

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 (7.00 in winter months) Choir Rehearsal 0113 258 9093

Walking Groups: 1st Saturday & 3rd Thursday: Contact Keith 0113 258 6316

Dear Friends,

I saw a poster a few years ago that read: "Danger - Christmas is coming!"

I'm not quite sure what it was intended to convey but there is certainly some truth in the statement. I am not suggesting that it means we need to beware drunken drivers on their way home from the office party, nor does it refer to the fact that many of us will overeat and overspend during the weeks ahead. However we do need to be alert to the danger within ourselves and our friends that we can be so dazzled by the Christmas glitter that we miss the meaning.

We know the reality of the truth that we celebrate at this time of the year. This Christmas we should be praying for opportunities to say simply, sincerely, and without being pious, what the real meaning of Christmas is. If we pray, God opens up conversations. We need to be bold; God will give us the words.

So although Father Christmas, and crackers, and carols in every shop is all pretty harmless - there's still a danger that many of our friends are going to miss the point - again.

We should pray also for the opportunities we have as a church at this time of the year: the churches' Christmas card will be going into every home and there are the Christmas services to which visitors come. Ask God that those who preach may speak in such a way that eyes are opened to who the baby in the manger is rather than merely cooing at such a homely scene. The truth of Christmas is "God with us" – that's what Emmanuel means.

May our church this Christmas be a place where some who long to know more about God are able to meet with him in person.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Mark

Thought for the month

When we are linked up by the power of prayer, we, as it were hold each other's hand as we walk side by side along a slippery path: and thus by bounteous disposition of charity, it comes about that the harder each one leans on the other the more firmly we are riveted together in brotherly love. *St Gregory the Great.*

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:

13th November Roswyn Revell
14th November Hilda Massey

Sunday Services in December

1st	10.30	Mr Stephen Barber
	6.00	United Service at St Margaret's
8th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Family, Parade & Toy Service
	6.00	United Service at Trinity
15th	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Nativity Service
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
22nd	10.30	Rev. Peter Reasbeck - Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Candlelight Carol Service
24th	6.00	Christingle Service
25th	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey
29th	10.30	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson - United Service

Community Carol service

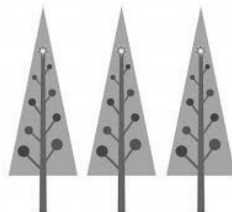
We are holding a Community Carol service at 12.30pm on Tuesday 17th December. All will be very welcome to this short lunchtime festive service. There will be soup and a roll and mince pies available before and after the service.

and in January

5th	10.30	Local Arrangement
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
12th	9.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Holy Communion
	10.30	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Family and Parade Service
	6.00	Holy Habits
19th	10.30	Mrs Jean Orton/Exchange
	6.00	United Service at Woodside
26th	10.30	Rev. Melvyn Kelly - Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Mark Godfrey - Taize Service

Stewards on Duty

December	1st	Michael Wallis and Paul Thompson
	8th	Paul Thompson and Cynthia Hatton
	15th	Ann Bailey and Kath Ashby
	16th	(evening) Phil Maud and Ann Bailey
	17th	(12.30) Caroline Turner and Phil Maud
	22nd	Kath Ashby and Michael Wallis
	24th	Cynthia Hatton and Paul Thompson
	25th	Michael Wallis and Kath Ashby
	29th	Kath Ashby and Caroline Turner
January	5th	Paul Thompson and Phil Maud
	12th	Caroline Turner and Cynthia Hatton
	19th	Phil Maud and Kath Ashby
	26th	Ann Bailey and Caroline Turner



Memories of Christmas Spent in Distant Lands

1. Jamaica

The Year is 1968 – a first Christmas as a married couple – and a very different one as we were living in Jamaica. “Jamaica” that very word brings back a myriad of memories and to home-in on one specific day (as I’ve been requested to do) is not so easy 50 odd years on!



