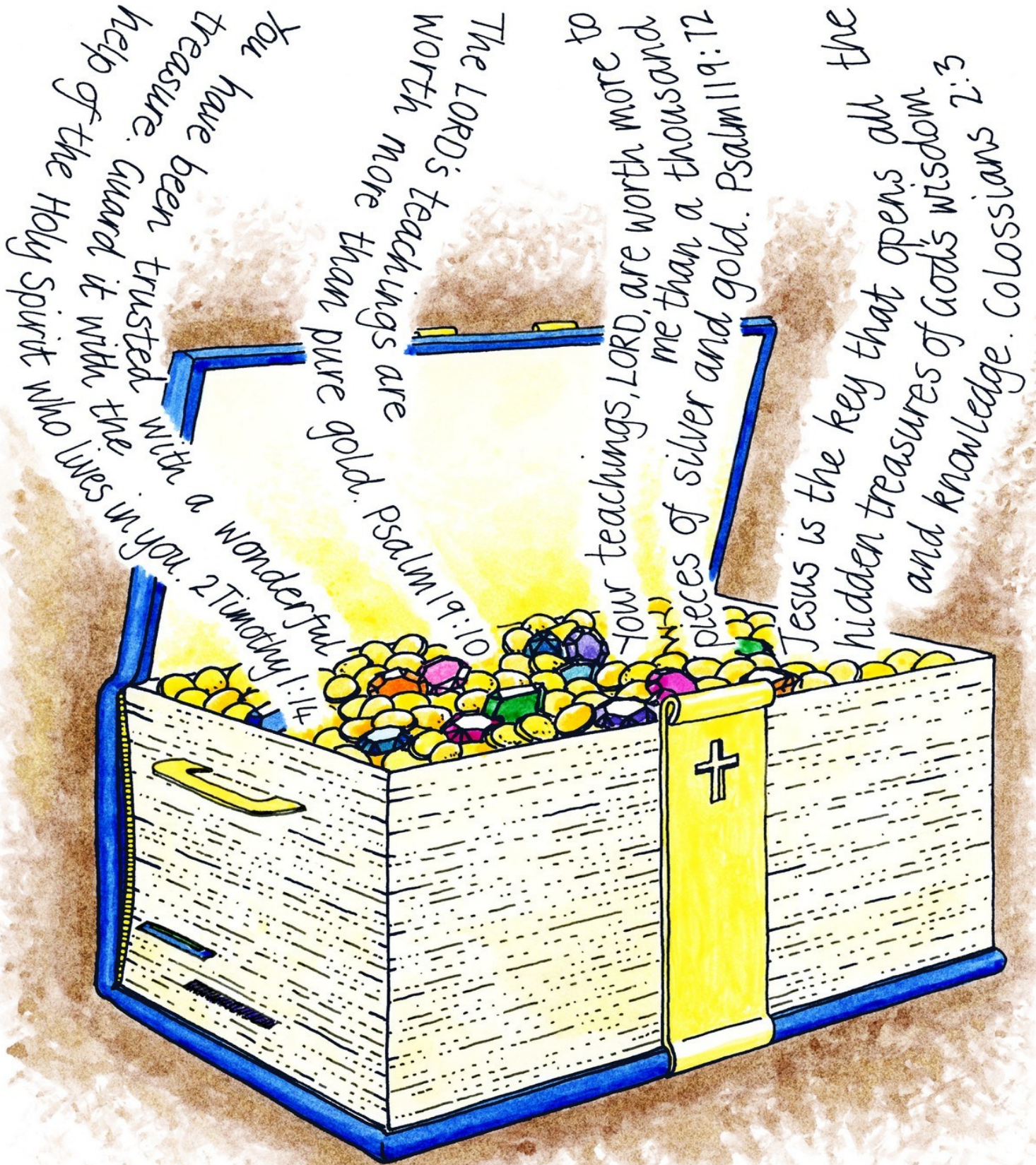




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# Newsletter for November 2025



**Dear Friends,**

**“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”” Revelation 11:15**

I cannot believe we're already in November! Christmas is almost upon us but not quite yet. This for me is the month of remembering. We start the month with All Saints' Day and All Souls Day and move on to Remembrance Sunday. And it's a special time. Time to remember those who have gone before us and shown us the way of faith, some of them famous and well known, others of local concern to us.

