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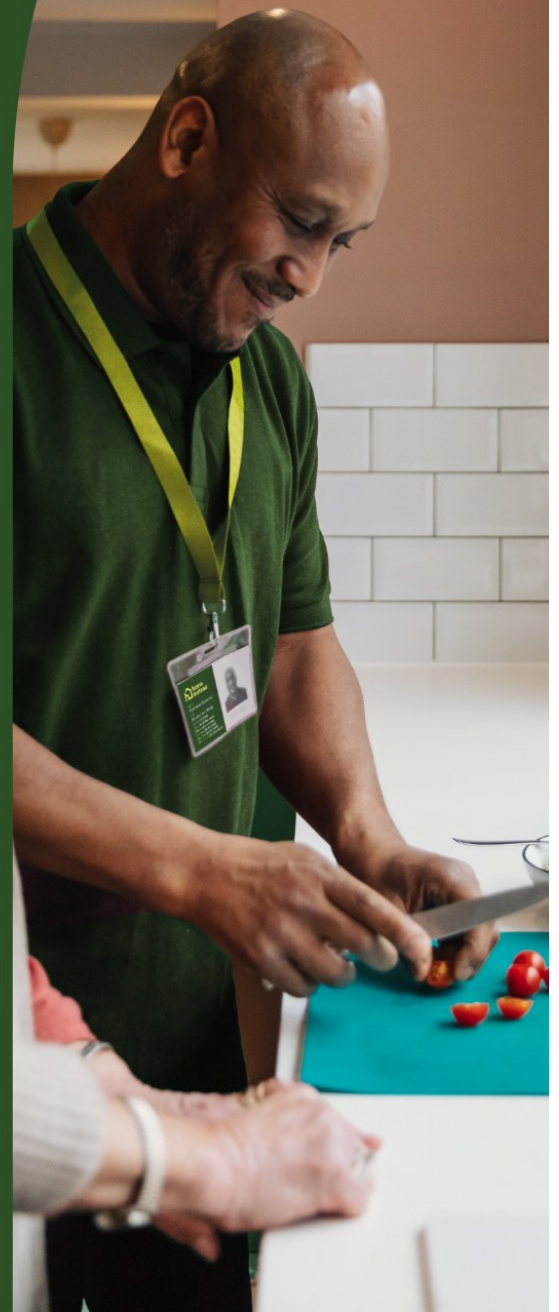


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STANLEY LIBRARY

Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, language tapes, newspapers (including the Wakefield Express), magazines, and an A4 colour photocopier (please enquire for prices). There are also public access computers with free internet access and basic software e.g. word processing. It is free to use the computer; users just need a current library card.

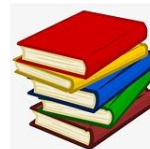
WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
Mondays 11am—11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
Tuesdays 12pm	Library stroll: a gentle hour long walk in the local area.
Thursdays 10am—12pm	Coffee morning: Meet friendly faces, have a chat, a cuppa and maybe a quiz at our weekly coffee morning. All welcome.
Thursdays 2.30pm—4.30pm	Family Games: You'll never be bored at our family games sessions. Fun for all the family! 
Fridays 10am—12pm	Mindful morning: Relieve stress and anxiety by taking part in mindful colouring, painting and puzzles.
Fridays 1pm	Chair based exercises: gentle exercise session
Fridays 3.30pm—4.30pm	 Lego Club: Build Lego scenes, stories and characters. Lego provided. All ages welcome.
Saturdays 10.30am	Family Crafts: Colour, craft and create at our family craft session.
Saturdays 10am—1pm	Family History Sessions: Discover the secrets of your past with our resident family history expert.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	9.30am—5pm
Tuesday	9.30am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
Saturday	10am—1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

Stanley Readers Group

First Monday of the month
10am-11am: come and join our discussions! Ask in the library for more information or contact Mary on 07900 534571



Contact Stanley Library: Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HU
Telephone: 01924 303130,
Email: stanleylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk



LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ at St Peter's Church Every Monday and Wednesday 10am—12pm

With snacks and refreshments,
plus light lunches on Mondays from **12pm—1pm**

*Plus free Wi-Fi, Books, Games, Jigsaws,
Newspapers, Children and babies welcome.*

A Warm Space and a Warm Welcome—Come and join us!