However, two things did come straight to mind. Having sailed over the Atlantic in the July on an Elders and Fyffes banana boat carrying 100 passengers, we met a Jamaican family during the 17 days we were at sea. They became friends and as Christmas approached, though not regular attenders, they mentioned they always went to church on Christmas morning and would we like to go with them? I was very keen to go and so we accepted their invitation. I remember nothing of the details of the service (its the same story the world over of course) yet what I can still bring back to mind vividly was the atmosphere inside that little church at Half-way Tree, a suburb of Kingston. The joyful happiness of the congregation was infectious and the singing was something to behold. They were totally jubilant about being in the House of the Lord to celebrate his birth on this special day. The slatted windows of the church were all wide open to let in the sunshine and a few gentle breezes wafted through to cool us down – so different from home in the middle of winter!

What happened next I cannot be sure about, except that we must have gone home for the next great “looked-forward to event”. We had booked a transatlantic telephone call to speak to my parents. Anthony’s parents did not have a telephone. It is hard to believe in this technological age what an excitement it was to make that link. We had a mere 3 minutes before the call was terminated. What do you say in such a short time when you have not spoken in 6 months? It went something like this..

“Lovely to hear your voice”, “Are you well?”, “What's the weather doing?” “Happy Christmas and Lots of love”.

Rita Grainger

2. Australia

Christmas at the other side of the world is not really my cup of tea. My middle daughter, Tracy, lives in a flat overlooking the sea and with a view to the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Christmas Eve was really like it is here at the Grove - Christingle at her local church, celebrated approximately 12 hours before yours. So we were able to link up with you all via modern technology and with Allison and Phil Maud. Christmas morning dawned all sunny and hot. We planned to go out for lunch as cooking the full turkey feast in the flat was a bit much when there were ten of us.

So, we set off via ferry to Circular Quay (everything is done by ferry). The restaurant faces the Opera House and was a beautiful setting, unfortunately ruined by a torrential rain storm. Didn't spoil it for us really, we had beautiful food, great music and funny hats - which we have sometimes used again here at the Grove. We then returned to the flat to open pressies, play games and of course a nap! (just for my embarrassment they took a photo).

Boxing Day was spent watching the start of the Annual Sydney to Hobart boat race.

We stayed until New Year's Eve and were able to watch the fantastic Harbour Bridge firework display from the balcony. Amazing!

The Australians seem to prefer New Year to Christmas. For example the fish market stays open for 36 hours prior to New Year as the main dish is barbequed at your home or on the beach.

It was a lovely time but I still prefer a white Christmas at home.

But..... you go where your family might be!

Janet Marshall

3. New Zealand

Our son Stephen lives near Wellington. They are 13hrs ahead of us and enjoying summer weather. He says that Christmas doesn't mean quite the same when you are cooking burgers, outside in warm sunshine.



So.....one year he decided to have a turkey dinner in July, using a camping stove, while sitting in the snow on top of a mountain.

Mary Mellor

4. Canada

Before Christmas many families will have headed out to a 'tree farm' to select their tree whilst others choose their tree from the pop-up lot on the corner. Either way, a real tree plus decorating equals lots of fun. However, it is not the custom to send or receive as many cards as we do here. Also the greeting of 'Happy Christmas' has been overtaken by 'Happy Holiday'.



Christmas Eve sees friends and family gather for an evening of food, drinks and stories. In our family an old LP of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, with Ronald Coleman speaking the wonderful text, has a special place in our hearts. This old stand-by plays on while family members chime in with text they have memorised over the years! Children have hung their stockings for Santa Claus to fill with goodies. In church, the Christmas Eve Service final carol '*Silent Night*' is sung by candlelight and brings an emotional end to the day.

On Christmas Day, The Christmas Feast. In Canada this can take many and varied forms, as Canadians with family roots from around the world blend their family traditions with the new foods of Canada. Our families, with English/Scottish roots, sticks to the centrepiece turkey, with stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and squash, carrots (but no sprouts). The traditional mince pie is *not* a real favourite here (except in our family). Most people are just not familiar with it *and we have never had Christmas Pudding*. So, dessert can be a French *buche de noel*, an Italian *Tiramisu* or a Ukranian, Swedish, Mexican speciality.... you name it, it can happen. Traditional Christmas cake is loved by some, but disdained by many.