It's important to remember. Our family and friends who have guided us along the way are important to us and shouldn't be forgotten. Nor should the sacrifice of those who have died in service of our country. Men and women of all the nations of what was the Empire and is now the Commonwealth fought to give us freedom. Some of you may be aware that I am the Padre to the Wakefield Air Cadets so Remembrance Day is always special and it is an honour to be able to celebrate Armistice Day in Outwood Cemetery. But even before I took on this role Remembrance Day has been about remembering specific family members who served and died in the two World Wars. I don't know about you but the numbers are beyond my understanding. Thinking about specific people who have served and whose lives have ended or been irrevocably altered by the experience helps bring it all home to me.

We're living in troubled times. It's in times like these that the hope of the Christian faith can shine even brighter. After many years of relative peace it's uncomfortable to be living with a war not far away in Ukraine and in many other areas of the world. But the world has been a turbulent place for most of the last 2000 years and yet as Christians we continue to claim that God's Kingdom is here. It's not yet fully here but we live in its reality now. So when we pray that God's Kingdom will come, we're asking to see more of it in our lives. With that Kingdom comes justice and peace and mercy. When God's Kingdom comes in full God will live with us and all will be made as it should always have been according to God's perspective. It will have Christ in charge and not us which means it might not look like we think it should because we have a skewed perspective of the world. We do know, however, that it will be full of love, light, peace, justice and joy for all people. That is the hope we share in this season of remembrance and all the year. It's my prayer that you can experience that right here and now and not just when we meet him face to face.



Love and prayers

***Diane***

*Revd Diane Komorowski, Associate Vicar*

## Events for November

**Saturday 8th Nov, 10.30am** [Stanley](#)

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

**Sat 8th November, 11am** [Outwood](#)

Autumn Fair with various stalls and refreshments, at the Church Institute.

**Sunday 9th November Remembrance**

**Sunday services:**

- Outwood at 9.15am
- Alverthorpe at 9.30am
- Stanley at 10.45am
- Wrenthorpe at 10.45am



**Monday 10th Nov, 12pm** [Wrenthorpe](#)

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

**Saturday 15th Nov, 10am** [Wrenthorpe](#)

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

**Monday 17th Nov, 10.30am** [Outwood](#)

Mother's Union meeting in church for the AGM and planning for next year's anniversary events.

**Tues 18th November 7.30pm** [Outwood](#)

Fashion show at Outwood church. Please buy your tickets on the door.

**Sat 22nd November, 10am** [Stanley](#)

Christmas Fair with lots of stalls and refreshments. Please join us!

**Saturday 29th Nov, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

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

**Sunday 30th November**

All our churches will be holding services to celebrate the start of Advent, and the beginning of the Christmas season.

**Sun 30th Nov—Sat 6th Dec** [Stanley](#)

'Babes in the Hood' pantomime. See the Stanley page for performance dates and times, ticket prices and how to book.

**Tues 2nd Dec, 5pm-7pm** [Outwood](#)

**Weds 3rd Dec, 5pm-7pm** [Stanley](#)

Santa events at Outwood Memorial Hall on Tuesday and at Stanley Community centre on Wednesday organised by our councillors with free gift and Santa visit.

**Saturday 6th Dec, 11pm** [Wrenthorpe](#)

Christmas Fair and FREE Craft & Create event with various stalls and Santa visit.

**Sun 7th December, 10.45am** [Stanley](#)

St Nicholas service, when toys can be donated and given to the Salvation Army to distribute locally to children in need.

**Contact details for our clergy:**

**Associate  
Vicar**



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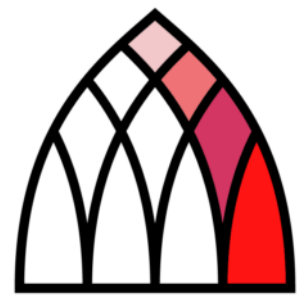
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# St Peter's Church, Stanley



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

## Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 9th November

10.45am at the War Memorial

Join us as we remember those from our village and beyond who served in all wars. The service will begin at 10.45am at the War Memorial on the old church site, where the names of the fallen will be read out. The service will then continue in church. The outdoor service will be screened live to our Facebook



page and also to the TV screens in church for those unable to walk to the War Memorial. Please join us.

## Monthly Coffee morning

We hold a coffee morning on the 2nd Saturday of every month, the next one being on **Saturday 8th November** at St Peter's church from 10.30am—12.30pm. We have some fantastic refreshments including bacon sandwiches, as well as a raffle and a tombola.

