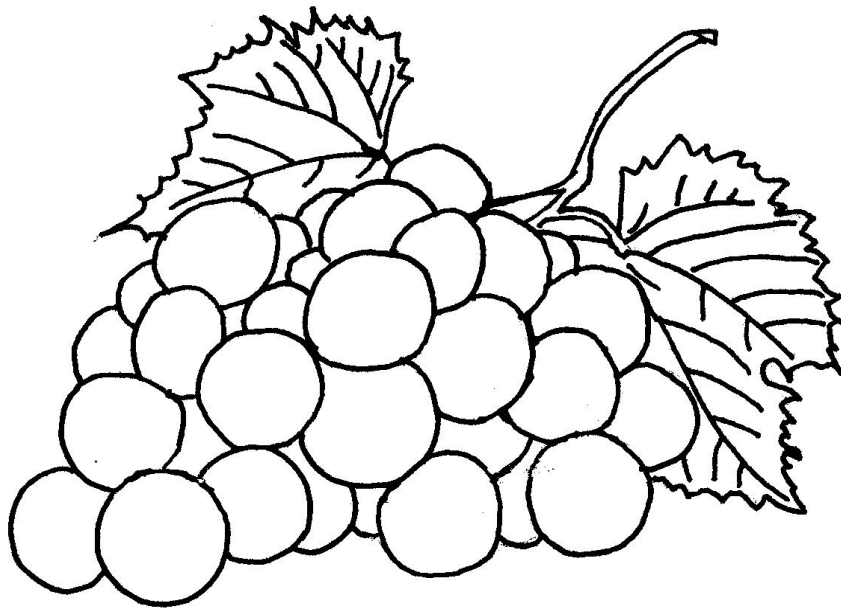


# GROVE VINE

***Online Edition***

**The Magazine of  
Grove Methodist Church  
Horsforth, Leeds**

**May 2021**



**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**

**Minister** – Rev. Mark Godfrey

Phone: 0113 258 2678 or email: revmgodfrey@gmail.com

## **Minister's letter**

Dear Friends

Until 1919 the army chaplain's badge was a plain Maltese cross. It was felt after the First World War that this was too simple and a more artistic badge should be designed. Accordingly, a new badge was designed with the cross central, surmounted by a crown and surrounded by bay and ash leaves.

There was also a motto written in Latin – "In this sign conquer".

When he was asked to approve this new design, King George V asked, "How many soldiers know Latin? Put it in plain English and I approve".

The church must be very careful how it presents itself to people. We can sometimes give the idea that we're more concerned to look and sound impressive than we are to get our message across in the simplest possible way.

Jesus did not use unnecessarily technical language. He spoke in terms that people would understand. He used ideas and images that people knew well and he spoke to their needs by answering the deepest questions and concerns of the people of his generation.

Our main concern is not to dress up our message so that it sounds impressive but to translate that message into the language that speaks to people today.

*With best wishes*                      *Mark*

### **Thought for the month**

**Kindness is Free, sprinkle it everywhere.**

### **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**

April 15th Roy Eastwood

April 21st Mel Overson

## **A Reminder**

If you haven't yet sent your Easter Offering to the Church Treasurer Bryan Whitham, there is still time.

The Easter Offering goes to the Fund for World Mission who support many overseas church partnerships and projects. Last year we were in the first lockdown with no idea of how things would pan out so it was largely cancelled leaving the Fund £370,000 short. Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) manages Easter Offerings and this year we are asked again to consider ways of making our donations.

In our circuit individuals are asked to send their donation in the form of a cheque made out to World Mission Fund, putting on the reverse of the cheque MWiB, and send it to their Church Treasurer.

Bryan Whitham's address is 4 Airedale Drive, Horsforth LS18 5ED. (used with permission)

Thank you for your generosity.

*Gill Jewell (Circuit MWiB Chair)*

## **WHAT is the GOSPEL???**

### **Now there's a question!!**

We normally hear the word used when we announce a reading in church, eg. "Today's lesson is taken from the gospel according to Luke."