A popular tradition is the Nut Cracker Ballet, performed every year (our daughter-in-law Jen and her sister Sarah both danced major roles). We also attended a 'Come & Sing Messiah' held in one of the major theatres and where the Conductor (who had been doing it for 19 years) was dressed as Handel and used a scroll as a baton - or a half eaten chicken leg! We also went to the annual Cavalcade of Light - a colourful extravaganza of music, lights, noise and enjoyment in Toronto.

In the days after the 'Big Feast', Canadians all hope for snow (but don't often get - when we were there it was minus 1 at it's coldest).

Janet Wallis

Famous Methodists

Harold Burgoyne Rattenbury

Harold Burgoyne Rattenbury was born on 15th February 1878 in Witney, Oxfordshire, into a 'prestigious Methodist family'. His grandfather was John Rattenbury (1806-1879), a renowned orator; his father was Henry Owen Rattenbury (1843-1904); his brother J. Ernest Rattenbury (1870-1963) and who was born in Stanningley - all preachers. His sister Helena was a deaconess.

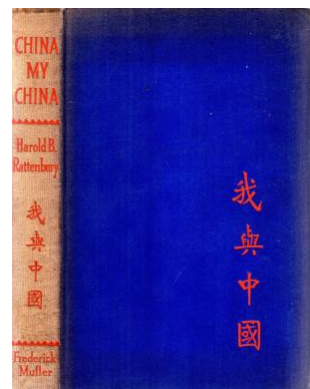
He attended Woodhouse Grove School, graduated at London University and undertook ministerial training at Headingley College. He left in 1902 for his first appointment, as a missionary to China. His major concern was evangelism in the Wuchang District (later renamed Hupeh District in 1932). Being a fluent Chinese speaker he developed an interest in education.

He eventually became more involved in education and assisted at the Wesley Boys' School. In September 1907 he married Edith Brewer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs John Brewer and who had been working for the Wesleyan Women's Association in Teh Ngan. Sadly Edith died in childbirth in November 1912.

In 1914 he married Emily Ewins (b. 1886) and who had worked for the Wesleyan Society in Wuchang. Family commitments meant that Emily returned to England 1927 and Harold returned in 1934, becoming General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society. His work involved China and Burma until 1950. As part of that work he visited both countries in 1939 and 1946 - this later period coincided with very turbulent times in China. During both the Japanese invasion of China and the Communist Revolution he insisted, against government advice, that missionaries 'stay at their posts'. This led to some suffering internment.

He broadcast regularly and wrote and published books (e.g. *China My China*) and articles on China and Christianity. In 1949 he served as President of the Methodist Conference and later as Supernumary in Enfield. He died in 1961.

Gordon Mellor



To All Our Friends at The Grove

**Wishing you a Christmas
filled with the
special warmth of friendship,
the precious joy of sharing,
and the wonderful love of
Jesus**



Instead of sending Christmas Cards, we have made donations to our favourite charities:

*Amnesty International; Arthritis Care; Arthritis Research UK; Barnardo's;
Breast Cancer Research; British Heart Foundation;
Cancer Research UK; Cats Protection League;
Children's Liver Disease Fund; Christian Aid; Compassionate Friends; Crisis;
Diabetes UK; Downs Syndrome Association; Flying for Life (MAF); Gideons;
Grove Methodist Church;
Guide Dogs for the Blind; Imperial Cancer; Joseph's Appeal;
Kidney Research UK; Laura Crane Youth Cancer Trust; Leprosy Mission;
Marie Curie Cancer Care; Martin House; Mercy Ships;
Methodist Relief and Development Fund (All We Can); MHA;
Multiple Sclerosis Society; Muscular Dystrophy; Myeloma and Leukemia;
NCH Action for Children; NSPCC; Oxfam; PDSA; PhysioNet;
Pituitary Society; Prostate Cancer UK;
REAP (Rural Extension with Africa's Poor); RNIB; RNID; RNLI;
Salvation Army; SCOPE; Shelter; Smile Train; St George's Crypt;
Take Heart; Target Ovarian Cancer; Wheatfields Hospice;
Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and Yorkshire Cancer Research.*

