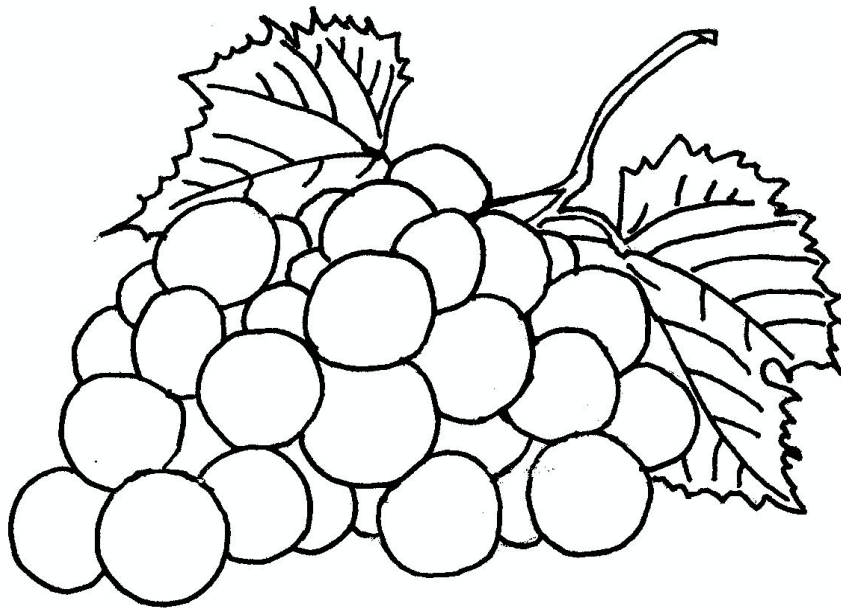


GROVE VINE

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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

In a village up in the Pennines there is a pub where they say it used to be possible for the customers to go on drinking, even after they had run out of money, provided that the barmaid was willing to chalk up their debts on a slate hanging behind the bar. One day the pub caught fire. The local fire brigade arrived and started to squirt their hoses on the burning building. One of the most regular customers who happened to have a particularly long list of debts chalked up against him saw his chance. He got alongside one of the firemen and shouted at the top of his voice, 'Squirt your hose on the slate Jack, squirt your hose on the slate'.

At the New Year, we like to think that we can start again with a clean slate. There are some debts that can easily be repaid. Others are not nearly so easy. Saying 'sorry' isn't easy. It can be humiliating, it may even take much courage, but it can be invigorating. To apologise is often the only way a relationship can begin again, otherwise the wrong goes on being a barrier between us. On the other side, receiving forgiveness can be equally difficult. We cannot be absolutely sure the past is gone and no longer a barrier to that relationship.

It seems to me that God has to handle the same problem. His forgiveness is there for the taking but we are slow to accept it. To go on living through this year as though last year's mistakes were still on our backs is to deny the very heart of the gospel. This is the gospel - that we do make mistakes but at the same time we are forgiven. If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. With this promise we can go confidently into the New Year.

With best wishes

Mark

Thought for the month

It is precisely when every earthly hope has been explored and found wanting that Christ's hand reaches out, sure and firm, that Christ's words bring inexpressible comfort, that his light shines brightest, abolishing the darkness for ever.

Malcolm Muggeridge, Soldier, Spy, and Editor of Punch

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.

Funerals

25th January 2021 Mr Brian Benson

Thank you Horsforth

YOU responded

to our appeal through

church notices and social media

for children's toys games and books.

The following groups have benefitted:

St George's Church, Leeds

Martin House Charity shop

Neruka's Soup Kitchen, Harehills

Baby Bank, St John's Centre, Leeds

Revive Charity Shop, Kirkstall tip

*MHA Live at Home, Central Chapel
(*adult jigsaws and box games)



HORSFORTH CHURCHES TOGETHER

The buildings are shut but the people (who are the real church) are active!

At the recent AGM we welcomed Jill Woodman (Lister Hill) as our chair for the coming year.

