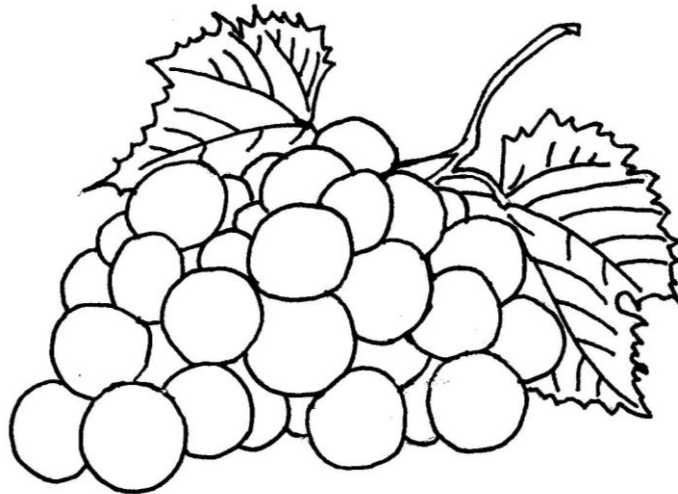


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**The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the
Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its
discipleship in worship, service and mission**

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Minister's letter

Dear Friends,

At last we can look forward to a return to our church buildings. As we are very well aware things will be significantly different for the time being. A letter has already gone out giving full details about how we shall need to proceed so there is no need to repeat that information here. We shall need to proceed with great care and we understand that there will be those who feel uncomfortable about joining us at present. We can each make our own choices about what we feel comfortable doing.

We shall effectively be making a fresh start after a considerable time away. It may be the longest time we have been out of our buildings at least in living memory. I know there was a fire many years ago which would presumably have made the building unusable for some time. I've been reminded of some things that Brian Hoare said when we returned to our buildings at Trinity, Harrogate after a nine month exile for refurbishment. He reminded us of the importance of our past. We are who we are because of those who have gone before us. We are building on the work of those who have served God within the life of our church over many years. It is right to celebrate the faith of those who worked to have the church built and have maintained the life and work over the years since then.

We build on the past but we can't live in the past. We live in the present and we are challenged to respond to the needs of the community in which we live and of which we are part. Some positive things have come out of this pandemic. The way that the community has rallied round to assist those in the greatest need has been impressive. It's good that the church has very much been a part of that. We may have been closed but we have been able to maintain our presence on Town Street with the displays that Phil & Allison Maud have worked so hard on.

As a church we are also looking to the future. The future is always uncertain and none of us knows for certain what God has in store for us. That is more obvious than ever now with the continued uncertainty about future lockdowns. However we can face the future with optimism and hope. Hopefully there will be a gradual return of our regular activities and the groups that use our premises are beginning to return and reopen. We realise that it will be a long time before some groups will be able to function again and we hold those groups and activities in our prayers. This is an uncertain but still exciting time for us as a church. My hope and prayer are that we may be open to the leading of God as we move forward in his name.

With best wishes, Mark.

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 loneliness and isolation. Remember those who have Covid19 that they may fully recover their health and those who are caring for them risking their own lives in so doing; all vulnerable people that they may stay safe and well, especially now there is more freedom to get about again. Pray also for our government that they may have wisdom in the days that lie ahead.

We remember those who have recently died:

Pauline Podmore died 3rd August. Funeral 2nd September at Rawdon
Ian Low died recently in August. Funeral service at The Grove 1.15pm
2nd September (by invitation only due to limited numbers).

Ian Routledge 4th February 1931- 3rd June 2020

Ian Routledge was a member and regular attender at The Grove from 2004 until deteriorating health prevented him 2-3 years ago.

Ian grew up in Carlisle and enjoyed playing sport from an early age. His National Service was spent in the RAF, being posted to Hong Kong. He trained as a teacher in York eventually returning to Carlisle, to teach Religious Education and P.E. He was a popular teacher, keeping in touch with some pupils for years. His Christian faith was important to him and he joined Currock Methodist Church, where he helped to run the youth club and became a local preacher. There he met Angela, a trainee nurse and they married in 1962. Their son Chris was born in 1963 followed by Judith in 1965. Ian also found time to volunteer for the Samaritans.

