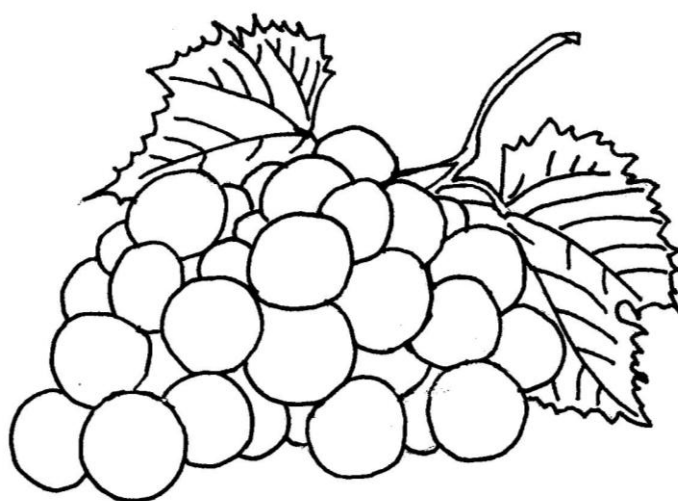


GROVE VINE

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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 conversation between a preacher on trial and the Superintendent, the preacher was asked, "If you only had the opportunity to preach one sermon, what would you say?" That would be an interesting question to put to any preacher.

When Paul was on his way back to Jerusalem after his final missionary journey he called briefly at Miletus, where he met the leaders of the church at Ephesus for the last time. The words he spoke to them contain the central truth of the gospel.

Firstly, Paul spoke about repentance and faith. He said that he had challenged both Jews and Greek to turn from their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus (Acts 20:21). We begin the Christian life by turning to God in that way, by trusting him and being open to the Holy Spirit.

Then Paul spoke of the cost of following Jesus. He knew that imprisonment and hardship lay ahead of him (Acts 20:23). Just as Jesus invited his followers to take up the cross, Paul was not going to deceive people that the life of faith could be anything but costly.

Finally, Paul reminded his listeners of God's never-failing love, and his final victory (Acts 20:32). Whatever experiences we may face in life, there is nothing - not even death - that can separate us from God's love.

If you had the chance to preach just one sermon, what would you say?

With best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

For most of the time, our faith presents us with not soothing comfort, but with probing, life-enhancing challenge.

Revd Preb. Gilleen Craig

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.

We would like to thank all our Church family who supported us through Rachel's cancer illness. We were particularly grateful for your prayers. We are so happy to announce that after her gruelling treatment , she is now free of the cancer cells and has returned to work.

Chris and Caroline Turner

We are sad to have to report the deaths in September of much loved Church Members, Tom Payne and Margaret Ball.

Services at The Grove in October

Sunday 3rd:	10.30	Local Arrangement	
Sunday 10th:	9.00	Holy Communion	
	10.30	Rev Mark Godfrey	Harvest Festival
Sunday 17th:	10.30	Rev Albert Jewell	
Sunday 24th:	10.30	Mrs Janet Taylor	
Sunday 31st	10.30	Rev Mark Godfrey	

A lively fresh and adventurous approach!



If you have never used Bible reading notes, here's your chance. Many people at the Grove use 'Fresh from the Word' produced by the International Bible Reading Association. The daily notes are written by a creative team from many different countries helping us to feel close to God as we journey into the unknown. The order for next year is being compiled over the next few weeks. Just contact Jean Orton (2589093) if you'd like more information or would like to try them.

Remembering John Bussey

John did so many things with and for so many people. These items represent some snapshots of that fact.

Ricky Hearn:

I have many happy memories of walking days and holidays with John and Kathryn, but one of the most memorable walks I ever did with John was when we were in Waterton, Alberta, Canada. It was called The Crypt Lake Trail, a 10 mile return trip from Waterton with an elevation of 2,300ft. It was a stiff climb going through the forest on the side of the mountain. I was continually banging the trees with my stick to make the bears aware that we were there. The Park Ranger had warned us to beware of them before we started. Seeing bear poo on the trail made me more afraid than ever, but John was not worried at all! Half way up we came to a camp ground where a lady was having problems with blisters on her feet. Gentleman John got out his first aid kit and applied Compeed plasters, enabling her to continue up to the Lake. Eventually, the forest was replaced by the rock face of the mountain. This climb was not for the faint hearted, having to walk along a 20" wide ledge along the rock face, holding on to a thick cable, then up a steel ladder and crawling through a narrow tunnel. We had to take off our rucksacks to get through to the other end. Wow! the view of the Lake was breathtaking. A deep glacial crater with the lake in the bottom and surrounded by snow. The different colours of the scene were fantastic.