In lockdown the following projects have seen excellent cooperation between local churches and Town Council agencies.

Horsforth Community Aid project: 230 people have been helped regularly with shopping, prescription collection and dog walking! Horsforth Band (a young people's group) made the local TV news and every teacher at Horsforth School got a box of chocolates.

Drop the ban: people have contacted the local MP, Stuart Andrew, asking him to support the ban on asylum seekers working.

Church leaders: excellent sharing of ideas on how to reach people through zoom and social media.

Farmers' market: continues to flourish on the first Saturday of the month at its new site in the grounds of St. Margaret's church.

Horsforth Shed: the transformation of the dilapidated scout hut at St James' Church is nearly finished. We look forward to an opening in the Spring. It will be a base for men to come and use the DIY tools to learn or develop skills and have fellowship.

Christmas was NOT cancelled! The 'Open the Book' team that usually goes into our Primary Schools for assemblies produced two YouTube videos instead. A rhyming nativity and a Christingle were filmed in Cragg Baptist church. Schools report how good these were in the run up to Christmas. Our faithful 'part time actors' report that fame (being YouTube sensations) has not gone to their heads.

The nativity figures (shepherds, wise men, angels and the Holy Family made their separate ways round Primary School railings (and some gardens) before arriving at the Grove drive on the Sunday before Christmas. Each figure had a QR code that was activated through smartphones to show a 2minute video (featuring local actors). Duncan Stow reports that 1400 people downloaded the Christmas messages.

Walk of Art: several members and churches took part in the Christmas Walk of Art project to decorate and light a window display. Their website had a map of addresses to follow as new windows were lit each day.

Foodbank: our local Foodbank (operating out of Lister Hill) can no longer have 'in person' visits but operates with a delivery service from the warehouse in Burley. Jean Orton is our link here, she will accept money donations to be forwarded, and you can drop off food items at Morrison's. They have a large metal mesh storage unit in the middle of the main walk- through corridor. The food bank van collects weekly from there.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY. THE BUILDING IS CLOSED, THE 'CHURCH' IS OPEN.

Did you Know?

The UK is known for its rich array of regional accents and dialects.

A recent survey asked 2231 people to listen to 15 British accents and asked whom they would trust based on their accent alone.

Yorkshire accents are the most trusted in the UK with 60% of the votes

Peter R

A Still Christmas for Henry 8th 1525

Because the plague was still rampant in London, Henry did not enjoy the usual Yuletide festivities at the end of 1525, but spent what became known as the "Still Christmas" quietly and fearfully at Eltham with very few courtiers in attendance to 'come thither but such as were appointed by name'.

Peter R

THANK YOU

8,500 Christmas cards were delivered throughout Horsforth in mid- December. This year we had a bespoke artists painting on the front with a Christmas message written by Rev. Jonathan Cain from St. James. Email contacts for Horsforth Churches were on the back, we did not advertise services this year.

THANK YOU to the 18 folk from the Grove (members plus our walking groups) who provided the leg work to help get the job done in challenging weather.

It is likely that this delivery format will be repeated next year (with smaller areas for delivery!).
Phil Maud (on behalf of Horsforth Churches Together).

LEEDS 'GREEN HEART' CAMPAIGN 2010

Anna Bland is our full time 'Methodist presence' in Leeds City Centre. She has not had Oxford Place as a base (it is being turned into a Methodist Hotel) but is beaver away in a small office.

Her current campaign is to produce 'green hearts' to show support for the International Climate Conference, coming to Glasgow in November (COP26).

I have details of knitting, crochet, embroidery and origami patterns to enable you to make green hearts. The idea is that hearts could be used as follows: (1) immediately as a display on church noticeboards for Valentine's day ie. we "love" the planet and (2) longer term to make LOADS of these for bigger displays throughout Leeds in the run up to November.

Anna's group is called Leeds Craftivists (#Leeds Craftivists on social media) and they want us to send hearts to local leaders' either to thank them for being climate friendly or to encourage them to do more.

