

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



North Wakefield Team of Churches

# Newsletter for September 2025

North Wakefield Benefice



*Those who trust in the Lord will have  
new strength - they will soar up  
on wings like eagles... Is 40:31*

**Dear Friends, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the whole world and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1)**

Summer is now officially over (although we will hopefully still have some warm sunny days to enjoy) and autumn is upon us. Schools are restarting and we’re starting to look towards harvest. Harvest has always typically been a time to think about creation and all that God has given to us so as part of the lead up to that we’ve recently begun a sermon series around stewardship. The idea of stewardship is that we own nothing. Everything is ours on loan and will eventually end up under someone else’s care. None of it can go with us in the end.

During this season we’re thinking about how we use a variety of different things: our gifts and talents, our money, the environment, our time and finally people. We’re thinking about how we use the things that have been entrusted to us to build God’s kingdom. None of these things are particularly complicated but, in a world where people are treated as objects and where money is concentrated in a few very wealthy individuals it’s not always easy to follow this different path.

However, if we do manage to have God’s perspective on these five areas it can be liberating and joyful. When we see every person as made in God’s image, we treat them differently. When we recognise that, as the psalmist puts it “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” we hold a looser grasp of our money and our gifts and our talents. Our stress levels are reduced.



As part of this stewardship series we are asking everyone connected to the church to reflect on their giving of money, talents and time. The churches in this benefice (in common with all the churches in the Church of England) only function as a result of the time, money and talents given by members of the local community. We don’t receive any money from the government or from the central church (whose main wealth is in the land the churches are built on in any event) so if we are to continue keep our doors open and support our local communities, we need donations of money and time. These old buildings do take a considerable amount of maintenance to keep functioning which is, unfortunately, expensive.

There are many ways you can get involved, so if you have gifts and talents you can offer, or would like to know how to give financially, please speak to one of the clergy, LLMs or a churchwarden of your church. We hold these churches, like everything else, in trust for those who follow us and we long to be able to hand over vibrant faith communities in North Wakefield to the generations to come. Let’s celebrate all the gifts God has given us here.

Blessings and prayers

*Diane*

*Revd Diane Komorowski, Associate Vicar*

## Events for September

**Monday 8th Sept, 12pm** [Wrenthorpe](#)

Forget-me-not bereavement group for anyone who is bereaved or lonely.

**Friday 12th Sept, 10am-12pm**

Mother's Union event at Treacy Hall at the Cathedral with entertainment from the Foster Carer's choir.

**Saturday 13th Sept, 10am** [Wrenthorpe](#)

Women of Substance group, looking at the story of Rebekah, with lunch and crafts. New members always welcome.

**Saturday 13th Sept, 10.30am** [Stanley](#)

Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle and more!

**Monday 15th Sept, 10.30am** [Outwood](#)

Mother's Union meeting. Contact Sheila Crosby for details of the address if you'd like to come along.

**Saturday 20th Sept, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Heritage Open Day with memorabilia from the recent 200 year anniversary event, tower tours, children's crafts etc.

**Thursday 25th Sept, 7pm**

Men's Group visit to the Swafia Mosque in Wakefield for an interesting evening of conversation and discovery.

**Saturday 27th Sept, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Lifeboat meeting with prayer, Bible study, discussion and refreshments.

**Saturday 27th Sept, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Macmillan coffee morning—come along and support this event to raise money for the Macmillan charity.

**Saturday 27th Sept, 10am** [Stanley](#)

Stanley Singers Celebration Morning and Singalong to celebrate 15 years of the community choir. Everyone welcome!



**Sunday 28th Sept, 3pm**

Bishop Malcolm will be formally welcomed to our area at a special service at Wakefield Cathedral.

**Friday 3rd October, 3pm** [Stanley](#)

Macmillan coffee afternoon—come along and support this event to raise money for the Macmillan charity.

**Saturday 4th Oct, 2pm** [Wrenthorpe](#)

Harvest Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment. Tickets £10 per person. Come along and enjoy this great event!

### Contact details for our clergy:

**Associate  
Vicar**



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# St Peter's Church, Stanley



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Stanley



St Peter's

## Services every week at St Peter's:

**10.45am on Sundays -Holy Communion**

Our weekly family service includes Holy Communion most weeks, followed by refreshments and time to chat.

**9.30am on Mondays—Morning Prayer**

A short informal prayer service.

## Weekly events at St Peter's

<b>Mondays</b> 10am - 12pm	<b>Lighthouse Café</b> A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, jigsaws etc. 
<b>Mondays</b> 1pm- 2pm 	<b>Stanley Community Choir</b> New members welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.
<b>Tuesdays</b> 10.30am- 1.30pm	<b>Tuesday lunch club</b> for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
<b>Wednesdays</b> 10am-12pm	<b>Lighthouse Café</b> Also on Wednesdays!
<b>Wednesdays</b> 1.30pm- 3.30pm	 <b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> Enjoy a cuppa, company & a 'crafty' time.
<b>Thursdays</b> 9.15am- 11.15am	<b>Children's Ark</b> baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.