Gospel = 'Go- spell it out' and the musical 'Godspell' ( written in answer to 'Jesus Christ Superstar' that did not feature the resurrection??) are both playing around with the word gospel.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John made it into the bible with their gospels.

I have recently attended a (zoom) bible study with three of our Armley churches and this topic made me think and the individual responses were enlightening and challenging. I invite you to ponder this word 'gospel' and let me know what you think.

What did Jesus think of as his 'gospel' purpose and do you and I have a part in this theme of 'gospel'?? If gospel = good news then just what is this good news??

*Phil Maud*



## It WAS a GOOD FRIDAY

For the second year running Horsforth Churches Together could not visit Bedford Court with a bible reading and hymns, walk down Town Street, meet on the Green for a service and adjourn to the Grove centre for soup and hot cross buns. So the Covid-safe 'plan B' was as follows:

At 7am the cross was carried from Woodside Methodist Church and at 9.15am (9 churches later) it arrived at the Grove. Volunteers from each church saw it to the next church. We surprised a few early morning runners and dog walkers; the trickiest section was when Willow Green brought the cross up Back Lane at the same time as the bin lorry! Close fellowship indeed.

Between then and 3pm each church took a 30 minute slot to pray round the cross at the bottom of our drive on Town Street. A few people from each church prayed quietly for the world in which we live.

At 12 noon Rev. Mark Godfrey led a short service on the drive that was filmed and put onto YouTube.

We were not allowed to draw a crowd so the quiet witness of the cross walkers and prayer time was what happened.

We had information on the drive explaining what we were doing for passers-by and many took a palm cross.

Hopefully we can walk and sing down Town Street in our hundreds next Easter..... but I guess some parts of 'plan B' will also happen again.

Hope to see you there.

*Phil Maud*

## A letter from Friends

Dear Friends: You may not know that both Jean and I have needed emergency admission to Jimmy's and LGI one day after the other so that was quite a surprise! 30years ago I wrote a piece for the Chapel magazine after my major cancer problem. It came from Chapel Allerton then. Now I send it from home having had 5 major ops in the last 18 months. I thought somebody may be encouraged at this difficult time

This piece was originally written 30 plus years ago for the Chapel Magazine, but I have had a few traumas since then and I thought I would send my original article and see what you thought.

Thankyou Lord for:- Loving care, good friends, good health, loving family, a place to belong to in society, money to spend, a job that satisfies, warmth, a home, a beautiful garden. Now my mind is racing faster than my pen. For sunshine, transport, moonlight through a bedroom window, outings and holidays, fun and jokes, cold clean water. Suddenly music crashes into my mind. All types soft or serious, sacred or secular. Where would I be without it and the people who share it with me?

People who have ideas and get things done. A clean bed to lie on and 3 pairs of hands that lifted me into that bed. A faithful wife of 26 years (now 56 years). Anaesthetics and all the healers and carers. Wonderful new materials like Teflon that we all now rely on. Microwaves and washing machines, penicillin and aspirin. My legs are coming round now so I am aware of all my senses; a child's laughter, a lovers caress, a beautiful rose, orange blossom in Portugal.

They are very busy here. Its operating time now so they have not time to pick up the phone. A marvellous invention.

If I were not on my back, I would be up a mountain or seeing Morecambe Bay. Biro pens which run out when you are lying down. A ploughed field and squawking wheeling birds. Lovely tomatoes. I will just have another one! I realise I have not scratched the surface of all the things in my mind, but it is time for a cuppa and 2 ginger biscuits. These are magnificent when you have not eaten for 24 hours. How can I finish now because I have run out of paper! Of course, How about the precious gift of Jesus Christ, the most wonderful gift of all.

And now I refer you to a special Bible verse Micah 6 verses 6 to 8. God bless you all.

*Jean and Trevor Fox*



## **A New Way**

Christian Aid Week is 9th - 16th May. This year (because of Covid) we are asked only to deliver the envelopes, wearing gloves. Details of how to make a donation will be included with the envelope.