This walk has been voted the best in Canada. It can be viewed on Google under 'The Crypt Lake Trail'.

A big thanks to John for the incredible experience he gave me and to Mary and Gordon for telling us about it.



Paul and Jenny Redfearn:



It's 45 years ago that we as a family first met John. Scouting at the 9th brought us together through his support of the many activities - often with an outdoors theme, camping, walking, skills and his encouragement of the younger generation as they made their way through the Scout sections.

John for many years acted as Senior Communion Steward at the Grove and he asked me to serve alongside him. Working with John and his easy manner meant it was a role I enjoyed and took pleasure from. John was a modest man, always willing to help if asked and he will be fondly remembered.

Mike Depledge:

I was fortunate to join the Grove Thursday Walking Group in 1997. Our monthly walks were ably led by Peter Wigglesworth or Jean Tallantire and were usually about 12 miles. We did not see John very much as he was often on one of his long-distance treks. We were however privileged to walk with him from Gargrave to Malham Tarn when he was going from Land's End to John o' Groats. I well remember when we left him thinking that he had another 400 miles or so to go, whilst we merely had to walk back to Gargrave.

John did lead one walk for us that was memorable. We started at Arncliffe, went over the tops to Kettlewell, from there due north up on to the moor top and down to Starbottan. From there we climbed up and over Old Cote Moor and back down into Arncliffe. The mileage was probably about what we had been used to doing but with 3 big climbs it was, to say the least, challenging! One could say a typical John Bussey stroll - and a very nice walk to remember him by.

Gordon and Mary Mellor:

When John was due to finish his epic walk from Land's End to John o' Groats, it so happened that we were staying in our caravan in North West Scotland. It was 150 miles to the west but, hey, we so wanted to be there with Kathryn and Ricky and Christine. We had managed to contact a local Councillor in John o' Groats who readily arranged for a Piper to 'play John in' to the town.

As John neared the end, the Piper in full highland dress set off down the road towards him. As he got nearer, John could not understand why this Piper had appeared and was walking towards him. So he veered to the left. The Piper changed course. John veered further to the left. The Piper changed course again.

John veered to the left again, with the Piper following. It was almost like a silent film routine.

But John did get there in the end - having added an unplanned diversion of 200yds to his 1,195 miles.



Alan Atkinson (John's oldest friend from boyhood):

As we learnt from the Eulogy, John was at times a rather naughty boy! We played together in the street a lot. It was not unknown for John's mother to be rather cross with him and to send him to his bedroom for some misdemeanour. But John and I had a plan. After a while he would signal from his bedroom window. A few minutes later I would knock at the Bussey's door: 'Please can John come out the play?'. To which Mrs Bussey would pause and then say 'Oh go on then!' Mission accomplished!!!

Dave Hodgson:

John served as Treasurer of the Three Peaks Race Association for many years - including the financial responsibilities for the 50th Anniversary and the World Long Distance Mountain Championship events. In addition he served as a high level marshal on Ingleborough for the 3 Peaks Race, later acting at the checkpoint at Ribbleshead.

He had begun fell running when, in his mid-forties, he wanted to attain a fitness to do his epic walks. He walked all the classics - Land's End to John o' Groats; The Pennine Way; The S.W. Coast Path and, his favourite, The Cleveland Way (more than a dozen times). Simply, remarkable.

Harvest of the Spirit - Save the Date

As part of our Harvest Weekend, the Church will be open from 10am to 12noon on Friday 8th October. We invite you to bring along items that will be donated to the local foodbank and have a drink of coffee/tea with us. Can we use this informal time to share our experiences on the 'plus/minus' of the last 18 months... what you have missed and what you have discovered afresh about your faith.

Our Circuit has offered each church the following framework for our thinking, praying and planning to move forward.

Can we develop a **FLOURISHING** community which is:

- *Effectively Christian (Jesus) and recognisably Methodist (the Wesley brand)
- *Viable (£££) and sustainable (5 years...10 years ahead??)
- *Honours where we came from (past) & has space for the new thing (future)

I have deliberately put the **OUR** in flourishing in bold.