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



## **‘Babes in the Hood’ panto**

Pantomime tickets are now on sale! Email [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk) or send us a message via our Facebook page to order tickets. Performance dates and times are:

- 3pm on Sunday 30th Nov
- 7.15pm on Mon 1st Dec
- 7.15pm on Tues 2nd Dec
- 7.15pm on Weds 3rd Dec
- 7.15pm on Fri 5th Dec
- 3pm on Saturday 6th Dec



Tickets cost £7.50 adults, £5 children and concessions. Please come along and enjoy the show!

## **St Peter’s Church Christmas Fair Saturday 22nd November 10am—1pm**

### **Lots of stalls:**

Tombola, raffle, greetings cards, bottle stall, books, cakes, toys, children’s tombola, knitted crafts, bric-a-brac and more....

### **And refreshments:**

Bacon sandwiches, tea and coffee

**Everybody welcome!**

## **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](mailto: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

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## **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! Here is our plan for the next few weeks:

- Tues 4th Nov—Board games
- Tues 11th Nov—Remembrance Day
- Tues 18th Nov—TV shows
- Tues 25th Nov—St Andrews Day
- Tues 2nd Dec—Christmas crafts
- Tues 9th Dec—Christmas singing
- Tues 16th Dec—Christmas lunch

**New members are always welcome.**

**Don’t be lonely! Please join us!**



On 2nd November we will be celebrating the enrolling of a new member—Lyn—during our morning service. Our meeting on **Monday 17th November at 10.30am** will be our AGM and we will be thinking about our 150th celebrations in 2026.

From 25th November to 10th December there will be 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence and Abuse with a service of prayer in the Cathedral at some time during this period. Friday 5th December is the last date for the Treacy Hall Café this year and the Foster Care Singers will be entertaining us. We're open from 10am until 12 noon when we end with midday prayers. Join us!

Contact me on 01924 825866.  
*Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader*

**Contact details for St Mary Magdalene**

**Clergy**

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**Church Warden**

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Duncan Hall

**Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings**

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**Safeguarding**

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**Poppy displays**

Call in and see all our lovely poppy displays in church!



Many thanks to all the church ladies who have been busy making the displays ready for Remembrance Day.

**Home Start**

As in previous years, we will be collecting food items during November to donate to Wakefield & District Home Start. Our gifts will help needy families at a difficult and expensive time of year.

Lists of which items can be donated are available in church. We will be receiving the gifts in Church on Sunday 30th November so we can get them to Home Start in good time for Christmas.

For more details, see Jean Wade.



# 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



## Sunday 9th November at 10.45am

Our Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 9th November will start with a memorial service outside, before moving inside church. It is a parade service so will be attended by the uniformed organisations. Wreaths will be laid, names will be remembered, and the last post will sound. All are welcome to join us as we remember.

**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 15th Nov 10am—2pm**

This month, Women of Substance are looking at the life of Rachel, the much loved wife of Jacob. Last month we studied Leah and now we see the other side of the story. Rachel was the sort of woman that men wanted to be with. Jacob was captivated by her charm and beauty, and immediately fell in love with her.



But Rachel always wanted more. When she could not have children she cried to her husband "give me children or I will die". She was given a son but even then, she was not satisfied, and was fiercely competitive with her sister Leah. Rachel was not content and always wanted more. Maybe she should have trusted God, and been thankful for what she had been given, rather than wanting more? A lesson for everyone!

Next month, Women of Substance will meet on **Saturday 20th December** for something a bit different...Santa may call, and as usual we will enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship together. A meeting with a difference; come along and see, you may like it very much. This is the third Christmas for our group; something to rejoice and thank God for.

Please let me know if you are coming so I can ensure there is enough lunch, studies, and craft for everyone. God bless  
*Lynn Fowley, 07890 589907*  
*or ldfowley@live.co.uk*

### Contact details for St Anne's Church Clergy

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### Church Wardens

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### Treasurer

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### Church Hall bookings

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*Yes it's that time of year! - Our annual  
Christmas Fair & Craft event:*



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**On Saturday 6th December,  
11am—2pm in St Anne's Church**

With lots of crafts and stalls and visit from Santa. The fair will be in the church hall, and FREE Craft & Create in the church. Something for everyone!



