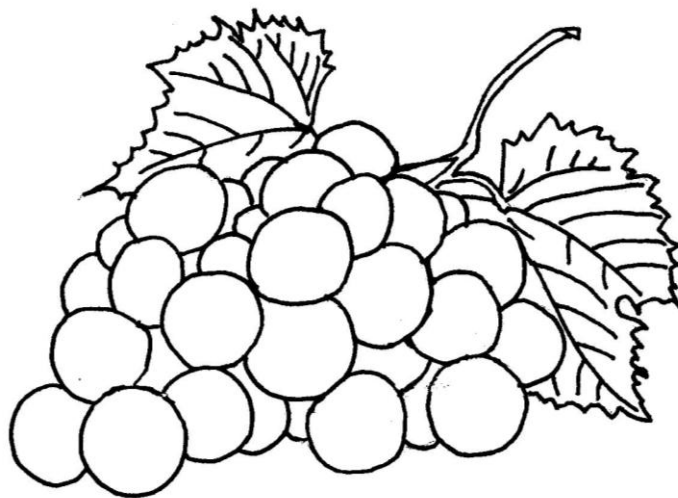


GROVE VINE

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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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Dear Friends,

November is sometimes called the month of remembrance. The month includes Remembrance Sunday but it also includes All Saints Day when we remember and celebrate the faithful lives of the Christians of the past.

Remembering is the calling to mind of people and events of the past and the present. Happy memories are great to recall and often give us a warm glow of contentment. The memory of hurts and conflicts are different, they can fester within us and within our communities, blighting the present and harming the potential of the future.

Remembering can be a way of moving forward. A healthy remembering will involve both recollection and reconciliation and also facing the truth. Remembering then becomes a putting together again, the putting together again of healing and reconciliation. Healing and recognition come about as we see in any situation the love of Jesus and in that recognition we are enabled to bring about change.

In John 1:5 we find the words, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (NRSV) Another translation says it this way, “Amid the darkness the light shone, but the darkness did not master it.” (Moffat) What do these words say in this month of remembrance?

We can think of a candle, a tender flame that in the full light of day is hardly noticed. As the darkness gets deeper, and encroaches in, this tender flame somehow gets stronger and stronger. The flame casts a glow around itself, which seems to banish the darkness and push the darkness back.

We can see ourselves as tender flames. Tender lights called by Jesus to dispel the darkness around others and ourselves. Tender flames called to dispel the darkness within our communities and within our world. Our tender flames can sometimes be extinguished or gutter in the draft. But there are times when we do shine in the darkness and those around us feel the power, warmth and healing of that tiny flame. Our tiny flame protests at the darkness and pushes it back.

Let your light shine out at this time of remembrance.

Best wishes,

Mark

Thought for the month

Looking after the world is central to what it means for me to be a follower of Jesus

Dr Ruth Valerio, Director of Tearfund

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 concerns for the future.

Funerals

October 8th Thomas (Tom) Payne

October 12th Margaret Ball

Services at The Grove in November

Sunday 7th 10.30 Local Arrangement

Sunday 14th 10.30 Dr Sareen Galbraith Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 21st 10.30 Rev Mark Godfrey

Sunday 28th 10.30 Mr Timothy Pearson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At present we are operating a hybrid system for our services which enables people to attend services in person or to access the church service on zoom. This requires the involvement of a significant number of people as there are several roles that need to be covered. We are in need of some assistance if we are to maintain this way of working.

We are asking for assistance with hosting the zoom service at home, running the PowerPoint in church and general stewarding duties on a Sunday. If you think you can assist in any of these areas please do get in touch with me or the church stewards. We cannot guarantee to continue our hybrid method of working without this extra help.

Thanks,

Mark

Grove Ladies Group

We are delighted to say that we have staggered back on to our feet again, and we are meeting First and Third Thursday of each month in the Small Hall. We are no longer night owls and now meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It is now a very informal group. We hope to see a lot of you next month. and we hope to find someone with something interesting to say every other meeting, we all enjoyed Phil Maud recently when twenty-four members attended.

Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat and we hope to see you on 4th November.

Judy Depledge



Grove Church Flower Guild

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that after 40 years the Flower Guild has decided to disband.

We met recently to discuss the future and at the meeting five of our members no longer wished to continue which left us depleted in numbers. Those members who were willing to continue now had family commitments at the weekend and were finding it difficult to give flowers out on a Sunday after church.

If any member of the congregation would like to put flowers in church themselves and give them out afterwards, commencing January 2022, they are welcome to do so. They would need to contact our Premises Manager, Alan Firth, on 07985745525 or 2582742 for access to the parlour and church. There are vases in the parlour cupboards nearest the door to the church which you are welcome to use. If advice was needed there is a list of ladies on the Narthex notice board who are willing to help. There is also a list of Sundays in 2022 for those of you who wish to put flowers in church on a particular Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money for flowers over the years to enable the Flower Guild to beautify the church.

