Offerings 2019

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) is responsible for arranging the Easter Offerings collection at Easter each year. Last year, 2018, The Grove total was £327.50 including Gift Aid. This year the envelopes will be put in the pews on Palm Sunday for collection over the next three Sundays.

This year The Circuit Easter Offering 2019 dedication service is being held at **The Grove Methodist Church on May 19th at 6pm.** Entitled 'Longer tables, lower fences' it features stories of shared hospitality across the world. The worship encourages us to consider how we might build longer tables, rather than higher fences, as we share whatever we have and connect with our neighbours.

This service provides an opportunity for the churches of our circuit to gather and celebrate God's mission activity in the wider world. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain.

God of generosity and hospitality, may the World Mission Fund and our partner churches enable tables to be lengthened and fences lowered all over your world. Amen.

Leeds South and West Circuit 2019 - 2021

The Circuit leadership team has spent a good deal of time looking at our 22 churches. They represent half of Leeds Methodism in a wedge from Adel and Cookridge through to Hunslet, Beeston and Cottingley.

The terms of reference for a 2 year plan included: pastoral oversight by Ministers, geographical location/possibilities for close working on mission projects and community use of buildings.

Ministerial Staffing: bottom line..... there is a national shortfall in available Ministers!

Dan Woodhouse leaves this summer; his replacement is Rach Ward who joins us in September. We only got her because, as a Circuit we were planning *new pieces of work. Had we planned 'same old same old' it is unlikely we would have replaced Dan.

Tim Boocock and Godfrey Nicholson leave us in August 2020. It

is expected that we will get one replacement for the two leaving.

Our Deacon, Pam Luxton, leaves this summer for a ministry in Lincolnshire. We hope to have a replacement in 2020.

*New work: *Circuit 'Discipleship' focus.* Helping us to be confident in sharing our Christian story. This will be 50/60% of the workload for Rev. Rach, therefore she has pastoral charge of 2 churches.

New Monastic Network. Rev. Tim (50%) this year and then Deacon +Rev. Jo thereafter. Possibly 2 houses with people living by a 'Christian Rule of Life' in them: Headingley (students?) and South Leeds?

Ministers' Pastoral care: Rev. Jo (Superintendent=50%), Rev. Rach (Discipleship=50%) and Rev. Tim (New Monastic=50%) have 2 churches each. This leaves Rev. Mark (5) Rev. Godfrey N (5) and Rev. Keith (6). QUESTIONS WE MUST ALL THINK ABOUT.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER OUR MINISTERS.

To accommodate the 'new work', 3 of our Ministers have extra churches. E.g. Mark has 5: Grove, Central, Woodside, Headingley and Meanwood.

***Morning Worship times will have to change* e.g. a 9.30am and an 11.00am would allow 1 Minister to get to 2 churches on Sunday.

**We have 30 Local Arrangement services on our current plan. This means Ministers/Local Preachers were not able to lead worship.

Joint acts of worship with nearby churches would help.

***How can we minimise the number of meetings?* If you think you go to lots.....think about Mark!!!

***Our neck of the woods.* HORSFORTH METHODIST PRESENCE.

How are our buildings used (for us and for the wider community)??

Woodside has an underused hall, Central could lose 'Live at Home' (Monday to Friday at present) and the outside bookings at the

Grove earn £40,000 a year.....that we cannot do without.

HOW BIG IS YOUR BOX?

.....that's the one we are asking you to

THINK OUTSIDE OF.

Flower Guild

On behalf of the Flower Guild, I would like to thank everyone who gave donations towards the extra cost of Easter flowers. Twenty arrangements were given out to members of our church and to others who were in need of our thoughts and prayers.

Flowers in our church are important as they make a more beautiful setting for worship and are a continual reminder of the wonder of the natural world God created.

They inspire worship, greet the visitor, provide a friendly atmosphere and make the church appear both cared for and a centre of happy activity. We are grateful to the many people who donate money each week to enable us to beautify our church and reach out to people in need.

If you do not already contribute to this important work and would like to do so, there are a few dates in the calendar which have become free and need to be filled. Please have a word with me and I will let you know what dates are available. *Wendy Hartley (Tel: 258 4520)*

What's on

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| May 5th/10th | Church Holiday at Raven Hall. |
| May 11th | Messy Church - 4.00 to 5.30pm (see page 22). |
| May 15th | 'Life is beautiful, don't waste it!'
Are you ready? Horsforth Live At Home Scheme
- Drop in any time between 10.30 a.m. & 12.30 |
| May 15th | Wednesday Break - "Sunset Boulevard" at Yeadon
Town Hall. Tickets Keith and Trish 258 6316 |
| May 16th | Ladies Group - "Children's Favourites" |
| June 6th | Ladies Group - Birthday Event. |

Messy Church at The Grove Centre



Saturday 11th May 4.00 - 5.30

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

Times were hard then!

In previous editions we have mentioned St Abbs Lifeboat and the importance of the headland north of St Abbs. Knowledge of the area comes from several holidays spent on a farm near Holy Island. The nearest village is Lowick and the farmer has given us some information which shows just how precarious life could be in the 14th century.

Eleven years ago we completed our great "Vision Fund". We tried to come up with different fund raising ideas. Tithes were mentioned (light heartedly) not taken up. A dictionary definition of a tithe is "one tenth part of agricultural produce paid as a tax or an offering levied to support the church". In Lowick in the 14th century, there was lots of trouble!

"The defendants were bound to carry the harvests of wheat, barley, oats, beans, peas and other crops of the parishes of Holy Island to the doors of the barns for tithing and to send the tithes to the Prior and Convent and their Minister. The said religious being in full possession of the tithes of these parishes; and that the defendants took the corn tithes of Lowick for August, September and October 1351 and maliciously threw them into pits for consumption by animals, incurring excommunication by authority of the Durham Synodal Constitution." (Durham Cathedral Archive). And then;

"In the 14th century there was a scoundrel called Sir Alan de Heton. He refused to let his tenants have their grazing rights at Lowick and would not let them dig peat. He took their cattle and cheated the church of tithes. Sir Alan's misdeeds were listed by the Prior of Durham who, after hearing mass in the chapel at Lowick, discovered Sir Alan's men

had thrashed his servant and made off with the Prior's good riding horse!" (Lowick information sign). *Gordon Mellor*

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the March issue will be prepared by **Paul and Jenny** and you should send items to them - no later than **5pm on Wednesday 22nd May**. Please include details up to **7th July**.

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