YOUR insight will enhance OUR COMMUNITY.

Do come along and share with us.

Phil Maud

CHURCH CENTRE, SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

5.00pm TABLE TOP OLYMPICS

6.00pm HARVEST OF THE SEAS SUPPER

Admission Tickets: £6 12yrs and under: £3

Available from the Stewards

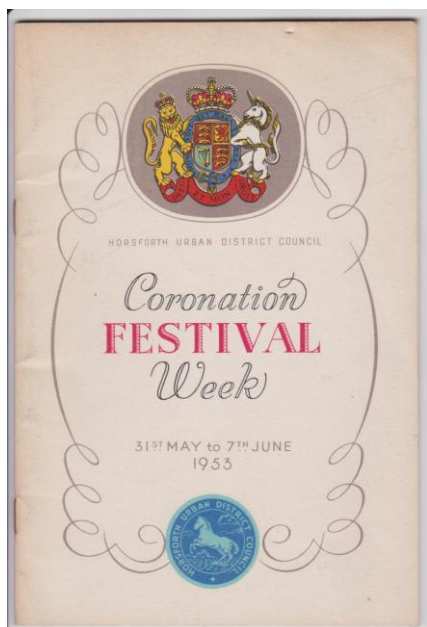
Alpha Course

An opportunity to consider the big questions of life and how the Christian faith wrestles with them. Alpha is one of the top Christian information courses in the country. A 10 week course begins on Sunday October 3rd at 6.30pm (and lasts 75minutes). The venue is the top room of the Tavern Pub on Town Street. Complimentary coffee and cake and/or buy drinks from the bar.

Further information from Duncan Stow (dmstow@gmail.com)

Horsforth Urban District Council and Coronation Festival Week

Clearing some cupboards we came across an Aunt's copy of this Souvenir Programme from June 1953. It is in very good condition. Some of you will remember it!



The first page contains 'The Loyal Message to Her Majesty the Queen from the Chairman and Members of the Horsforth Urban District Council. It is signed by Mr R Jessop, Chairman and Mr G W Boyes (Clerk to the Council).

There follows a personal message to the people of Horsforth and various lists including those who had 'presented teak seats to the townspeople of Horsforth' - the seats being located in various parts including 'on the highway'. There were details of the Religious Service to be held at St. Margaret's Church, to be attended by the MP and other dignitaries.

In the week following, the townspeople of Horsforth could enjoy a whole range of activities - e.g. tree planting in Horsforth Park; a bonfire and firework display; a dance in St Margaret's Hall; a cricket match in King George's Field; 6-a-side football; 7-a-side rugby; hockey and a tennis tournament. No doubt one of the highlights would be the children's sports and the athletic events, plus the Black Dyke Mills Junior Band. And, as usual, refreshments, etc.

But the event which reminds us of just how much the world has moved on, was that in the morning of 2nd June, in Broadway Hall, there was to be 'Television Entertainment for the Old People'. And Wednesday afternoon was set aside as 'Old Folks Day'.

Mary and Gordon Mellor

The Frustrations of Using Modern Bible Translations

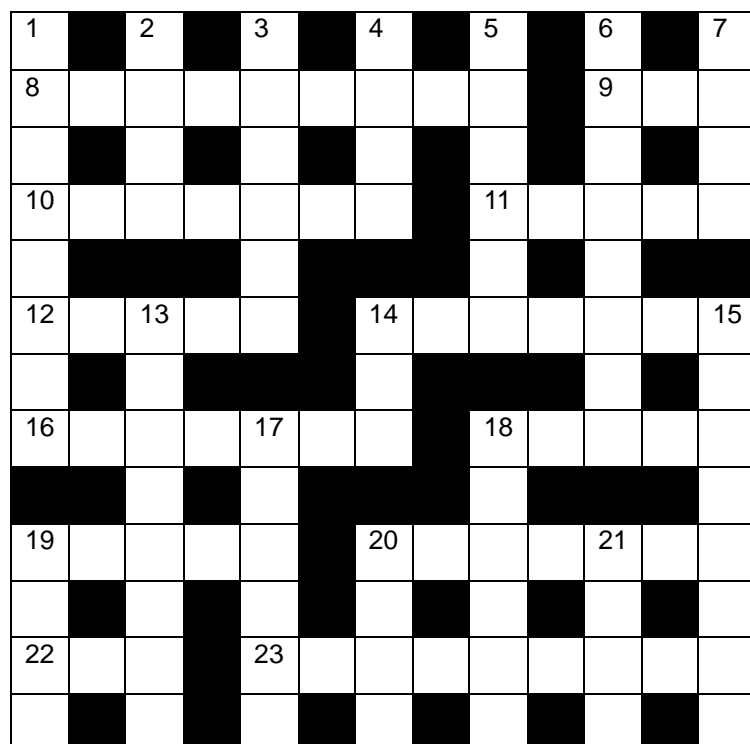
I'm sure we can all sympathise with Peter over which version of the bible to quote from (Grove Vine, June 2021), though it's not an issue most of us will have thought much about. Yes, we don't often hear readings from the Authorised Version (AV) nowadays, but when I was young it was the only version around. My copy of the AV is a 'Lord Wharton' bible which means that, as a teenager, I was presented with it for learning quite a number of psalms by heart. Looking back, that was a huge effort for a doubtful reward, considering the AV can be such an unfriendly read. And I didn't enjoy learning all those psalms! And I can't recite them now!