Wendy Hartley

We Have a Story to Tell:

A Short Reflection on Psalm 34:1-8

Over the last week I have been reading Psalm 34 which is a psalm written as a song of praise by David. In fact, he is so full of praise in this psalm that he uses the entire Hebrew alphabet to declare it. The reason David is so full of praise is because of how God has saved him and delivered him from one of his enemies. He is wanting to share the story of what God has done for him so that others can hear it and join in with praising God.

The purpose the invitation David offers here is threefold, firstly, as mentioned above is an invitation to join in with his worship of God through hearing the story. Secondly, the story is offered as encouragement: “let the humble hear and be glad” in verse two ‘the humble’ refers to fellow believers and the idea of being glad is to take encouragement in their own faith from the hearing of the story. Finally, the invitation of worship is also to share their own story of what God has done for them. The psalm, rather than going into exacting detail of how God saved David, on this occasion uses phrases like, “I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears,” and in verse four “The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.” In verse seven he enables those reading, or joining in with the recital of this psalm, to remember in their own stories how God heard and saved them in difficult times as well as celebrating how God saved David.

Like David and the countless men and women of faith who came before us we all have stories to tell. We have the shared story of God’s salvation for all in the Gospels and we have periods of time such as Christmas, which is not too far away now, where we share and celebrate part of that story together. In this we celebrate and worship God together for the coming of Jesus and encourage each other in our faith. We also have our own stories of God’s work in our lives. These are stories to share together to encourage one another in our walks of faith. However, these stories and the Gospel are not just for us, the call to follow Jesus and be his disciple is a call to share our stories and His story of salvation with those outside the Church who do not yet know him. As you reflect, consider how has God been working in your life? Perhaps over the course of the week or weeks or more generally throughout your life? Who can you share your story or the Gospel story with?

God bless

Chris Coleman

Tom Payne 1929-2021



Tom Payne was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather. He was loved by family and friends. He had a strong faith in God, and it was his belief, and his deep faith, that was inspiring to me. I am proud to have been able to call Tom a dear friend of mine, and I am sure that a lot of people will feel the same.

Tom knew how to put a smile on to people's faces, and he knew how to make people laugh. He knew when someone was feeling down and he could cheer people up. One thing I remember, and it still makes me laugh, he used to call me his 'adopted daughter'... hint... I'm not! But I was flattered that he said that. He used to call me, and a few other people, 'sweetheart' – it made me smile every time. He was kind and patient, and he loved with his whole heart. He was devoted to Jean and his family, and liked by many at church and at the Horsforth Live at Home scheme. He enjoyed going to the activities at LAH including the 'Reminiscing' music sessions. I remember volunteering there, and I noticed that when Tom was present, he would shake his hands up and down to the music. I couldn't help but smile as I could tell he was enjoying himself. Many of us know the wonderful work with young people which Tom and Jean were called to do in Romania by God. Their friends there will miss Tom a lot.

I know that Jean would say that the power and glory are God's, but I always looked up to them both, I still do! Tom and Jean were married for 70 years which I find inspiring. Tom served in World War II with pride. He told me about his service one day at the Smile Café. I would personally like to thank Tom for his service to our country. I am very proud of him and always will be.

Rest easy Soldier

In loving memory of Tom Payne

Juliet Kitching

From Jean and their son Stephen

As Tom reached 60 he strongly felt God calling him to help the plight of children in the Romanian orphanages. We had all seen the distressing images of little ones rocking in their cots following the overthrow of Ceaucesco in 1989 and Tom needed to do something. He approached Kirstall Forge hoping that they might make him redundant. Their initial response was to deny his request. Tom took two weeks holiday and went to Romania to see conditions for himself. On returning to the UK he handed in his resignation and started working his notice. It was during this time that the Forge brought in redundancies and so in the end he was made redundant. The first thing he did was buy a 7.5 ton lorry.

He began by becoming a volunteer driver for Siloam Ministries taking aid, several times a year to hospitals and other children's institutions. But Tom didn't stop there. He set up a charity called 'Bridge of Christian Relief' and with the help and funds of friends and supporters he eventually bought 3 homes in Botosani (in north east Romania) which housed abandoned children. The children were looked after by Romanian co-workers and the homes were small and homely places, so unlike the huge institutions that many children still had to live in.

Both Jean and Tom and some of the family had the great privilege of visiting the children on many occasions. Tom's response to God's calling undoubtedly turned many children's lives around.

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Jean and her family would like to send heartfelt thanks to dear friends at the Grove Methodist who helped make Tom's thanksgiving service such a beautiful occasion. One which we will all treasure. Also, thank you so much for all the numerous acts of support and friendship given to Tom and Jean over the past few years, which undoubtedly enriched their lives.