Philip and Carole Abel; Kath Ashby; Ann Bailey; Barbara Bainbridge;
Brian and Margaret Ball; Alan and Pam Beck; Bill and Morag Black;
Anne Blackburn; David and Barbara Buckley; John and Kathryn Bussey;
Harry Castle; Barbara Collis; Jean Douglas; Eric and Linda Douglass;
Carol Emmott; Alan and Sharon Firth; Trevor and Jean Fox;
Ken and Betty France; Bill, Lynne and Sam Gill;
Rev Mark and Jenny Godfrey, Anthony and Rita Grainger;
Christine Harding; Brian and Wendy Hartley; Cynthia Hatton;
Ricky and Christine Hearn; Margaret Heaton; Dave and Shirley Hodgson;
Graham and Carol Hoyle; Elaine Hudson; Albert and Gill Jewell;
Nev and Joan Kaye; John, Susan, Juliet and Laura Kitching; Lizzie Lambert;
Ian and Pauline Low; Gill and Andrew Marley; Eileen Marsey;
Phil and Allison Maud and family; Peter and Janette Mawson;
Gordon and Mary Mellor; Jack Myers; Trevor and Jennifer Newby;

Vera O'Hara; Tony and Jean Orton; Mel and Dorina Overson;
Gladys Pagden; Sylvia Parker; Tom and Jean Payne;
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Elaine Ramsden; Peter Reasbeck; Chris and Christine Seller;
Paul Shagouri; Sheila Shippey; Ruth Symons; Judi Swales; Kath Taylor;
Howard and Beryl Thompson; Paul, Louise, Ben and Richard Thompson;
Chris and Caroline Turner; Andy Walker; Michael and Janet Wallis;
Helena Watkins; David and Evelyn Whiteley; Brian and Mitzi Whitham;
Keith and Trish Whitham; Betty Wigglesworth; Margaret Wilks



Oh! lovely voices of the sky
Which hymned the Saviour's birth
Are ye not singing still on high
Ye that sang "Peace on Earth"

Felicia Hemans

Solutions to last month's Mystery Crossword

Across: Transfiguration, Quartets, Teazle, Vexed, Jihadists, Waxy, Ought, Amos, Foal, Tempo, Musk, Standards, Blame, Flaunt, Nowadays, Ecclesiasticism. **Down:** Route, Apostolic, Nursery, Lingual, Flea, Contraltos, Gushing, Madonna, Retraction, Swat, Tzarina, Melodic, Oblations, Mayas.

Grove Church - Users of the Premises

The second in our series illustrating the many and diverse range of users who meet here at the Grove and which not only introduces the Community to our Church but provides a valuable connection for the Grove.

Northern Arts Factory

Our theatre school is a friendly, fun and dynamic place to be, your child will be encouraged to play a major part in the creative process contributing ideas and making decisions about their work. Your child's voice is important to us, including the shy and the



confident alike, we will help you to build their confidence and character for whatever career the future holds. At Northern Arts Factory our aim is not simply to teach or educate, it's to see a child of all ages blossom, learn and shine. We are far removed from any notions of stardom or celebrity, your child's happiness is at the heart of what we do.

Dance Classes consist of technique classes developing core physical skills, strength, stamina, flexibility and co-ordination. A range of dance styles will be explored including: contemporary, street, jazz and musical theatre. Children need to wear comfortable clothing and bring a drink.

Drama Classes consist of workshops to develop communication skills, co-operation, concentration and memory. A range of genres will be explored including: mime, improvisation, script, musical theatre and devising. Children need to wear comfortable clothing and bring a drink. We will hold two showcases a year to allow children to build confidence and perform for friends and family.

Mini Drama Classes take children on a weekly adventure to a magical land developing their imagination and nurturing creativity. Using puppetry, movement, music, mime and vocal exercises children develop their communication, listening and physical skills whilst being entertained and having lots of sensory fun!!

Sally Harington and Anne Keighley

Christmas Puzzle Page

1. Wordsearch: Find as many words as you can which come from Bible accounts of the Nativity. (There are also some other Christmas words).