Stanley Singers' 15th anniversary

## Celebration Morning and Singalong

**Saturday 27th September, 10am-12pm**



Arrive 10am for refreshments and cake followed by an hour of singing along to some enjoyable and familiar songs.

### Join us!

As we celebrate 15 years of singing and friendship.

*Open to everyone: all abilities, all ages  
—anyone who enjoys singing!*

## Macmillan coffee afternoon

**Friday 3rd October, 3pm—5pm**

Coffee and cake? Tea and a bun?



Please come and join us and support the Macmillan Cancer Support charity



## Monthly Coffee morning

Our coffee mornings run on the 2nd Saturday of every month, and the next one will be on **Saturday 13th September** at St Peter's church from 10.30am—12.30pm. We have fantastic refreshments including bacon sandwiches, as well as a raffle, tombola and jigsaws.

Councillor Lynn Masterman is usually available for anyone to raise any local issues. Join us!

## Tuesday Lunch Club

**Every Tuesday 10.30am-1.30pm**

The lunch club is an ideal activity for older ladies and gentlemen, costing just £6 for a hot 2 course meal and various activities. We have a lot of fun and always learn something new!

**New members are always welcome.**

**Don't be lonely! Please join us!**

We have recently been working on our 'Noah's Ark' scarecrow for the Stanley scarecrow trail. Voting closes on Sunday 7th September. Maps and voting forms are available from the library and from church.



## Contact details for St Peter's Church

### Clergy

*For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane Komorowski—see page 3 for details.*

### Church Office

*Room hire enquiries, information about church groups, publicity:*

Eleanor Plant 01924 835746  
churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

### Church Officer roles

Jason Plant Church Warden  
David Sunderland Church Warden  
Libby Gates PCC Secretary  
Jason Plant Treasurer

### Safeguarding concerns

Dave Florence 07957 203898  
daveflorence@gmail.com

## Bishop Malcolm to be welcomed

Following his ordination as the new Bishop of Wakefield in June, Bishop Malcolm's formal welcome to our area will take place at Wakefield Cathedral on **Sunday 28th September** at 3.30pm. We look forward to welcoming him to all our churches in our benefice in due course.



## Stewardship Series



During September we will continue with our Stewardship series of Bible readings and sermons, and think about how we can use what we have to better serve our churches, community and world.

# St Mary Magdalene, Outwood



Leeds Road  
Outwood  
WF1 2JL

Outwood



Services at St Mary Magdalene	
Sundays, 9.15am	<b>Parish Mass</b>
Thursdays, 9.15am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
Regular Events:	
Mondays 7.15pm	<b>Rate My Mind</b> men's group in the Choir Vestry
Mondays	<b>Care4U Community Choir</b>
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	<b>Free Drop-In</b> at the Church Institute: coffee/tea, quizzes, music etc.
Fridays 9.15-11.15am	<b>Mini Monsters</b> at the Church Institute

## Outwood Institute contact details

**Institute Manager**—Keith 07837 386891

**Brownies**—Rachel 07587 919263

**Guides**—Karen 07719 669146

**Scouts**— Josh or Toni 07407 497289

**Wives Group**— Norma 07854 780694

**Mini Monsters**— Barbara 07580 042854

**Dance Class**—Paula 07780 688623

**Weight Watchers**— Sarah 07775744237

**Pre-school**—Suzanne 01924 825688

## MAPPS Men's group meeting Thursday 25th September, 7pm

Our men's group this month has been invited to visit the Swafia Mosque on Park Lodge Lane in Wakefield. Our host will be Kalim Aslam, a young man who represented the Muslim community at a Cathedral event back in March. We are invited to visit him and others at the Mosque for what promises to be most interesting evening when we can learn more about Islam and how the faith is practiced.

Did you know the Church of England has a **Daily Prayer podcast and app**, offering both Morning and Evening Prayer in audio form? The service has seen 12 million downloads with thousands tuning in daily for scripture, music, and reflection; the ancient Word finding new life in a modern format. Just search 'Daily Prayer' on the app store on your phone.

Daily Prayer



## Outwood Community Garden

For any enquiries or questions about the garden please contact Roland Harden on 07771 848130 (see overleaf)

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us: for the rendering of his ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9: v11-12*

Across the Diocese, the contributions made by our members helped a staggering **10,575** people last year! The true number is probably even higher, as it's impossible to measure exactly those helped by our members in churches, prisons, hospitals, refuges, food banks and other community projects. What is evident is the love and care for the needy shown in a variety of different situations. Thank you everyone who has contributed.