At the same time, there were 'friends' who took pleasure in ridiculing the use of the old-fashioned language heard in churches and hardly anywhere else. Then, just a few years later, I was shown a Revised Standard Version (RSV), and immediately the bible became so much easier to read and understand. I was looking forward to the RSV being used in church, but it never happened, and I was very disappointed. So I bought my own copy. And then I remember the excitement a few years later, when the New English Bible (NEB) was published. Once again, it wasn't widely adopted. So I bought one of those too, and the AV continued to be used. That meant I already had three different translations, and that was sixty years ago.

But the tide couldn't be held back. Today, there are many more translations available, and they are definitely being used. Problem solved? Well, apparently not, from what Peter has written. And there are other problems too. In our services, we usually say the version of the Lord's Prayer which includes the words 'thy' and 'thine'. Isn't that an example of language we should be replacing? Many churches have already done so. And then there's the hymn book. When we sing an old hymn from *Singing the Faith* we can find that words, phrases, and even whole verses have been changed. But we often slip back into the version in older hymn books because those are the words that come to mind automatically. Change is all around, but so is inconsistency, and frustrations seem inevitable.

Tony Orton

Puzzle Page 1. Small Crossword 10



Across: 8 Do not supply (9)
 9 Sounds like finished eggs (3)
 10 Seasonal cylindrical cake (4, 3)
 11 Iona and I unite in ancient Greek outpost in Asia Minor (5)
 12 Important organ centre (5)
 14 Hold (7)
 16 'Not even --- was dressed like one of these' (Luke 12: 27) (7)
 18 Replace, refresh (5)
 19 Wave them, shouting 'Hosanna!' (5) 20 Discussed (7)
 22 Greek letter (3)
 23 Church or part of a church (9)

Down:

1 He died falling out of a window (Acts 20: 9) (8) 2 Gemstone (4)
 3 Two OT characters combine to provide a mixed collection (6)
 4 Make a joyful sound (4)
 5 'My name is ----- for we are many' (Mark 5: 9) (6)
 6 There was a peasant who lived 'by St Agnes ----' (8)
 7 Where Philip was going (Acts 8: 26) (4) 13 Shout of praise (8)
 14 Able to with receptacle (3) 15 In these times (8)
 17 It's the wrong way to do it (6) 18 Vary the tempo as you wish (6)
 19 Robin Goodfellow or a rubber disc (4) 20 Repudiate (4)
 21 Duck colour (4)

2. How Many Words

How many words can you form from letters in the word HARVEST?
 There are probably more than you would imagine. Here's a few examples: AT, THE, SEAT, AVERT, SHAVER. No plurals, please!

3. Number conundrums

Use +, −, ×, and ÷ (/) with the given numbers to reach the target.	Given numbers						Target
	75	2	10	10	7	6	660
	25	75	10	6	1	7	253

Tony Orton

Solutions to last month's puzzles

Mystery Crossword: Across -

Damascus, Jude, Wine, Averring, Vestry, Issues, Thou, Fig, Cask, Quaker, Opined, Shadrach, Ezra, Hymn, Exegesese; Down - Abide, Haughty, Awestruck, Dan, Crazy, Forsake, Seeking, Ochre, Jar, Sacrilege, Donkeys, Eerie.