In 1974 the family moved to Sunderland where Ian became a lecturer in education at the Polytechnic. He was always a very active man, playing badminton, squash and later bowls, and loved being involved in his children's activities. Sunderland FC became a life-long passion which he shared with Chris. He took a keen interest in historical events, politics and current affairs and loved classical music and opera, singing in choirs and he played the piano from an early age.

Ian was a strong family man and he and Angela enjoyed 58 happy years together. They moved to Horsforth in 2004, near to Judith and family, and enjoyed looking after their two small granddaughters when



needed. Ian became a regular worshipper at The Grove, and enjoyed being part of a large busy church. We remember him as a real Christian gentleman, always smartly dressed, cheerful and friendly, with a great sense of humour.

In his last couple of years, Ian suffered with Vascular Dementia and poor mobility and Angela developed Alzheimer's. She moved to Cookridge Court Care Home where Ian joined her earlier this year. He died in his 90th year and the Rev Mark Godfrey conducted a small family funeral at Rawdon. He is sadly missed by his family (including his 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren) and his many friends. Donations in his memory will be given to the British Heart Foundation.

Kathryn Bussey - Pastoral Visitor

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Claire Wheeler writes:

Thomas (2 years old) is missing J-Team and Tots and Tykes, but is enjoying getting to know his new sister. Helena was born during lockdown, and proud parents Claire and Phil are grateful to have stayed in touch with The Grove throughout this time. A big thank you to the J Team leaders for continuing to send resources and keeping up our connection with you. We look forward to worshipping together again in person when it is possible, and introducing Helena to church activities.



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A Thank you

Betty West would like to thank all her friends at the Grove for the beautiful cards, presents and flowers for her special birthday.

" I had a lovely birthday lunch in the garden with my family. I wish you could all have been there to celebrate with me.

Love to you all and thanks again, Betty"

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Congratulations to the Rev. Peter Reasbeck on reaching 60 years as a Methodist minister. Peter has been in The Grove Horsforth as an active supernumerary minister and has just received a letter of appreciation from the President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Richard Teal.

'Apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15: 5)

Here is another hymn for those who have no access to a hymn book at this difficult time. It is North American through and through, is of Baptist origins, and was first sung in England by Ira D Sankey in London in 1874. Strangely, it has never been in the hymn book of some denominations. It is also interesting that words have not been updated in *Singing the Faith*.

1 I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford:

*I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour;
I come to thee.*

2 I need thee every hour;
stay thou by me;
Temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh:

3 I need thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain:

4 I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfil:

As with previous hymns, this one is also in the public domain and free from all copyright restrictions. It was written by Annie Sherwood Hawks (1835–1918), an American poet who wrote many hymns, often in collaboration with her minister, Robert Lowry. He wrote the music for this hymn, and also the words of the chorus. His own works are probably much better known than Annie's. His most popular hymns include 'Low in the grave he lay (Christ arose)', 'Shall we gather at the river' and the music for the anonymous hymn 'How can I keep from singing'.

Tony Orton

Life in the NHS during Covid-19



In December I decided that I was not yet ready to retire from my life as Senior Sister at LGI and would carry on for a couple more years. I was not to know at that time what a challenge 2020 would be for all who work within the NHS! I have therefore been on not quite the front line during the last few months but they have definitely been a very different experience to the last 40 years of NHS working.

My departments of Hand Surgery and Plastic Surgery treat trauma and cancer patients and therefore we were not able to stop all our activity. The Trust undertook a huge programme of reorganisation to allow the main sites of St James and LGI to become 'hot' areas for suspected and confirmed Covid-19 cases, suddenly in 3 days we had to pack and move 2 departments, staff and equipment into a small area at Chapel Allerton Hospital (CAH), contact patients, other departments, move phone numbers, electronic equipment and establish new ways of working within 2 metre distance, with masks, gowns and visors.

My team, a close group willing to work together, came in on their day off and arranged our new department ready to open on the Monday.

We immediately saw the advantages of CAH, we could have lunch outside, travelling was so quiet we gained extra minutes in bed in the mornings and arriving home to enjoy the evenings instead of been stuck in the traffic of Kirkstall Road. The challenges, however, were to increase, as not only was the space tiny and social distancing hard, but we were not very welcome by the staff who, I think, were suspicious and worried about our move from LGI, but we put on our smiles and tried to allay their fears.