If you would like to produce green hearts you can either just get on with it, or contact me for pattern details. philmaud@hotmail.com 07305740623. I shall be happy to collect all offerings.
Phil Maud

The Swiss Reformation of the 16th Century. Part 1

The life of Ulrich Zwingli 1484 – 1531. A Radical Reformer.



Not many people have heard of Ulrich Zwingli. Among the three leaders of the European Reformation, speaking in chronological order, he is usually placed in second position, between Martin Luther and Jean Calvin. Alternatively he can be placed in third position, as he lacks the renown of the other two in countries outside Switzerland.

He was born in 1484, only two months after the birth of Martin Luther, in St. Gallen, a German speaking town in Eastern Switzerland, then as now divided into Cantons. His uncle was a parish priest and his father was a magistrate, an official of local government. He studied at Basel University. He was particularly interested in Humanism from the Renaissance period and Neo-Platonism, a revival of the thoughts and words of Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics and Pythagoreans, in particular.

He also spent time on his writings of St. Augustine of Hippo.

As a student, he wrote to Desiderius Erasmus, a Humanist and also professor of Greek Divinity during his time at Cambridge, who was famous for his first translation of the Greek New Testament into English in 1516.

At the age of 22, Zwingli became a parish priest at Glarus and also chaplain to soldiers recruited from his parish for papal service. Soldiers from the Swiss Cantons were mercenaries. There was no national force. They were paid for what they did and whom they served. Accompanying them to the Italian wars of the French King, Francois 1, Zwingli began to object to papal rule and practices. He left Glarus in 1517 for Einsiedeln, another town, where his objections to the Roman Catholic Church began to intensify. Like Martin Luther he objected to the sale of papal 'Indulgences', which shortened one's time in purgatory. Speaking publicly about these matters, he was elected priest at the City of Zurich's Minster.

Zwingli was aware of the dramatic production of Martin Luther's "95 Theses" in 1517 and its widespread effects. It affected Zwingli's thinking and preaching, which gave him popular support in Zurich. Ecclesiastical reform was becoming more important for him.

In 1522, he published his "Achtetes" a list of 67 ideas on creating a reformation in the Roman Catholic Church. He wanted no longer a Mass in Latin, but in German. He condemned clerical celibacy, fasting and the intercession of the Saints. That same year, although a priest, he married and broke his connection with the Roman Catholicism. In 1523, two disputations took place at the Zurich Church. The propositions that Zwingli made were accepted. The Bible was specified as the standard of behaviour and many Catholic practices were banned. In 1525, religious houses were closed and the money devoted to education and poor relief. The first Mass was celebrated in Zurich in April of that year.

Certain destructive behaviour regarding church buildings was to follow. Pictures were burnt, statues and organs were smashed, a type of Puritanical behaviour that was to follow here, in the regime of Oliver Cromwell in the seventeenth century. Regarding public conduct, priests were to be replaced by secular magistrates, provided they had Christian belief. Priests were only to proclaim the word of God. Protestant reform then was established in Zurich. Other Swiss Cities were to follow the lead.

Christine Mathers

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Public Health
England

NHS

CARE

COVID-19 vaccination

First phase priority groups




Priority		Risk group
1	80 yrs	Residents in a care home for older adults and Staff working in care homes for older adults
2	75 yrs	All those 80 years of age and over and Health and social care workers
3	70 yrs	All those 75 years of age and over
4	65 yrs	All those 70 years of age and over and Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 18 years of age)
5	60 yrs	All those 65 years of age and over
6	55 yrs	Adults aged 18 to 65 years in an at-risk group*
7	50 yrs	All those 60 years of age and over
8		All those 55 years of age and over
9		All those 50 years of age and over
10		Rest of the population (to be determined)

* Blood cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma); diabetes; dementia; a heart problem; a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma; a kidney disease; a liver disease, lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as HIV infection, steroid medication, chemotherapy or radiotherapy); rheumatoid arthritis, lupus or psoriasis; have had an organ transplant; had a stroke or a transient ischaemic attack (TIA); a neurological or muscle wasting condition; a severe or profound learning disability; a problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed; are seriously overweight (BMI of 40 and above); are severely mentally ill.