Children's

TOYS / BOOKS / GAMES

The Grove will open its doors to members and the local community again this year. We made a number of contacts with City-centre projects and we shall supply Baby Bank (0-5 years) plus other needy causes again.

WE NEED: games / books /activity toys / ride on toys / puzzles.

Jigsaws: ***we did get some adult jigsaws/games and these were much appreciated by MHA Communities (ex- 'Live at Home') who operate from Central Methodist Church, Monday to Friday.

Donations of items in GOOD CONDITION (i.e. 'gift' quality) can be made as follows:

Sunday December 5th 10.30am Grove Morning (parade) service

Saturday December 4th 10am – 3pm Grove Church (disabled entrance)

COPS 26 (Conference of the Parties, 26th meeting)

Daily focus topics:

Mon 1st/Tues 2nd World Leaders

Wed 3rd Finance

Thurs 4th Clean energy

Friday 5th Youth / Public empowerment

Sat 6th Nature

Sun 7th 'Day of rest'

Mon 8th Adaptation / Loss / Damage

Tues 9th Gender / Science / Innovation

Wed 10th Zero emission transport

Thurs 11th The built environment / Cities

Friday 12th Closure of negotiations



Window dressing

Would YOU like to decorate one of our church windows for the Advent + Christmas season this year?

We do not have a general theme beyond “nativity scene” and your own sparkling creativity!

The blue display boards will provide a uniform background throughout the church (you can take one home to work on your design if you like).

Get your colours out, draw, paint, craft or build a nativity scene...lend us a ‘spare’ one if you possess more than one. Give us a ‘modern take’ on the nativity scene... where might the infant King appear today?

So: 1) Give Phil Maud a ring ASAP if you wish to take up this challenge (saves him worrying we will not have any window decorations). There are seven windows.

2) Displays need to be up in church Friday Nov 26th or Saturday Nov 27th

THANK YOU in “Advent Anticipation”...Phil 07 305 740 623

Asylum Seeker Dressing

It has come to my attention recently that there are three hotels in Leeds housing asylum seekers. They are single men and often have only the clothes they stand up in. I have a contact through the Refugee Council here in Leeds with direct contact to these men. Is it possible to help them?

Men; go through your extensive {largely unworn?} wardrobe and donate clothes, coats, shoes and belts.

Ladies; if you are ‘in charge’ then take your men in hand.

Donations can be left in the Food Bank trolley in the church entrance... take your food direct to Morrison’s. PS: a pack of new pants would finish off any outfits we can supply.

Ta.

Phil (the sartorially inelegant) Maud



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. It's true we don't often hear readings from the Authorised Version (AV) nowadays, but it was the only version around when I was young. My copy 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 dubious reward, considering the AV can be such an unfriendly read. I certainly didn't enjoy learning all those psalms, and of course I can't recite them now!

At the same time, there were childhood 'friends' who took pleasure in ridiculing the use of the old-fashioned language heard in churches. 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 now being used, and that's where Peter's problem comes from. And it's not the only language problem we have. 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 and sing the version in older hymn books because those are the words that come to mind automatically. Change is all around, but it seems so is inconsistency, and frustrations seem inevitable.

An obvious consequence of all the many translations is that some of us have settled on a favourite version. Thus, quite often the pew bible (NIV) is ignored in church readings, and we hear from the reader's favourite version, so we can't read the identical words ourselves. Alternatively, what we hear does not match what is on the screen, and then I feel for whoever it was who compiled the material for projection, only to find it being ignored. I find it very hard to take on board two different versions at the same time, and I'm sure I'm not alone in that. One way round such mismatches is to allow a little time within the service to hear and read both, and then to reflect on the differences. But I expect what we mostly do is just sit back and listen! As for the pew bible, we did at one time spend precious financial resources on providing them, so I'd like to think we're getting as much benefit from them as we can. Also, if we used the pew bibles more often, could that be the version to use for quotations?

And then there's the AV, has it really been sidelined altogether? The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast on radio from King's College, Cambridge, which many people look forward to at Christmas, still uses the original AV readings, and maybe other choirs do too, as we have frequently done in our own Carol Services, when we've been allowed to! Also, the many churches where psalms are still regularly sung may well be singing words taken directly from the AV. In fact it was partly through singing psalms and the many old anthems which formed the repertoire of choirs in days not all that long ago that I learned to live with the AV.

I have recently re-read the familiar Christmas passage, Luke 2; 8 - 20, from five modern translations and from the AV. I have to say, I still like the AV best of all for this story. So for me, the AV isn't finished yet. There are still many chapters and quotations from it that are so familiar that it is always a pleasure to hear them again. And when there is obscurity in them, why not provide a modern equivalent as well?

Tony Orton

Editor's note: We apologise for the fact that Tony's article was unable to be printed in full last month, but thought it worth adding it in full this edition.

