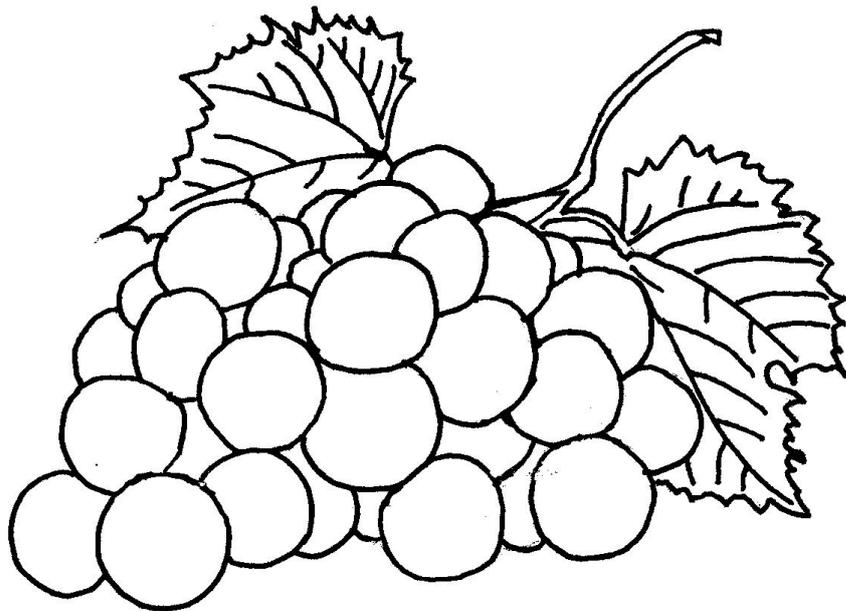


GROVE VINE

**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 and Cubs	07588 034 499
7.45	Scouts	0113 250 6786
7.45	Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month)	0113 258 4520

Tuesday

9 -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 on the first Tuesday of the month	
6.00	Rainbows (5th Horsforth)	0113 259 0555
6.15	Brownies (5th Horsforth)	0113 258 3670
7.45	Guides (5th Horsforth)	07718 287 070

Wednesday

2.00	Line Dancing	0113 258 7444
6.00	Rainbows (14th)	0113 258 5519
6.00	Brownies (14th)	0113 250 4907
7.30	Wednesday Break (fortnightly)	0113 225 2734
8.00	Explorer Scouts	07505 119 290

Thursday

9.30-11.30	Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs)	0113 293 8458
11.00	Bible Fellowship	0113 258 3239
6.00	Cubs	07588 034 499
6.15	Beavers	07588 034 499
7.45	Scouts	07588 034 499
7.45	Ladies' Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays)	0113 258 2097

Friday

7.30	Choir Rehearsal	0113 258 9093
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Walking Groups: 1st Saturday and 3rd Thursday:
Contact Keith

0113 258 6316

Minister's letter

Dear Friends,

Someone asked me recently, "What does Lent mean?" so I thought I ought to do some research on the subject, some of which I'd like to share with you.

Lent has been observed in the church since at least 325 AD and probably since well before that. In the early church the period of Lent combined two major elements. Firstly it was a period of fasting and penitence leading up to Easter. Secondly it was the time when many people were prepared for baptism. In those days many were still baptised as adults, traditionally on Easter Day, after a preparation course during Lent.

Lent has a major place in the Christian calendar because it is important to prepare ourselves properly for Easter. Before a major event we get ourselves properly prepared. If we're going to take an exam we prepare for it by revising; if we're going to have a party we make the necessary preparations for food and entertainment.

Easter is the most important time in the Christian year. At Easter we celebrate the events that lie at the heart of our faith, so it's important we do prepare ourselves properly.

In the past this preparation has rather stressed the negative aspects of giving something up for Lent. That is one way of preparing ourselves, but there are other ways. Many people find it helpful to use a book of Lent readings and there are plenty about these days. Many join in Lent groups which add another dimension to our preparations for Easter. Horsforth Churches Together are running a series of Lent groups this year and that will help give us focus over Lent. Some people prefer to do something on their own like reading through the whole of one gospel over the Lent period. During Lent we are particularly reminded of the fact that Jesus suffered many hardships and difficulties during his earthly life. He knows and understands the problems we face because he has shared in our human life and experience. We can offer all our concerns to God in the sure knowledge that Lent culminates in the final triumph of Easter Day when the power of sin and death was overcome.

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

There has to be a time when head-knowledge becomes heart-knowledge too - a time when we open up to be embraced and broken open by God's love.

Rev. Linda Norman

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.