T	F	I	G	Q	U	I	R	I	N	I	U	S	X	J
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A	I	G	H	H	O	U	R	Y	U	L	E	M	A	S
R	V	O	Y	O	I	S	H	E	E	P	I	E	S	E
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T	L	I	S	M	I	L	E	I	R	B	A	G	E	T
H	E	S	N	E	C	N	I	K	N	A	R	F	Z	U
S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	S	U	S	E	J	S

2. Word Sudoku Puzzle:

	E	S					K	
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	K					W	O	

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3×3 box contains the letters of the word 'SNOWFLAKE'.

3. More words:

How many words can you make up from the nine letters of the word -

CHRISTMAS?

For example, there's IT, CAT, MISS, SMART, and many others, even without using plurals. Why not try to get at least 100! Note that S may be used twice only because it occurs twice in 'CHRISTMAS'.

Tony Orton

"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year"
Charles Dickens

Children's Activities at The Grove in 2020

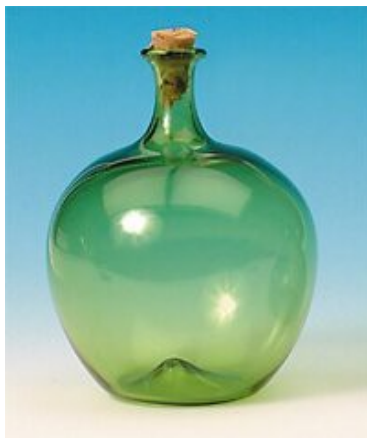
We have been thinking about the Children's Activities that we run at The Grove and what we should do in 2020. Whilst Messy Church is really good, we do get more people at Activity Mornings and Holiday Club so we have decided that we'll increase our number of Activity Mornings (which are usually held on a Thursday in school holidays) in 2020 and only do Messy Church on a Saturday in the months that we don't have an Activity Morning or Holiday Club.

We won't be having either in December 2019 as the first 2 Saturdays are Horsforth Light Switching On & Carols in the Park – both of which most of our families will go to. Also the way the school holiday dates and Christmas & New Year public holidays work this year, doesn't leave room for an Activity Morning. However, we are going to try a **Family Film Morning on Thursday 2nd January at 10:00 am**, (children must be accompanied by an adult) when we'll be showing the film "**Nativity!**" (U classification, 101 minutes. It's about two primary schools who vie for the best nativity production in their school). We will also have a room for preschoolers with toys and the option of making a calendar to take home.

Opposite is the programme for Children's Events for 2020 (J Team will of course be running every Sunday except parade, when there will be a creche). Please do tell any families you know about these different activities and give them the dates to put in their diaries! Activity mornings are 10:00 am – 12 noon and Messy Church is on Saturday 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

Jenny Godfrey

Month	Day	Date	Activity
Christmas 2019/New Year 2020	Thursday	2 nd January	Family film morning + toddler play
January	Saturday	11 th January	Messy Church
February	Thursday	20 th February	Early Pancake Activity morning
March	Saturday	14 th March	Messy Church
April	Thursday	16 th April	Easter Activity morning
May	Saturday	9 th May	Messy Church
June	Saturday	13 th June	Messy Church
July	Saturday	11 th July	Messy Church
August	Holiday Club	17 th – 21 st August	Holiday Club
September	Saturday	12 th Sept	Messy Church
October	Thursday	29 th October	Light Party (or pumpkin party)
November	Saturday	14 th November	Messy Church
December	Monday	21 st December	Activity Morning



Carboy Charity Appeal – December

Marie Curie Cancer Care and Research

The Charity was founded in 1948 and is now one of Britain's best known and most active charities.



With your support Marie Curie can be there for more people living with a terminal illness, and their families, and helping them to get the most from the time that they have left.

Alan and Sharon Firth

And January

PhysioNet

When visiting Sarajevo Peter and Valerie Thompson saw the need for special paediatric physiotherapy equipment for children severely disabled in the Bosnian war. Back in England they found a surplus of aids including wheelchairs, crutches, walking frames, etc. After meeting Sarajevo's needs they realised they could supply needs in other countries.