Please will you help? Perhaps it could be part of your daily exercise?  
Telephone Caroline Turner --0113 2582520 if you are willing to volunteer.

*Thank You Caroline Turner*

## **Going forward**

During the pandemic your monthly "The Grove Vine" has been coming to you OnLine.

The response we have received has been most encouraging and "Going Forward" we intend to remain as predominantly "The Grove Vine OnLine". A small number of editions will be printed off and available in church for visitors and those without internet access.

Going OnLine has of course made cost-saving for the church, has many environmental benefits, major time saving implications in production etc.

You are invited to express your feelings/comments so all opinions can be further considered.

Please reply to Paul and Jenny Redfearn or any member of the editorial team either by email or letter (not verbal/phone call).

*Paul and Jenny Redfearn*

## **Regular Events Page**

With the possibility of again holding regular meeting from June/July onwards we would like to update group information that normally would appear on the inside front cover of the old printed Vine magazine.

Can group leaders please submit

<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>email address (optional)</b>
---------------------	---------------------	-------------------------	---------------------------------

Please reply to Paul and Jenny Redfearn by email or letter (not verbal /phone call)

Many thanks

*Paul and Jenny Redfearn*

## STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.



Indoor entertainment and attractions.



30 person limit outdoors.  
Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).



Domestic overnight stays.



Organised indoor adult sport.



Most significant life events (30).



Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).



Remaining accommodation.



Some large events (except for pilots)  
- capacity limits apply.

Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.

Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.

Outdoor seated events:  
10,000 or 25%.



International travel  
- subject to review.



## STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.  
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following  
(subject to review):



No legal limits on  
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all  
life events.

*Life events refers also to Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, which have been so limited.*

### Solutions to April 2021 Puzzles

1. Kevin is the one who has gone missing. 2. Conundrums: CABLE TREE = CELEBRATE;  
CURT SPIRE = SCRIPTURE; IN NEAT CAR = INCARNATE; SEND A CLAM =  
CANDLEMAS.

3. Countdown numbers:  $290 = 50 \times 6 - 10 = (50/2 + 6 - 2)10$ ;

$560 = 75 \times 8 - 50 + 6 + 4 = (75 - 4 - 1)8$ ;

$645 = (9 + 2 + 2)50 - 5 = (10 + 2)50 + 9 \times 5$ ;

$409 = (2 + 6)50 + 8 + 5/5 = 8 \times 50 + 6 + 5 - 2$

### It all began with 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'

In the days before lockdowns and travel restrictions, we received the gift of a day out on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. At Pickering station, we detected great excitement. There was a sort of dazed euphoria among the staff which we couldn't understand, as we didn't think we were that important. Then they told us that REPTON would be running that day. Now that was a real puzzler for me, because REPTON is the name of the tune for 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind', that much loved hymn by John Greenleaf Whittier. It turned out they'd acquired this famous old locomotive which was also called REPTON, and it was now fit for purpose.



We know the North Yorkshire Moors quite well, so I soon tired of looking at familiar scenery and started reading the booklet we'd been given. I learned that REPTON was one of forty Southern Railway locomotives all named after boys' public schools. How incredible is that? I know things were different in the 1930s, but couldn't they have come up with a better source of names? Anyway, that made me wonder why the hymn tune was called REPTON. The composer was Charles Parry, of *Jerusalem* fame, and the music is from his 1888 oratorio *Judith*. I then discovered it was first published as a hymn tune in 1924 – in the Repton School Hymn Book! Where else? It looks like they took Parry's tune and endorsed it with the name of the school!