From the Church registers

Funerals: 7th February Edmund Wright

12th February Marion Gillham

Sunday Services in March

1st	10.30	Mrs Jean Orton
	6.00	Holy Habits at Trinity
8th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey – All Age Worship and Parade
	6.00	United Service at St. Marks
15th	10.30	Rev. Madeleine Andrews – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
22nd	10.30	Mr Paul Reid
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
29th	10.30	Mr Stephen Barber
	6.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Café Service

Stewards on Duty in March

1st	Caroline Turner and Kath Ashby
8th	Paul Thompson and Phil Maud
15th	Michael Wallis and Cynthia Hatton
22nd	Caroline Turner and Ann Bailey
29th	Phil Maud and Michael Wallis

Our Own Ideas

In January's copy of the Vine, our Minister Rev. Mark Godfrey told us how we rely on our own ideas, decisions and plans generating our own power like the steam engine. It is good to have plans about our future otherwise we can become drifters or are tossed about by the exigencies of life. Lots of events enter our lives which we have to accept whether they are welcome or not. The great thing is to know where we are going and aim in that direction. Like the steam engine we can generate a lot of energy internally and that is helpful.

However, events crop up to which we have no answers. They can overwhelm us and make us depressed or dissatisfied with what we have or are. It is necessary to look outside ourselves and our own rather feeble powers. In the Bible we read that if we ask for guidance and sincerely seek God's plan for us we may receive calm and blessings. Some people can cope with problems. Others can easily succumb to what others take in their stride. Either way all of us will face snags and difficulties from many sources. We need to have our hearts and minds refreshed daily.

The Psalmist pleads, "Refresh my Strength" .This means that for thousands of years people have known that they cannot deal with their problems by themselves. Can I be bold enough to suggest that we look to Jesus every day. My Father used to say frequently, " One step enough Lord for me today, tomorrow's snags I will face tomorrow."

Don't be overwhelmed by the worries about tomorrow or next month. If we put our cards on the table of life and say that we need assistance Jesus can and will give us strength and calm to deal with whatever comes. "I am with you always even to the ends of the earth" he said. All you have to do is ask humbly for Him to come into your life and He will, and He will never let you down.

Trevor Fox

Grove Methodist Scout & Guide Groups

Gang Show and Raffle – 20th and 21st March 2020

Two of our major fundraising activities to raise funds to enable us to provide activities and equipment for the young people as well as contributing to the room hire costs and insurances.

Gang Show

The Scouts and Guides at The Grove will be producing a pop-up Gang Show. Rehearsals on Friday evening (from 6pm) and all day Saturday, followed by performances on Saturday evening at 6pm and 7.45pm.

Please keep the dates free and bring your family and friends to one of the performances. More details to follow....

Grand Gang Show Raffle

The draw for the Raffle will take place at the second gang show performance on 21st March and we need your help.....

Luxury Hampers – please can you donate items for the hampers which will be a number of the prizes. Examples of items needed include unwanted Christmas gifts such as toiletries, chocolate etc. (Sorry, we are not allowed to accept alcohol). We are hoping to be able to make you several different hampers eg. Female Pamper Hamper, a Male Pamper Hamper, a Chocoholics Hamper, an International Food Hamper etc.

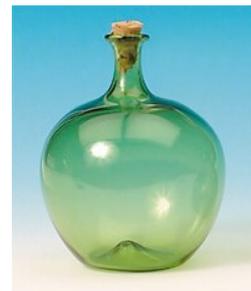
All donations to be brought to your child's section meeting by Friday 13th March.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be priced at £1 each or £5 per book with each young person being given two books of tickets to bring home to sell (more tickets available on request). We've got some great prizes so we need to sell as many tickets as possible. These will need to be returned to section leaders by **Friday 20th March**.

Your support is very important to enable us to provide the amazing activities for the young people.

Carboy Appeal: March and April 2020



Anyone who has seen the TV programme “Saving Lives at Sea” will be astounded at the courage and bravery shown by the volunteer crews of the RNLI rescue boats. It spurred my daughter to raise funds and become secretary of the RNLI Morecambe. I also support and would like to nominate it. After all we are surrounded by sea. As the hymn goes “ O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea”.