Word Ladders: NONE, NINE, MINE, MINT, MIST, MUST, MUSH, MUCH; SOLO, SOLD, BOLD, BOLL, BULL, DULL, DUEL, DUET.

Sudoku

D	R	U	W	N	F	E	L	O
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E	N	O	U	L	R	W	F	D
W	D	E	L	R	U	N	O	F
N	O	R	F	W	E	U	D	L
F	U	L	N	O	D	R	E	W

Q. What is a Cirplanologist?

An answer in the next edition

Any Guesses?

Peter Reasbeck

46 BC

This was the answer to a question in a general knowledge quiz, i.e.....

'What is the longest recorded calendar year in human history?'

46 BC had 445 days and was nicknamed the *annus confusionis* (or 'year of confusion'). That year marked the change from the pre-Julian Roman calendar to the Julian calendar. The Romans had to periodically add a leap month every few years to keep the calendar year in line with the solar year. Julius Caesar added three extra months in readiness for his reform of the calendar, to take effect in 45BC. The planetary orbit-year remained the same.

Obvious when you think about it !!!

Gordon Mellor

Above and Beyond

For the last two years we have missed our Good Friday Walk and Service and also that great time in the Church hall afterwards, when we so often come in from a chilly outside to the warmth of a bowl of soup. It was on one of those occasions I first heard of the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Our contributions were to swell its funds.

I then heard of Andy Fothergill, who had worked as a flight instructor at the airport here for a year and a half, before working with MAF for over 10 years. Sadly, an accident on a mission flight ended his flying career but he is now involved as a Church of Scotland Minister at Tain in the Scottish Highlands.

Another Grove connection is Shirley Crawford who owes her life to the plane that was quickly despatched to take her to hospital in Uganda. I was reminded of this, being a little vague about detail, when we unexpectedly met recently and I heard the full story which many will remember. It was a matter of four critical hours. MAF came to the rescue and Shirley lives to tell the tale.

ABOVE AND BEYOND: The Illustrated Story of Mission Aviation Fellowship is a recently published book, celebrating 75 challenging and transforming years - a real eye opener into the work. It has moving accounts with fascinating facts and lavish illustrations.

A few RAF pilots, after the war, were inspired to use planes for peace and have reached the most isolated communities with little access to education or healthcare. MAF operates in 25 countries and is said to be flying to more destinations than any other commercial airline.

Another person of note, with links to MAF, is the Archbishop of Canterbury. He writes the foreword and recounts his own experience of some memorable flights.

When next Good Friday comes round, we hope to resume our normal pattern. An opportunity again to help the remarkable Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Peter Reasbeck

Citius...Altius...Fortius

Faster, higher, stronger, that was the Olympic motto in 1894, coined by Father Henri Didon.

In 2021, in response to the Covid 19 pandemic communiter was added (=together) by Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.

"Faster, higher, stronger, together" is now the Olympic motto.

*The motto, reflecting my trip to Orkney (with apologies to the International Olympic Committee) is **slower, lower, weaker and alone.***

SLOWER: as I was on foot and using public transport.

LOWER: as the Orkneys (Hoy apart) are very low lying.

WEAKER: when you are moving by foot power you realise that this is a tiring method of transport (especially pulling my 25kg wheeled sports bag of kit).

ALONE: happy with my company but a whole new take on how each day pans out - you begin to notice others who are on their own!

To those who said to me "what on earth are you going to do right up there?" can I say: watch seals and sheep on beaches where I was the only one present; look at the remains of the Scapa Flow sunken ships; examine houses that were 5,000 years old; enjoy the 'big sky' days; meet some very interesting people and enjoy my beloved camping kit.

My time was largely my own, apart from needing to be at a bus station, ferry terminal or airport on time. I had plenty of time to think and reflect. I thought a lot about folk I know who live alone, as I was during my 12 days (4 based in Kirkwall, 4 on North Ronaldsay and 4 in Stromness).

All of this after the 12 great days with Allison on our proper* holiday: Durham, Oban, Mull and Iona.

If you want to hear more (including what to do with 8 hours in Aberdeen between flights) then ask me to speak to your group.

*Proper as in hotels. (actually I wasn't alone, Wesley Bear came with me!)

Phil Maud

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the November issue will be prepared by Gill and you should send items to her - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 27th October please and include details of events up to 5th December.

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