But maybe this has helped the wider world to know the name Repton. It isn't just a school, it's a place, a small Derbyshire village with a long history. It's where the Mercian royal family resided, and where they were all baptised in 653 AD. Around 660, an abbey was built there, in fact it was a double abbey, which means both monks and nuns. Fancy that! The first abbess was St. Werberga, daughter of King Wulfhere who reigned from 658 to 675 and was the first Christian king of Mercia. He survived remarkably well, because in later years Mercian kings were murdered quite regularly, and the crypt of the abbey became their burial place, because it looked like they were going to need a lot of space for dead kings. In the 840s, King Wystan tried to avoid the customary fate by appointing a regent to reign for him, but someone still got him in the end, in 850. Once interred, miracles started to happen, so Wystan became St. Wystan, now the patron saint of the local church.

Then, in 873, the Vikings arrived! In fact they overwintered there, which has apparently given a lot of archaeologists quite a few thrills, because it's basically the only decent example of Viking winter quarters. And rather more mysteriously, there's a huge burial site there as well, holding the remains of up to 300 people, mostly adult Viking males. It is assumed there was a battle, but there's no other evidence of conflict. The monks and nuns just ran away, of course, and the Vikings burnt their abbey down. That's no way to make a favourable impression, is it?

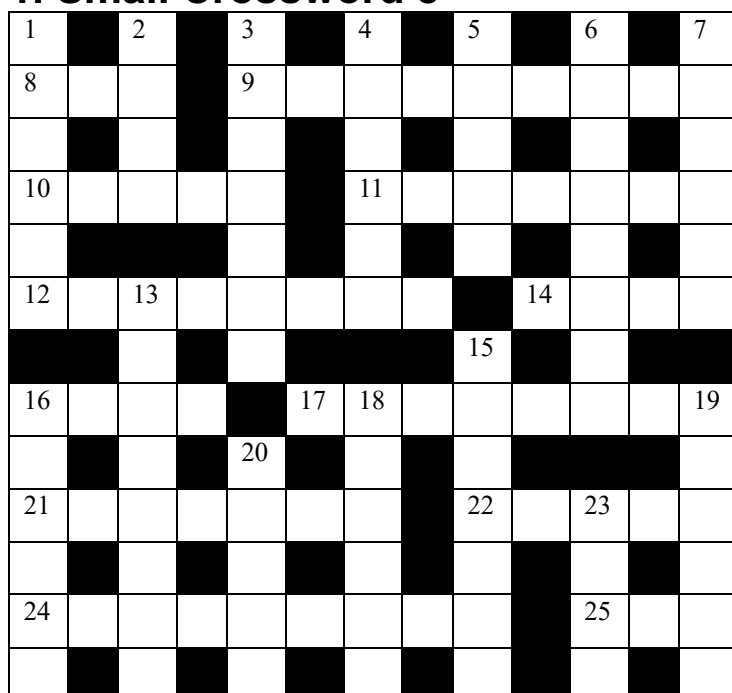
Then, in the 12th century, Repton Priory was built, and an old map shows it as an abbey like Fountains and Bolton, so it might have become a tourist site today. But when Henry VIII got to work it suffered the same fate as most other abbeys. Apparently a few fragments do remain, but all the usable stones disappeared, and very likely some are now in the walls of Repton School, which is built over the priory site. And St. Wystan's church is built over the crypt of the old abbey, so there is still historical evidence there too. The church website, with some justification, describes Repton as the cradle of Christianity in the Midlands.

And so back to the naming issue. We live in a country with history everywhere, so for a list of places or events why not use historical sites, particularly, less well known ones like Repton? That might make us want to learn about them. Anyway, we enjoyed our day on the trains, and our time at Goathland (good walking territory) and at Whitby, where there's always something new to see.