This led to the birth of PhysioNet based in North Yorkshire. They now have contact with professional and caring people throughout Britain who provide them with redundant aids free of charge. Damaged wheelchairs are delivered to HM prisons for repair. Volunteers collect and pack them before they are shipped in containers around the world.

In 2003 alone, 50 tonnes of perfectly good equipment was saved from UK scrapyards and sent to South Africa, Fiji, The Gambia, India, Ghana, Mexico, Bulgaria and Belarus. If they were new, the estimated value of these exports would be over £1 million.

PhysioNet was given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the MBE for Voluntary Groups.

The money raised from this Appeal will be used to help transport equipment all over the world.

Dorina Overson

Carols in the Park

Saturday 14th December 4.00 - 4.30pm

Carols under the stars

with a hot drink, a mince pie and glow sticks for children.



If you can help by:

- providing mince pies
- stewarding
- making or serving refreshments
- being part of the Nativity Scene

Please contact Jean Orton or Phil Maud..... or sign the notice on the board outside Main Hall.

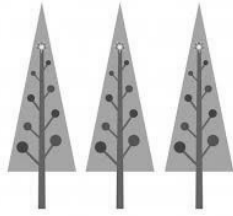
The Grove Cinema

Friday 13th December "White Christmas" (1954)

Friday 17th January "Les Miserables" (2012)

ADMISSION FREE, donations welcome

Half-time interval with refreshments



"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

(Longfellow had connections with Yorkshire. Ancestors lived in Ilkley in the 16th century. Apparently, one of them, John Longfellow, contributed 'fourpence' when Henry V111 sought subsidies in his fight with the French. Some descendants of that family lived in Horsforth).

Hilda Massey 1921-2019

Hilda Massey was a lifelong Methodist . She grew up in Birmingham and lived most of her life in the Midlands. She trained as a nurse and after her daughter Jayne was born she further trained as a midwife . She came to Leeds with her husband and attended St Andrews Methodist Church in Pudsey. After her husband died she moved to Horsforth and when she ceased driving, began attending The Grove. Hilda was a valued member of the Women's Fellowship and made many friends. She was always present at Sunday morning services and loved her church. She had such a strong faith and said her prayers every day but regretted that she could no longer read either the Bible or her beloved hymns. However she knew her hymnbook thoroughly and chose the hymns for her funeral. After a fall she could no longer live alone and went to live with Jayne in Bramley. While there she suffered two strokes. Bravely and persistently she recovered from the first. She used to say "I'm a fighter" and so she was with the help of her daughter. She was so proud of her family, three grandsons and their families. Hilda died peacefully in St James' Hospital at the age of 98.

We remember Hilda and hold her family in our prayers. *Gill Jewell*



What's On

Thurs 5th Dec	Ladies Group - Cards with Jean Kemp 7.45pm in the Small Hall
Sat 7th Dec	Farmers Market with Carol Singing and Christmas Treasure Hunt
	Switch on the Christmas Lights on the Green - afternoon
Wed 11th Dec	Wednesday Break at David and Barbara's 6.00pm - Christmas Carols and Faith Supper
Fri 13th Dec	Grove Cinema - White Christmas
Thurs 19th Dec	Ladies Group - Christmas Party 7.45pm in the Small Hall
Mon 23rd Dec	Carols in the Pubs (details later)
Thurs 24th Dec	Christingle Service 6.00pm at Grove Church Midnight Communion at Central (11.30pm)
Thurs 2nd Jan	Family Film morning and Toddler Play (10am-12noon)
Wed 8th Jan	Wednesday Break 6.30-7pm Cookridge Methodist Church Film Evening
Thurs 16th Jan	Ladies Group - Phil Maud 7.45pm in the Small Hall
Fri 17th Jan	Grove Cinema - Les Miserables
Wed 22nd Jan	Wednesday Break - Mark Godfrey 7.30pm Church Parlour
Thurs 30th Jan	Ladies Group - South Africa - Mary and Gordon Mellor 7.45pm in the Small Hall

From the Editorial Group

Please note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b.
the **February** Issue will be prepared by **Gill** and you should send
items to her no later than **5pm on Wednesday 22nd January.**
Please include dates up to Sunday 1st March.

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