I was then asked for 6 members of my team to relocate back to the LGI to work within at risk Covid-19 areas, this request was Thursday evening for them to start working on Saturday. Friday was another challenge but after a few tears (from those staying behind!!) they all came up to the mark as I knew they would, changed their hours and working patterns as they were now expected to work weekends and bank holidays, and got on with the job.

I was therefore left with half a team, a small working area, clinics and dressings which needed attention, many on patients who were susceptible to infection and reluctant to visit. Our medical teams were also starting to work in different ways, allowing them to cover our wards which had only Covid-19 positive patients as well as covering our clinics and trauma surgery, a traumatic time for them all as they were asked to treat patients suffering from a disease they had never seen before, and sadly, were not able to save a number of them.

We very quickly developed a system which worked for us all and allowed

important down time hopefully to help to protect us all. We changed the hours we worked to a shorter 5 day week as opposed to our normal 4 long days of working, this allowed enough staff each day to cover the areas which were needed.

Prior to Covid-19 we had been working for approximately 2 years on moving to a full electronic notes system without the need for using paper but this was a slow and laborious, argumentative process.

Suddenly we lost paper overnight and all notes were electronic, not all patients were seen face to face but by a telephone call or video consultation. We even managed to give wound and dressing advice with photos and telephone calls!! New ways of working, many of which will continue in the 'new normal' challenge, accepted and improved in a couple of weeks. It is amazing what can be achieved when we have to and everyone works together.

The most amazing thing about our weeks of work during lockdown is the immense amount of love which has been aimed at all staff within the NHS; it is wonderful that all staff have been included as certainly none of us could do what we do without the great team who work in the background who are often not recognised. I have always loved my job and have never expected anything in return counting myself lucky to be involved in work I enjoy.

Patients who are healed and discharged are what makes our jobs worthwhile and the only thanks we need. Suddenly we had all this hero worship which was wonderful but also a little embarrassing as we were 'doing our job' to the best of our ability in very difficult times as were many others.

We are now back in one of my departments in the LGI after another 3 day notice move, this time however we were able to include it in our working hours. I have also got 90% of my team back all fit and well, we continue with the daily issues of small working space and 2 meter rules whilst trying to increase the volume of face to face work we do as we now begin to see all those people who have been patiently waiting to come for treatment. We will also increase our trauma work again as the people of Leeds go out and enjoy themselves but also get injured and need help. We have no idea when we will be allowed to have our full space again but we will continue to improve and take with us into our 'new normal' the positives of lockdown as well as learning from our mistakes and move on into planning our new build.

Do I regret changing my mind about retirement? Definitely not ! I am not the sort of person who could have walked out and left my team to cope; we will march on together for the benefit of all my patients but I am certain I will not be with them in the new build in approx 5 years time.

*Sue Arnold
Senior Sister
Hands and Plastics LGI*

Rhubarb

Like many others in lockdown I have spent some time in exploring and rationalising the content of boxes and drawers undisturbed for almost a generation.

Much has been discarded. But some gems have been discovered, including an account from the Methodist Recorder of March 18th 1993.

Rev Kathleen Richardson was the first woman to be president of the Methodist Conference and, in that capacity, was invited, with a few others, to lunch with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. There is a brief report of others who were present and conversations between them.

What interested me was the menu:

Quails eggs in a salmon champagne sauce

Supreme de Volaille au CitronVert

Courgettes au Beurre

Carottes Glacées

Pommes Byron and salad

Parfait a la Rhubarbe

I'm not sure about the French. But I rather fancy the pudding (if that's the word used at the Palace.)

Peter Reasbeck

Let's hope it was Yorkshire rhubarb. Ed.

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Solutions to July/August 2020 Puzzles:

2. Conundrums: DISCIPLES, SADDUCEES, NATHANIEL, MAGDALENE, BETHSAIDA, CAPERNAUM, SAMARITAN, CENTURION, GALATIANS, EPHESIANS.

3. Add a letter: JAMES, PETER, JESUS, HEROD, ANNAS, LYDIA.

4. Crossword: **Across:** 7 Paternoster, 8 Adorn, 9 Prelate, 11 David, 12 Absalom, 16 Adagios, 18 Child, 19 Apparel, 21 Piety, 23 Lamentation.