Last year, 33 holidays were taken with 60 adults and 45 children enjoying a break in our caravans as party of our AFIA (Away From It All) project.

Another way we can help is by befriending baptism families as they search for faith for themselves and their children. Outwood branch have put together a Godly Play Baptism Box for each of the churches in our benefice. Is there anyone in your congregation who might help families with Baptism Preparation? Do let Revd Diane know – training will be given!

## Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

### Clergy

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### Church Warden

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### Parish Secretary

Beverley Beaumont  
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### Treasurer

Duncan Hall

### Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

Brian Taylor                          07815 311082

### Safeguarding

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On **Friday 12th September** at the Treacy Hall Meet Up Café there will be entertainment from the Foster Carer's choir so do call in and see us. You will get a warm welcome! We are open from 10am until 12 noon.

Our next branch meeting is on **Monday 15th September at 10.30am** when we will be meeting in one of our member's homes, not in church. Please contact me if you would like to come along, we would love to see you.

As always, please ring me for further information on 01924 825866

*Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader*

# St Anne's, Wrenthorpe



121 Wrenthorpe Road  
Wrenthorpe  
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## Wrenthorpe



St Anne's

### Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sundays, 10.45am Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 2.15pm Holy Communion

### Other weekly events (term time only)

Mondays, 10am Cheeky Cherubs

Mondays, 2.30pm Youth Drop-in

### Monthly events

2nd Monday of the month, 12pm-2pm Forget-me-not friendship group

3rd Saturday of the month 10am-2pm Women of Substance group

### Christian Aid Tea Party—thank you



Thank you to everyone who supported the tea party in aid of Christian

Aid on 16th August. It was well attended by about 40 people who brought and ate a great deal of cake! I felt that God was saying we would raise £300. At present the total is £300.38 plus the gift aid contributions! I enjoyed it all very much and hope others did too.

Thanks again, *Jane*

## School Years 7 - 11



St. Anne's Church Wrenthorpe



# Young People's Drop-In

on Mondays from 2.30pm - 4pm in Church

Come and join us for a snack, games, creative activities, watch a bit of a movie followed by some discussion, and more!



After School during Termttime

# Women of Substance

**Saturday 13th Sept, 10am—2pm**

This month we are looking at Rebekah. She was Isaac's wife who used tricks and lies to get her own way. Family tensions are pretty normal (aren't they?). But resolving them? - now that's where things get tricky. Rebekah's methods certainly leave a lot to be desired.



Her actions tore her family apart and caused generational damage. Whatever the reason behind her actions, there is no hint that she prayerfully placed her sons' lives into God's hands. Instead, she chose manipulation and deception to try and shape her family's future according to what made sense to her.

Family tensions are a given. Peaceful, united resolutions are not. Rebekah shows us the tragedy of trying to force our own agendas; it can end up destroying the very thing we are trying to save.

Come and give Women of Substance a try! Just let me know so there is enough lunch and study materials.

Lynn Fowley

07890 589907 or [ldfowley@live.co.uk](mailto:ldfowley@live.co.uk)



## Cheeky Cherubs

Our toddler group meets in church at

**10am on Mondays in term time.**

It is for children aged 0-4 years and their carer, and includes stories, activities, crafts and plenty of time to play!

## Contact details for St Anne's Church Clergy

*For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane Komorowski—see page 3 for details.*

### Church Wardens

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### PCC Secretary

Lynn Fowley 07890 589907  
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### Treasurer

David Payne  
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### Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558



## Harvest Afternoon Tea

*With entertainment from*

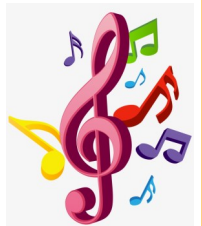
**Thinking Forward Singing Group**

*With songs from the 60s-70s-80s*

**In St Anne's Church Hall**

**Saturday 4th October,**

**2pm – 4pm**



Tickets £10 pp

*(includes a glass of Prosecco)*

**Come along and support our event!**

**Enjoy a great time and even get up for a bop or two!**

Tickets available from Jacquie  
on 07503075108

# St Paul's, Alverthorpe



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## Alverthorpe



St Paul's

**We are St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe**

**Sunday and mid-week services:**

**9.30am Sunday morning:** a mixture of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer

**9am Tuesday morning:** Morning Prayer

**11am Wednesday morning:** a short 'said' Holy Communion

We have tea and coffee after all services. We are on Facebook, and broadcast live every Sunday morning service

**A WARM welcome guaranteed**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 27th September, 10am-12pm**

Please join us at our special coffee morning on Saturday 27th September and help us to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.



We would love to see you there!



