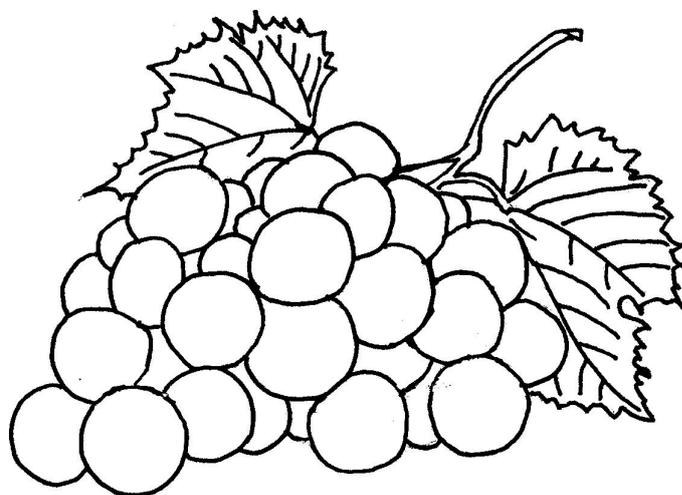


GROVE VINE

**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,

As I write this, the newspapers and news bulletins are dominated by political events, election results, leadership bids and the ongoing Brexit conversations. There is today an understandable cynicism about politics and about politicians. That is at least as widespread inside the church as it is outside. Many of us tend to regard politics as a dubious business, full of scheming, unreliable and extremely ambitious people. No doubt there are some untrustworthy people involved in politics but there are also many men and women of integrity.

The political life of this country will be shaped by the people who are involved in it. It is vital that the Christian voice is heard in the corridors of power and the Christian opinion is expressed when important decisions are being taken, both at local and at national level. Those Christian people who offer themselves for public service in the political sphere have an important role to play.

The Christian faith has been progressively marginalised over recent years. The Christian viewpoint is often ignored and Christians often feel excluded from the decision-making process. If that is the case, then we ourselves must take our share of the responsibility. Political involvement has always been part of the Methodist tradition, particularly in the industrial and mining areas of the country.

The political life of our community and our country needs the involvement of Christian people committed to expressing their faith in that sphere. If the Christian voice isn't being heard, then we have only ourselves to blame.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

I'm as convinced as it's possible to be, that God has acted in human history in Jesus I know that at the centre of it all, God - the transcendent other - has entered human history and has found a way (He has found a way!) of entering the life that I live I don't have to explain it; I have to experience it.

Dr Leslie Griffiths ... from the York Course 'Faith in the Fire'

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 June

2nd	10.30	Dr Tony Orton
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
9th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Family & Parade Service
	6.00	United Service at Trinity
16th	10.30	Rev. Albert Jewell – New Members Service
	6.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey
23rd	10.30	Local Arrangement
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
30th	10.30	Rev. Jo Lightowler – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Woodside

Stewards on Duty in June

2nd	Trish Whitham and Paul Thompson
9th	Michael Wallis and Kath Ashby
16th	Phil Maud and Caroline Turner
23th	Michael Wallis and Cynthia Hatton
30th	Cynthia Hatton and Paul Thompson

Carboy Appeal: March & April

Thank you very much for giving to the appeal over March and April. We raised £94.78 for the Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Fund which has been very gratefully received.

With many thanks,



Katie & Bryan Whitham

Carboy Appeal: June

Aquabox is a charity and community project set up and managed by the Rotary Club of Wircsworth 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



Uniformed Organisations at the Grove

For those of you at the Parade service in May you may remember my plea for leaders to help in both our Scout and Guide units. As you are aware all leaders are volunteers who give of their own free time to help support young people from 5 to 18 in having fun, adventure, making lifelong friends and learning some key skills to support them in later life.

Last year in the Scout Section whilst we had a large increase of 10% in young people there was a large turnover of leaders leaving to a reduction by 20%. This was most keenly felt in our Scout Troops where at one point we had to consider closing one of the 2 troops. Luckily a number of parents and others not previously connected to the Group stepped forward and now thanks to their commitment we are back on a more even setting.

This year we are experiencing difficulties in our younger sections with both Beavers and Cubs looking for leaders, Whilst not in as potentially perilous state as the Scouts last year I would not want to reach that position and am therefore looking to recruit new leaders or assistants across all sections to ensure the young people have the best support possible. If you yourself are interested or know someone (relative, friend, neighbour or work colleague) who may be interested please ask them to get in touch, I am always willing to have a chat, explain a little about Scouting at the Grove and help them decide if this is a challenge for them without any pressure from me at all.