Solutions to the October puzzles

Crossword: Across: 8 Unprovide, 9 Ova, 10 Yule log, 11 Ionia, 12 Heart, 14 Contain, 16 Solomon, 18 Renew, 19 Palms, 20 Debated, 22 Chi, 23 Sanctuary. Down: 1 Eutychus, 2 Opal, 3 Job lot, 4 Sing, 5 Legion, 6 Fountain, 7 Gaza, 13 Alleluia, 14 Can, 15 Nowadays, 17 Misuse, 18 Rubato, 19 Puck, 20 Deny, 21 Teal.

How many words: There may be more, but here's a list of seventy: a; ah, as, at, eh, er, ta; are, art, ash, ate, ear, eat, era, has, hat, her, het, rat, sat, sea, set, she, tar, tea, the, vat; aver, east, erst, hare, hart, hate, have, hear, heat, rase, rash, rate, rave, rest, rhea, sate, save, sear, seat, star, tare, tear, tsar, vase, vast, vera, vest; aster, avert, earth, haste, hater, haver, heart, share, shave, shear, stare, stave, trash, vesta; shaver, starve.

Number conundrums:

$$660 = 75(10 - 2) + 10 \times 6 = (75 - 10 - 10)6 \times 2$$

$$253 = (25 + 1)10 - 7 = (75 - 25)(6 - 1) + 10 - 7$$

Jigsaw @ Bramley Trinity Methodist Church

Our friends at Bramley Trinity are starting a coffee morning: weekly, on a Wednesday, from 10.30-12.30.

It is deliberately billed as 'Dementia Friendly'.

A dozen helpers have attended 4 hours of excellent dementia training and provide the following within their church space:

board games, craft activities, themed memory table display and 'thought for the day'.

Their cafe/coffee bar fronts directly on to the street and serves drinks plus a light lunch (on a donation basis).

If this seems like a lot to do within a couple of hours can I assure you it is a very relaxed (pick and mix) setting. I have attended their training and am there each week. I am happy to give a lift to anyone who would like to join us.

Phil Maud 07 305 740 623

Why 'Jigsaw'? So often we live our lives in little pieces or compartments. Wednesday mornings in Bramley offer the chance of coffee, chat, activities, fellowship, a spiritual focus and lunch. The box lid picture can only be enriched by adding your piece.

Puzzle Page: 1. For all the saints wordsearch

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C	O	L	U	M	B	A	N	U	S	N	I	W	S	O

The names of thirty-two saints, all associated with Britain and Ireland, are hidden within the grid. Can you find them all?

They may go L ↔ R, up ↔ down, or diagonally.

The names are listed below.

Alphege, Bartholemew, Boniface, Botolph, Briavel, Caradog, Christina, Columbanus, Edith, Edmund, Edwin, Felix, Finbar, Frideswide, Gilbert, Gregory, Hedda, Henry, Justinian, Justus, Kevin, Laurence, Non, Oswin, Owin, Richard, Robert, Roger, Ronan, Theodore, Werburga, Winefride.

2. Conundrums: Can you sort out the jumbled words? The answers all come from well known hymns.

Word	Optional clue: this hymn line contains the word
NEED THORN	Lord, ----- in heavenly splendour
QUORN CORE	Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty -----
DRIVE REEL	Strong -----, be thou still my strength and shield
HAIRY TOUT	Majesty, kingdom -----, flows from his throne
IN NEAT CAR the Godhead see! Hail the ----- Deity!
NICE SLANG	Alleluia! Alleluia! ----- souls from every stain
RECENT RAP	Sing hey for the ----- leaving his tools
MEAN NETTO	Who yielded his life in ----- for sin

Now can you identify the hymns from which the clues have been taken?

Tony Orton

Q. What is a Cirplanologist?

Any Guesses?

Apologies from Peter: an answer will appear in the next edition of the Grove Vine.

Resignation

Can we take this opportunity to thank all who have supported and made contributions to the Grove Vine while we have been editors.

Best wishes

Paul and Jenny Redfearn

As can be seen above Paul and Jenny are calling it a day after seven years as part of the editorial team. We thank them for their long and valued service in keeping the Grove Vine on the road.

Please note therefore that the next editor for sending any items for Dec/Jan will be Gill.

The last couple of years have proved very taxing for everyone and all of us editors have found it very exhausting to make sure the Vine has reached everyone on time. For that we are very grateful for help received from Mark and the stewards. That will be my last issue. Gordon and Mary's last issue will be the February edition after which... we shall be hoping that there will be a new team willing to continue the church magazine. So we are appealing for offers to take up the editorship. It may be that the editing part could be one job and the production (photocopying) could be another. We would be happy to give help if it is required.

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the December/January issue will be prepared by Gill and you should send items to her - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 24th November please and include details of events up to 6th February 2022.

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