### **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!

# St Paul's, Alverthorpe



St Paul's Drive  
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

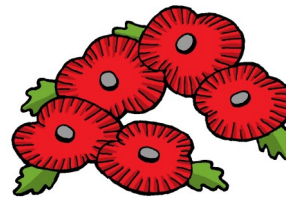
We have tea and coffee after all services. We are on Facebook, and broadcast live every Sunday morning service

**A WARM welcome guaranteed**

**Remembrance Sunday Service  
Sunday 9th November, 9.30am**

Our Remembrance Sunday service will also be a parade service and we invite you to join us and our uniformed groups as we remember those who fought and died in defence of our nation throughout history. Our

Reader, Vicky Wilson will be preaching at this service.

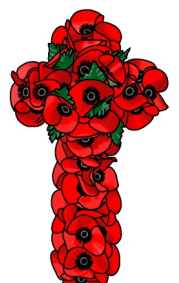


**The poppy** has been a symbol of remembrance and hope since 1921, when the newly formed Royal British Legion sold them for the first time, raising £106,000 to help veterans with housing and jobs. This year, 40,000 volunteers will distribute 40 million poppies. The poppy symbol comes from the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' written in 1915 by Canadian doctor Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae:

## **In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high,  
If ye break faith with us who die.  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow in Flanders' Fields.



*After losing a friend in Ypres, John McCrae was inspired by the thousands of poppies that grew in the battle-scarred landscape.*

## When there is no peace

*“They dress the wound of My people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace’, they say, when there is no peace.” (Jeremiah 6:14)*

I wonder what peace felt like in 1945, after 9th May or 16th August? These, of course, were the days after Victory in Europe Day and then Victory in Japan Day. Once the parties and hangovers were cleared up, life would go on as before, for many months to come: with shortages, rationing, men overseas, houses bombed and people on the move. On the continent and in the Far East it was much worse.

What does it feel like now? Yes, we have had ‘peace’ of sorts in most of Europe between the major continental powers for decades, which is an achievement, but there is no peace in Ukraine, the Middle East or Sudan. If anything, the world is now looking to be a more dangerous place.



The verse above from the prophet Jeremiah was the theme of a sermon recently. The preacher talked about peace-making, peace-keeping and a lasting peace, which are not the same and require different skills.

After the Second World War, peace-making meant winning the war and defeating evil. Peace-keeping was occupying the defeated lands until they could establish communities built on democracy and justice. What about a lasting peace? Many world leaders

## Contact details for St Paul’s Church

### Clergy

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### 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

plead for ‘Peace, peace!’ but they mean only peace on their terms and don’t care about anything else.

As Christians we should:

- Pray for the peace-makers: the women and men in the forces
- Pray for peace-keepers: the experts helping to build new societies
- Pray for lasting peace: the willingness of world leaders and politicians to act for the greater good.

By David Pickup, in [parishpump.co.uk](http://parishpump.co.uk)



## Lifeboat prayer group

Sat 29th November

10am—11.30am

The Lifeboat prayer group meets on the last Saturday of the month at St Paul’s church in Alverthorpe, from 10am—11.30am, for refreshments prayer and Bible study.

# Prayers for November

## Remembrance

In November we come to remember  
How war tore our country apart,  
From village and town and all around  
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all  
Saw their brave young men go away,  
For some it meant the ultimate price  
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above  
To rescue this world from sin,  
It cost Him His life which He freely gave  
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,  
But the time will surely be  
When the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
As the waters cover  
the sea.

*By Megan Carter*



## The Compassing of God

The compassing of God and of His right hand  
Round my form and frame, protecting may it stand;  
High King's compassing and grace of Trinity  
Round me abiding ever eternally,  
Round me abiding ever eternally.

The Three's compassing my shield in my life-means,  
The Three's compassing my shield through this day's scenes,  
The Three's compassing my shield this night throughout,  
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about,  
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about.

*An ancient Celtic prayer*



## We call this 'life'?

We call this life,  
that is life's preparation;  
We call this life,  
a little time of tears;  
But think you God  
for this designed creation,  
A few short years?  
*By Douglas Malloch*

## Passing

The miserable soul  
doth freely flee  
Out from its shrine  
it ascends above,  
O kindly Christ  
of the blessings free,  
Enfold in time  
the one of my love.  
*An ancient Celtic prayer*

## Daily Strength

Jesus said: "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will give you rest"  
*Matthew 11:8*

"Whoever comes to me  
I will never drive away."  
*John 6:37*