Down: 1 Handmaid, 2 Yearning, 3 One, 4 Ascribe, 5 Zeal, 6 Stream, 10 All, 13 Atheists, 14 Oblation, 15 Forever, 16 Ararat, 17 Asp, 20 Away, 22 Eta.

Moves towards Protestantism in Mediaeval and 16th century France. Part 1

When we look at a map of mediaeval Europe today we can see that it does not resemble that which we recognise now. Much of its territory was divided out amongst different states, rulers and the church. France was just the same. The king of France was just one of five ruling bodies in that territory. His lands spread from Paris, the ancient seat of the monarchy. In the northwest, Brittany was a separate Duchy. In the southeast relatives of the Holy Roman Emperor ruled a large section of land called Burgundy that stretched to the Mediterranean. Provence, or part of it, was ruled by the Italians. Most powerful and dangerous were the English kings, descendants of William the Conqueror of 1066, who claimed, through his inheritance, large sections of southwest France, namely Aquitaine and Gascony. They built their castles there and took their armies to be ready to fight. The English also owned Calais, a useful port nearest to the English coastline, which was needed in the 100 Years War 1337-1453.

This war, that lasted on and off for all those years, was fought by the English kings, who, through their ancestry, claimed more and more French territory. Edward III was the leader, his son, the Black Prince, followed and Henry V continued with it. Three battles were won - Crécy, Poitiers and Agincourt, but England finally lost, including all its territories except Calais and even that was lost by Mary Tudor.

France, like other European countries, was a Roman Catholic country in mediaeval times. The papacy greatly valued its adherence to the catholic faith, dogma, practices and authority. In Rome, in the latter years of the 14th century, the papacy was the focus of aggressive and confrontational behaviour from three men, each of whom claimed to be Pope. Such was the conflict that the papacy was moved to France to the city of Avignon and stayed there for 51 years. This ecclesiastical rift became known historically as 'The Great Schism' 1378-1429. France temporarily became the leader of Catholicism. In the 15th century into France and other European countries came the Renaissance, the rebirth of interest and discovery of the classical era of Ancient Greece and Rome, the philosophy, literature and arts, sculpture and architecture of that period. A moral or intellectual system arose among the educated, called humanism, that regarded the interests of mankind of supreme importance compared with those of the individual. Religion started to be re-examined. New ideas started to spread.

The University of Paris or 'La Sorbonne' Founded in 1208 claimed to be

the first university that existed. Like other early universities it offered theology, law and medicine to its students for their studies and later progressing to the liberal arts. Unlike modern times, to enter, a student chose a university that appealed to him. No examination existed. A student would travel around, sometimes crossing over into other countries for a university that offered the latest ideas in education. This could and would cause trouble, particularly if new ideas focused on religion. Francis I, 1494-1547, was the first King of France to come into contact with new religious ideas that looked to change that which constituted the Roman Catholic Church. Change did come about in France, with disruption, repression and searches for places of refuge, that continued into the 16th and 17th centuries.

Christine Mathers

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Caring for Life

Caring for Life is currently open for the restaurant, the garden nurseries and 'Grab and Go' for coffee and food to take outside. They will welcome your custom.



Each Harvest time they welcome gifts for their food store which allow them to provide food parcels (and later on Christmas hampers) for those who attend their farm projects. This year they make two suggestions for giving in this different and difficult time:

- 1) Sending a donation to help them to cover the cost of replenishing their food stores, or
- 2) Organising an online supermarket order to be delivered directly to Caring for Life.

Having a good supply of baked beans, tinned soup and tinned fruit, they suggest tins of spaghetti, ravioli, corned beef or ham, tuna, custard, potatoes, or pasta sauce in jars; other goods such as rice, coffee, juice, biscuits. Chocolate & treats for Christmas hampers.

Caring for Life is to be found at Crag House Farm on Otley Old Road, Cookridge, LS16 7NH tel:0113 230 3600

Puzzle Page: For All The Saints Mix-up

Countries, churches, companies, institutions, occupations and others all claim patron saints. Below are a list of patronages and a list of saints, but they don't match correctly. Can you correct the associations?

<u>Patronage</u>	<u>Saint</u>	<u>Corrected version</u>
Animals and birds	Joseph	
Blind	Giles	
Carpenters	Cuthbert	
Dancers	Vitus	
Doctors	Andrew	
Fishermen	Dunstan	
Lepers	Thomas Aquinas	
Lovers	Luke	
Monks	Cecilia	
Motorists	Matthew	
Musicians	Valentine	
Scholars	Francis of Assisi	
Shepherds	Bede	
Students	Antony	
Tax collectors	Christopher	

Word Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the letters of the word NEIGHBOUR.