Barbara Carter

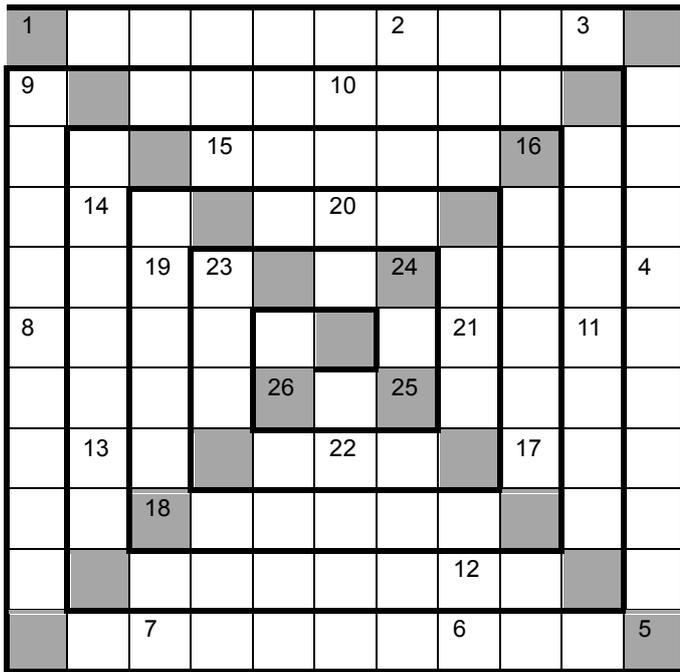
Messy Church at The Grove Centre



Saturday 14th March 4.00 - 5.30

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

Puzzle Page: Word Spiral 5



In the spiral, every answer (except the first) uses the last letter of the preceding answer as its initial letter, and the chain of words then follows a spiral path to the centre of the grid. The first letter is 'P'. When you have finished, the shaded diagonals should spell out two other words.

- 1 One who journeys as an act of religious devotion
- 2 It is said to be as good as a mile!
- 3 Soul, psyche, ethos, and it may be holy
- 4 Ancient percussion instrument
- 5 Could this musical instrument be untruthful?
- 6 Major festival of the church's year
- 7 Rethought a belief
- 8 Traditional Arabic boats
- 9 Bring under control
- 10 Zealot
- 11 A large bun, popular in Yorkshire
- 12 Accepting willingly
- 13 Body part not working well
- 14 A long time ago and used quite some time ago
- 15 Old Testament book about a queen
- 16 Flemish painter of *The Elevation of the Cross*
- 17 Musician who didn't finish his symphony
- 18 Worship style and community named after a French town
- 19 Official decree or proclamation
- 20 Large family group or social division?
- 21 Heather's alternative name
- 22 Reparation
- 23 One more along the world we go
- 24 Used to fasten cloth or paper together
- 25 Short substitute for negative clause
- 26 A suitable drink to go with 11

Tony Orton

Solutions to February 2020 Puzzles

Clueless Crossword: If all the words fit you have the solution!

Countdown numbers:

$100 \times 4 + 50 / (3 - 1)$ OR $(10 - 1)50 - 100 / 4$
 $50 \times 10 - 7(9 - 6)$ OR $(50 + 10 - 6)9 - 7$
 $75(9 - 5) - 7$ OR $(75 + 25)(8 - 5) - 7$
 $9 \times 8 \times 6 - 2$ OR $(6 \times 7 + 9 - 8)2 \times 5$
OR maybe you've found other solutions?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 6th March 2020

Service at The Grove 2.00 pm

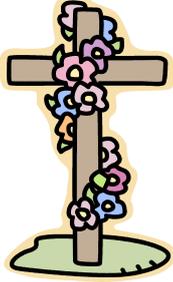
World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's program has been written by women in Zimbabwe and is based on John 5: 2-9a

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk



When Jesus meets someone who needs healing he asks “Do you want to be made well?” We also are faced with this life-changing question. We can use this service to reflect on our community and ecumenical partners. Prayers and actions are what links us together around the globe.

Dates for your diary:

<p>Holy Week Tues 7th April 7.30 pm (tbc) - The words of Jesus from the Cross. Leeds Trinity University chapel.</p>	
<p>Thurs 9th 7.30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service at The Grove</p>	
<p>Good Friday 10th 11.30 am - Walk of Witness from Central down Town Street 12.00 Noon - Service on the Green 12.30 pm - Soup & Hot Cross Buns at The Grove 7.30 pm - Service of music and meditation at The Grove</p>	
<p>Easter Sunday 12TH 6.00 am - Sunrise Service in Hall Park. 10.30 am - Easter Morning Service of Holy Communion at The Grove 6.00 pm - Easter Praise at Bramley Trinity.</p>	

What's on

Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday Break, 7.30pm at Michael and Janet's, 84 Morris Lane Tel. 0113 278 3278
Speaker Mr Peter Reasbeck

Thursday 5th March Ladies Group, 7.45 Small Hall, "The Art of Theatre" – Martin Kay

Wednesday 11th March, Wednesday Break, 7.30pm in the Church Parlour (Trevor and Jean hosting). "Steven Fox - Cycle Ride from Lands End to John O'Groat's".

Thursday 19th March, Ladies Group, 7.45 Small Hall, “Famous for Five Minutes” – a return visit by Malcolm Johnson

Saturday 28th March FRIENDS OF GUIDING COFFEE MORNING
10 -12 noon CENTRAL METHODIST Cake stall, book stall, bric a brac, home made cards and Tombola.

Wednesday 1st April, Wednesday Break, 7.30pm Chris and Christine’s, 21A West End Lane Tel. 0113 258 5942 (tba).

Thursday 2nd April, Ladies Group, “ A Fish and Chips Evening” at Murgatroyds, details to be notified later.

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the April issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary Mellor and you should send items to them - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 25th March. Please include details up to 3rd May

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