Children's Ark

A relaxed and friendly baby and toddler group for pre-school children and their carers. Come and enjoy a cuppa and meet friends. £1.50 per child.

Play! Singing! Snacks! Stories! Toys!

Every **Thursday** in termtime at St Peter's church from **9:15am to 11 am**

Phone 01924

835746 or

07746 849509

for more info



Knit & Natter
St Peter's Church,
Every Wednesday
1.30pm-3.30pm

Enjoy a cuppa, company and a 'crafty' afternoon!

New members always welcome—
knit, sew, swap patterns and
ideas, learn new skills, and
share friendship, conversation
and refreshments.

**Come along for a very
warm welcome**



Stanley Community Singers Every Monday, 1pm-2pm, St Peter's Church

The Stanley Community Singers offers a warm welcome to any new members. There is no audition and no previous experience required, just a love of singing! We sing a variety of different music including modern classics, pop and musicals.

Come and make friends and enjoy a good sing!

The cost per session is £2.50. Light lunches are available from 12pm in our café (soup, sandwiches, hot meals etc.) and refreshments are available after the singing with time to chat.

EVENTS IN STANLEY THIS MONTH

Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

- Sundays**
10.45am  Family Communion service: with Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.
- Mondays**
9.30am Morning Prayer service: a short, informal service every Monday morning. All welcome.
- Mondays & Weds**
10am -12pm Lighthouse Café A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc. Also on Wednesdays. 
- Mondays**
1pm-2pm  Stanley Community Choir New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy singing!
- Tuesdays**
10.30am-1.30pm Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
- Wednesdays**
1.30pm-3.30pm Knit & Natter with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome. 
- Thursdays**
9.15am-11.15am  Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.

Special services and events this month

- Tuesdays**
1.45pm & 7.30pm Lent Course with two sessions on Tuesdays, 1.45pm in church and 7.30pm at Libby's house, see p10.
- Tues 10th March**
7.30pm Rev Diane's licensing service at St Paul's Alverthorpe. Rev Diane will be licensed as Vicar of our benefice.
- Sat 14th March**
10.30am - 12.30pm Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more! 
- Sun 15th March**
10.45am  Mothering Sunday service—all welcome to our service as we celebrate mothers and families.
- Tues 17th March**
10am-1pm Open Day at Stanley Cemetery for memorial owners to find out about the forthcoming inspection. See p6.
- Weds 18th March**
PCC meeting at 7.15pm
- Thurs 26th March**
1.30pm Mothers' Union meeting—a new group for Stanley, all welcome. See page 11 for more information.
- Sat 28th March**
10am-1pm Spring Fair with lots of stalls and refreshments. Join us for a lovely morning. 
- Easter Services** See page 10 for details of all our Easter services.

Turn your unwanted foreign currency into school meals!

Donate your spare foreign currency, or British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender, and St Peter's church will give them to Mary's Meals, who will turn them into meals for hungry school children.



Mary's Meals provides school meals to 3 million children in some of the poorest countries in the world, across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The charity was established in 2002 and began in Malawi, before expanding across the world.

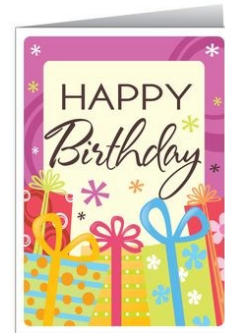


Mary's Meals is a simple idea—a daily meal served in school has a positive impact on enrolment, attendance and achievement.

Bring your unwanted currency to St Peter's church and put it in our collection box in the corridor, and we will give it to Mary's Meals.

It costs just £19.15 to provide one child with school meals for an entire year with Mary's Meals. Thank you.

Friday Card Class Fridays 12pm-2pm



New members invited to join the Card Class at St Peter's Church!

Bring your own cards to make, or other craft items, and share skills!

£2 per week,
includes refreshments

Contact Cheryl for more
Information: 01924 828460

Stanley Cemetery Inspection

From 23rd March, there will be an inspection of memorials in Stanley Cemetery to check that all memorials meet current safety standards.

Ahead of this inspection, there will be an **Open Day on Tuesday 17th March from 10am-1pm** for all Memorial



owners to ask questions and raise any concerns about their memorials.