COVID-19 immunisation
Enjoy life. Protect yourself.

Foodbank Update

 <p>Foodbank Warehouse:</p> <p>Unit 3.3, Flexspace, Burley Hill, Leeds LS4 2PU</p> <p>Warehouse Manager: Clifford Parker</p> <p>Warehouse: donations 0113 2444 696</p> <p>Referrals 0113 269 2985</p> <p>Project director: Karen Burgon 07860952343</p>	<p>Now that we cannot use trolley in the church porch kind people have been donating money. Money in an envelope labelled Foodbank can be posted through my letterbox and paid into the foodbank account. Many thanks to all contributors. In the last few weeks we have sent £120. People who shop in Morrison's will have noticed the Foodbank collection points near the checkouts. These are emptied on Wednesdays and the contents taken to the warehouse. I asked Sarah, who organises the collection, whether she would be happy about people adding things, ... not necessarily bought in Morrison's, and she said it would be alright. The current shortages at the warehouse include spreads (honey, jam, marmalade, choc spread etc), but home made ones will not be able to be used as contents have to be shown because of allergy sufferers. (Jean Orton 2589093)</p>
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- Food deliveries are made to those in need but with covid restrictions personal signposting has been impossible. It is hoped to start phone line signposting once people have been trained
- The main reason for needing to visit a foodbank is that benefits do not keep up with the rising cost of essentials, like rent and utility bills. Benefit changes and benefit delays just make things worse.

Our foodbanks are organised in accordance with the guidelines of the Trussell Trust. The TRUSSELL TRUST has a recent project called "Together for Change" Follow the link to find out more: <https://vimeo.com/471451081/9b21ed9c16>
Leeds North and West Foodbank Website:
<https://leedsnorthandwest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Puzzle Page: 1. Mystery Crossword

Fill in the missing words in the crossword. To help you, each square has a number, each number represents a letter, and every letter is used. The columns on the right are to help you match letters and numbers. Four letters are provided to get you started.

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2. Word Ladders

Can HATE be converted into LOVE? Yes! - simply by climbing the first ladder, changing just one letter at each step. First, HATE can change to HAVE, then to HIVE, then to LIVE, and finally to LOVE. Can you climb the other ladders in four steps?

LOVE
LIVE
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HATE

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LUTE

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TALK

GIFT
WISE

WIND
RAIN

Recent Puzzle Solutions

November crossword

Across: 8 Ecumenism, 9 End, 10 Ichthus, 11 Sikhs, 12 Idols, 14 Godhead, 16 Saffron, 18 Hosea, 19 Peril, 20 Allegro, 22 Sun, 23 Comforter. Down: 1 Verities, 2 Ruth, 3 Cephas, 4 Sins, 5 Amused, 6 Meekness, 7 Odes, 13 Offering, 14 Gen, 15 Deaconry, 17 Relics, 18 Hallow, 19 Past, 20 Alms, 21 Gate.

December crossword

Across: 8 Artemisia, 9 Imp, 10 Knock, 11 Admires, 12 Salem, 14 Amnesia, 15 Numbers, 18 Carry, 20 Timothy, 21 Moses, 23 Two, 24 Sensation. Down: 1 Mark, 2 Stroll, 3 Amok, 4 Asmara, 5 Harmonic, 6 Tigris, 7 Apostasy, 12 Sanctity, 13 Maestoso, 16 Mammon, 17 Smyrna, 19 Russia, 21 Moab, 22 Sand.

From the Editorial Group

Our thanks to those who contributed articles this month. If your group or section is not mentioned and you feel you have a story to tell, please send to Gordon and Mary for the March, Vine edition.

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the **March issue will be prepared by **Gordon and Mary Mellor** and you should send items to them no later than **5pm on Wednesday 24th February 2021**. Please include events and details up to 4th April 2021.**

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