Tony Orton

A trip through a National Trust property by Boat.



What a strange thing to do you might say? I will explain!

Did you know that the National Trust once had a Canal in its care? The southern Stratford on Avon canal was in a poor state in the late 50s and early 60s and it was proposed that it be abandoned. The local canal society was able to fight this and were able to interest the National Trust to support them and take over the canal. Restoration work enabled it to be reopened to Stratford on Avon by 1964 and it wasn't returned to the control of British Waterways until 1988. The canal however still needed to be maintained and this was done by local and national waterway societies, armed services, and other volunteers. Malcolm and I went down a few times from Leeds joining the Waterway recovery group to help with the maintenance and restoration work. We had fairly primitive accommodation sleeping on church hall floors or similar but we were young and it was great fun. The end of the canal at Stratford enters the River Avon just by the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and is a beautiful spot surrounded by park and grassland. I shudder to think that the plan in the 60s was to clear the area for a bus station!

The most interesting journey by boat that we took was in the early 70s when Malcolm and I and three friends took an old wooden working boat down the waterway for restoration. The journey went quite well although the main problem was the draft of the boat. It was 4 foot which proved a difficulty in some shallower parts of the canal. Indeed on one hot day we grounded in the middle of the cut between locks. We knew it would be OK as Malcolm had gone on ahead, round the corner, to set the next lock and would soon return to help free us. Well, we waited and waited for some time. He had laid on the lock beam waiting for us and had fallen asleep in the sunshine!!! He then went to the above lock and flushed water down to release us. His nap took a few pints of the local cider for us all, to live down!

We kept up our interest in canals taking our girls on many fun holidays on them, also still supporting the continued restoration of canals including those in our own area like the Pocklington.

Kay Bassett

Mr and Mrs Maud take a year 'off'

No, not that Mr and Mrs.... but David and Beccy Maud. After renting their city centre flat and selling their car, plus a fortnight living with Phil and Alli, they are finally in Lesbos. Their long- planned year out has finally come together. We saw them off at Manchester Airport (yes we do have footage of the bus taking them to the terminal from park and ride) and they are now sunning themselves in an apartment with a pool, under the ruse of Covid isolation.

The plan was to go to Uganda for a year to let David volunteer at a medical clinic. They had seen the set up on an earlier visit to Shirley. Uganda is 'closed' so it was to Greece, where Beccy had spent a fortnight with work (legal help) earlier in the year. They expect to be in Lesbos for 3 months or so, then hopefully a friend's wedding in the Caribbean in December before going on to Uganda in the new year.

That's all for now; updates from David /Beccy will follow.

Phil and Alli 

PS: our video at Manchester shows 3 large suitcases, one massive rucksack plus hand luggage..all at the maximum allowed weight with extra bags paid for. A year's kit plus lots of stuff for the Uganda setting.

One suitcase didn't make it on to the plane.. David's clothes and all their charging plugs/wires! As David said, " Beach shorts, underpants, tee shirt and a towel hastily bought locally and all I have to do is sit by the pool for a week". The case took 5 days to arrive. Hey ho!!

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Thought for the month

The cross is where all the world's sufferings and horrors have been heaped up and dealt with. The resurrection is the launch of God's new creation, of his sovereign saving rule on earth God always wanted to work in his world through loyal human beings

Prof. Tom Wright



A message from Paul and Jenny Redfearn who are editing the Grove Vine for October:

Please consider if you can write something for the next month's Grove Vine, stories, adventures, experiences, book reviews, hobbies, favourite holidays, photos or anything a bit different. Can I hear you say, "Oh, I can't do that."? Why don't you, in the privacy of your own home, have a go? you may surprise yourself. Many of our readers have done just that in the past and have contributed some very interesting items for us to read.

Items should be sent as an attachment to an email, or written as an email to Paul and Jenny or handwritten and posted or delivered to Gordon or me to pass on to the Redfearns (as they live in Harrogate). Handwritten articles should be sent well before the deadline so they can be typed up for inclusion.

Gill Jewell, Editor

From the Editorial Group

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

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