**Lifeboat prayer group**

**Sat 27th September**

**10am—11.30am**

The Lifeboat prayer group is a spirituality group for the whole benefice, meeting on the last Saturday of the month in the East Room at St Paul's church in Alverthorpe, from 10am—11.30am. We enjoy refreshments, a time of prayer, Bible study, and discussion. Everyone welcome.

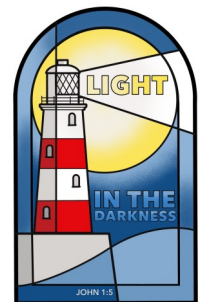
**I Am**

I am only a drop;  
Make me a fountain;  
A fountain of light  
To show the way.

I am only a molehill;  
Make me a mountain  
To shout from the top  
Your story, glory and praise.

I am only a spark;  
Make me a fire of love and grace  
To share with others  
And keep up the pace.

*By Irene Smithson*



**Our next PCC meeting**  
will be held at the church on  
**Monday 1st September 1.30pm**

## Heritage Open Day at St Paul's Saturday 20th Sept, 10am-4pm

On Saturday 20th September there will be another exciting opportunity to view all the memorabilia, historical artefacts and information that was collected for the 200th anniversary of St Paul's church.



**heritage open days**

The event has been registered with <https://heritageopendays.org.uk> which lists all the buildings and organisations holding events during Heritage Open Day week, which runs from 12th-21st September across the country.

If you didn't manage to visit the church during their anniversary weekend in June, this is an ideal opportunity to come along and find out about the history of the church. There may also be opportunity to see this wonderful model of the church.



There will also be tower tours—climb the tower and ring the bells! The information displays tell the story of how the church has changed over the 200 years, and you can hear the stories of local residents recalling changes in the area.



There will also be activities and crafts for children and refreshments. Come along and find out about our heritage!

## Contact details for St Paul's Church Clergy

*For baptism and wedding enquiries, to request home communion visits and one-to-one prayer, please contact Rev Diane Komorowski—see page 3 for details.*

## Church Warden

David Dews

## Uniformed groups

*Cubs meet Monday evenings, Beavers and Scouts meet Friday evenings:*

Bill Sim 01924 382245

*Guides meet Wednesdays and Rainbows and Brownies meet Thursday evenings:*

Mrs Pat Lambert 01924 376857

## Arts Retreat in Halifax, 17th-19th Oct

The Holy Nativity Church in Mixenden, Halifax is holding a 3 day multi-arts retreat in October on the topic of grief. Death and grief are experiences that will at some point touch us all. However, they remain taboo topics; difficult to face ourselves and with others. How can art help us look and understand grief and death better?

This creative arts retreat will consider how the Bible, Christian tradition, and various art forms allow us to approach grief and death, and inspire us in our own creativity.

Tickets cost around £25. Search 'Holy Nativity Church' on Facebook to find out more information about the retreat and how to book.



## ***Prayers for September***

*This poem was inspired by a lady called Phil Bevan who responded to God's call to take aid to Myanmar after floods there, many years ago...*

### **God's whisper to me**

God whispered in my ear one day  
And said how it would be  
I shrugged and turned away and said  
"No way, You can't mean me!"

Next time it wasn't a whisper  
He spoke quite loud and clear  
He had a job for me to do  
He said "have faith, don't fear".

So I took the challenge offered  
But how should I begin?  
This task was much too big for me  
I had to trust in Him.

When the problems overwhelmed me  
And I couldn't see my way  
I'd put my faith and hope in Him  
Fall to my knees and pray.

And my God, He never failed me  
Through good days and through bad  
He filled me with a courage  
I never knew I had.

So if you feel God calling you  
Don't doubt and answer "no"  
He knows the plans He has for you  
Step out in faith...and go!

*By Mallie Sharpe*



### **Next to you and lonely**

Cups of tea and people,  
People who do and who know.  
People with purposeful expressions,  
Their eyes searching beyond her,  
through her,  
The invisible one.  
She's next to you and she's lonely.

Smiles and one-way conversations,  
With thoughts and eyes elsewhere,  
Never noticing the masks of  
brightness  
Hiding hurting children,  
The tired ones,  
Who are next to you  
and lonely.



And the makers of the cups of tea,  
The knowers and the doers,  
Those who smile and seem to have so  
much.

They too wear masks that hide their  
crying,  
The together ones  
Sit next to you and are lonely.

*Daphne Kitching*

### **The Shell**

Upon the sandy shore an empty shell,  
Beyond the shell infinity of sea;  
O Saviour, I am like that empty shell,  
Thou are the Sea to me.

A sweeping wave rides up the shore,  
and lo,  
Each dim recess the coiled shell within  
Is searched, is filled, is filled to overflow  
By water crystalline.

*From a poem by Amy Carmichael*