For those of you who feel the weekly meetings may be a little too much either in your time commitment or any other way we are also looking to recruit a new Secretary and Treasurer to our Scout Executive. Both roles have a commitment to attend 4 or 5 meetings over the year, the Secretary taking and distributing the minutes of the meetings, whilst the Treasurer takes care of the finances of the

Group. You get a cup of tea and a biscuit at the meeting and an understanding of the Group's plans for the future and a hand in making some of the important decisions for the Group. Our Secretary steps down in July this year so we are desperate to fill this as quickly as possible, whilst the treasurer will stay for another 6 months or so to help a new volunteer get to grips with the accounts etc. Both roles are vital to the running of the Group so if you feel you are able to offer your help please get in touch to have a chat.

In this note I have highlighted the difficulties we are facing in the Scout Group but I am also aware of a similar lack of leaders being faced by our sisters in Guiding if anyone feels that this is something for you please get in touch and I will make sure your details are passed onto the Guiding Section.

Contact Details:

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Grove Ladies Group – Birthday Event

Thursday 6th June 7.30pm in the Small Hall

Mr David Greenwood-Haigh Chocolatier from Wakefield will give a talk and demonstration.

£3.00 each includes Coffee/Tea and Chocolate Biscuits plus raffle.

All friends welcome

FOODBANK NEWS

Many thanks to all who support the Foodbank by leaving food and toiletries in the trolley in the church porch. All donations of food are much appreciated especially since the number of people using the foodbank has increased dramatically. This has been found to be true nationally as the following report shows:



**IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS,
FOOD BANK USE IN OUR
NETWORK HAS
INCREASED
BY 73%**



Also locally 11,710 people were given 3 days food supplies at Leeds North and West Foodbank Centres last year.

This is a 22.5% increase on the number of people helped the year before.

Puzzle Page: Word Spiral 4

In the spiral, every answer (except the first) uses the last letter of the preceding answer as its initial letter. The first word has been entered for you, so the second word must begin with 'T'. The chain of words then follows a spiral path to the centre of the grid. At the end, the shaded diagonals should spell out two other words.

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Clues:

- 1 Contrite, remorseful (9)
- 2 Attempt touch down (3)
- 3 The day before (9)
- 4 Cowardly colour (6)
- 5 Expression of
indifference (8)
- 6 Container for holy
bones (9)
- 7 "... not to temptation"(5)
- 8 Not analogue (8)
- 9 Master (5)
- 10 Paradise maybe? (7)
- 11 Doubter (8)
- 12 Sung by a group (6)

- 13 Charity? (4) 14 Mass departure (6)
 15 Ancient language of Hindu scriptures (8) 16 Multitude (6)
 17 Mary Magdalene thought she saw him (8) 18 Decline rubbish (6)
 19 More (5) 20 Trophy that's a residue for the first day of Lent (5)
 21 Kind arrangement to solve (4) 22 Mutilated rent (4)
 23 Negative adverb (3) 24 Draw secure limit (3)

Solution to the 2019 May Puzzle:

The other fifteen places were: Antioch, Antioch (two different places with the same name), Assos, Athens, Corinth, Cos, Ephesus, Malta, Myra, Philippi, Rhodes, Rome, Sidon, Thessalonica, Tyre.

Tony Orton

Cross Hall Morley

Paul and I last September drove across Europe to visit the Porsche Factory and Museum in Stuttgart followed by touring in Austria based around Salzburg with 19 other crews made up of 13 couples and 7 all male crews, the majority from the UK but also from Ireland and America.

We have since maintained contact with several and had a reunion in the Cotswolds a few weeks ago. This introduction gives a little background to how we met up with a lady who is doing her family history.

Her Great Grandfather lived in the late 1800s at Cross Hall, Morley which was the home of John Wesley and also in the late 1700s of Mary Bosanquet-Fletcher.

Mary Bosanquet-Fletcher was a Methodist preacher. She is credited with persuading John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, to allow women to publicly preach. She, along with her friend and fellow preacher Sarah Crosby, would become the most popular female preachers of their time.

Today the brick building has since been converted into flats for the over 55's and is managed by the Places for People Housing Association.

We would like to expand this story and will do some research, if any reader can add anything please get in touch.

Jenny Redfearn

What's on

- June 6th Ladies Group - Birthday Event. See page 6
- June 12th Wednesday Break 'Summer Barbeque' at the home of David and Barbara, 7 Poplar Drive
- June 15th Caring for life Open day from 12.00 midday. Crag House Farm, Otley Old Road, Leeds LS16 7NH
- June 26th Wednesday Break 'Maggie Poppa' – More tales Down your Way Michael and Janet's 84 Morris Lane.

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the July/August issue will be prepared by Gill Jewell and you should send items to her - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26th June. Please include details up to 1st September.

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