*Tony Orton*

# Puzzle Page

## 1. Small Crossword 8



### Across

- 8 It often precedes Maria (3)  
 9 Wondrous surprise (9)  
 10 Refer reduce payment (5)  
 11 20th C British composer (7)  
 12 Frenzied, possessed (8)  
 14 'Just as I am, without one ----' (4) 16 NT prophetess (Luke 2: 36) (4) 17 Paul sent a letter here (8) 21 Herod who imprisoned Peter (7)  
 22 Roman meeting place (5)  
 24 A space in some churches - before the singers? (9)  
 25 '--- in danger, --- in woe' (3)

### Down

- 1 Hallowed and revered (6)  
 2 Join, layer (4)  
 3 Abstaining, as in Lent (7)  
 4 Greek letter (6)  
 5 He imprisoned Paul (Acts 24: 22-23) (5)  
 6 Not Jewish (8)  
 7 Metrical unit (6)  
 13 Slender turrets (8)  
 15 'O tidings of ---- and joy!' (7)  
 16 A manifestation (6)  
 18 Public speaker (6)  
 19 Feeling of hostility (6)  
 20 Era (5)  
 23 Crucifix, often on a screen (4)

## 2. Word Sudoku

	R	S			N			H
A		N		I		E		
			M			R	N	
O	S			R	E			
R			N		S			I
			I	M			E	R
	I	O			R			
		M		E		O		N
E			O			A	I	

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

*Tony Orton*

**Farel**



**Calvin**



## **The Swiss Reformation of the 16th Century.**

### **The life of Jehan Cauvin or Jean Calvin. Part 2**

Calvin was welcomed in Geneva by a fellow French refugee Guillaume Farel. Being an Imperial City, though not famous yet, with a population of 10,000, Geneva was the place on the French border for the refuge of those fleeing religious persecution, with the ideas of reform. Not all were French citizens. The English were escaping from before the reign of Mary Tudor. Some Dutch and Germans also fled from Roman Catholic rule.

Calvin with his prior experience, was engaged as a reformer and quickly became a leader. He was a great organizer being methodical, rational and meticulous in everything he did. His aim was "the maintaining of God's glory unimpaired and the preservation of the honour of divine truth."

He spent many weeks in setting up a newly reformed church, not based on Zwingli's ideas, but on his own plans. However, he came across opposition from local "Libertines" as they were called. They had got rid of the landowner, the Duke of Savoy and nearly all the Catholic clergy. They did not want any more form of control. They saw themselves as free, able to do what they wanted. They objected to Calvin's new rules forbidding dancing at weddings and the refusal of the naming of children at baptisms, using the names of Roman Catholic saints. Leaders from the city of Berne wanted a restoration of Zwingli's methods. Young men of Geneva were no longer admitted to communion, as they were "out of harmony with the company of the faithful".^

In 1538, after two years work, Calvin and Farel were expelled from Geneva. Farel went as a pastor to Neuchâtel. Calvin went to Strasbourg and continued his plans for the future in writing. He spent time in rewriting his "Institutio" in French so more of the population could read it and increasing the number of chapters. He also found a wife called Idelette. After the departure of Calvin and Farel, the outcome did not lead to peace and harmony. The Berne group rose in influence but split the population into factions. The Roman

Catholics wanted to regain their powers. "Dissonance and division were sown amongst the population" is quoted in Geneva documents from the 16th century. What had happened under Calvin's leadership eventually seemed more acceptable than endless conflict. Therefore, the councils of Geneva invited Calvin back to restore peace and conformity, but did he wish to return?

*Christine Mathers*

## **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 June, Vine edition.**

**Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the June issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary Mellor and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26th May, 2021 . Please include events and details up to 4th July 2021.**

Gill Jewell	<a href="mailto:gillpj.63@gmail.com">gillpj.63@gmail.com</a>	0113 278 9438
Gordon & Mary Mellor	<a href="mailto:jgkm64@gmail.com">jgkm64@gmail.com</a>	0113 258 6199
Paul & Jenny Redfearn	<a href="http://home@paulandjen.co.uk">home@paulandjen.co.uk</a>	01423 530050

***Email (or copy as an attachment) would be appreciated!***

Premises Manager: Alan Firth  
43 New Street, Horsforth, Tel:0113 258 2742 or 07985745525  
[grovebookings@gmail.com](mailto:grovebookings@gmail.com)  
Off duty from Saturday noon and all day Sunday

**<http://www.grovemethodist.org.uk/>**

Registered Charity No. 1129305