If any memorials are found to be unsafe, families will have 12 months to carry out any repairs.

Put your clocks forward on Sunday 29th March

Another winter is nearly at an end, and we can soon look forward to lighter evenings! British Summer Time starts at 1am on Sunday 29th March, so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.



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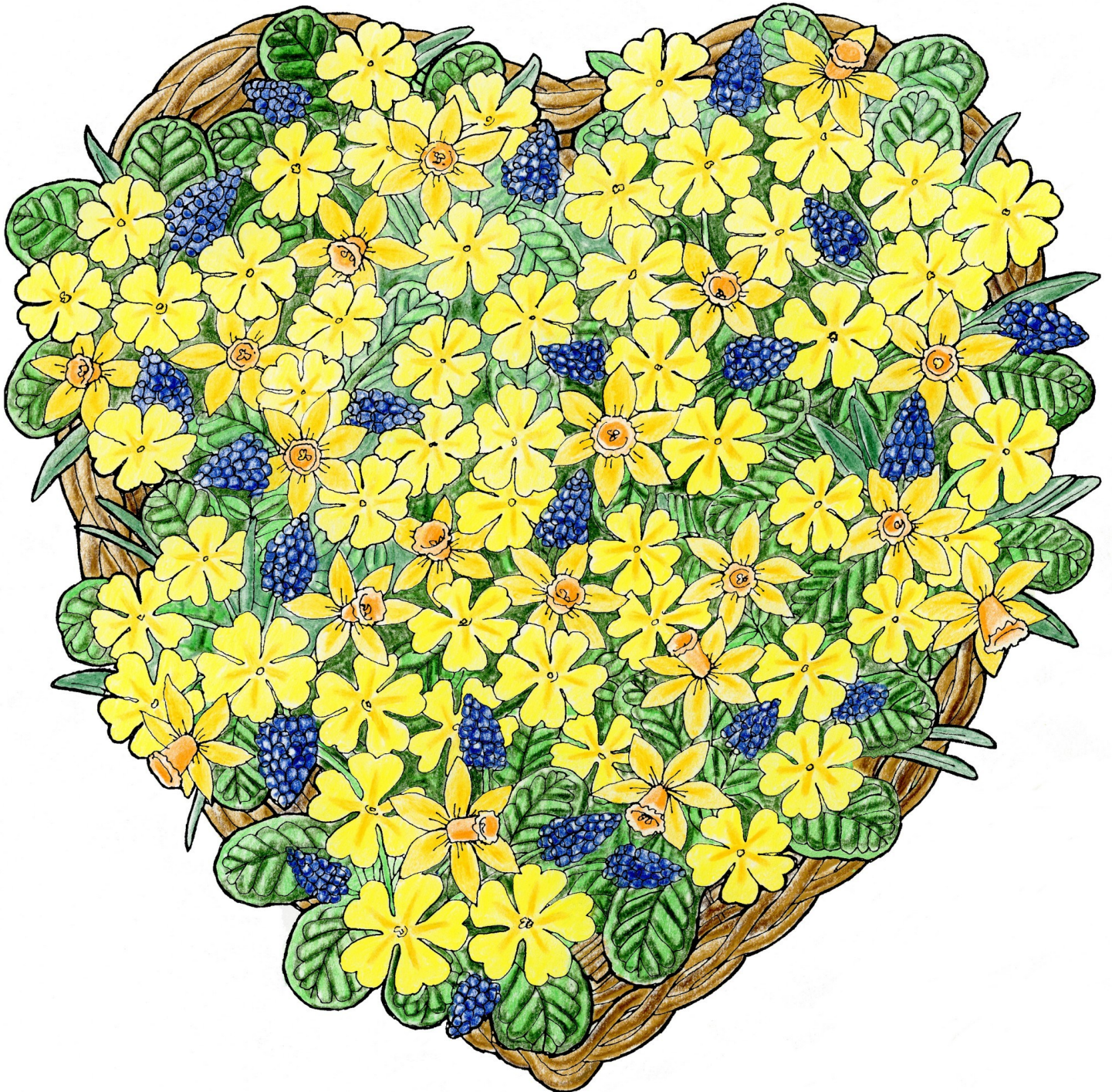


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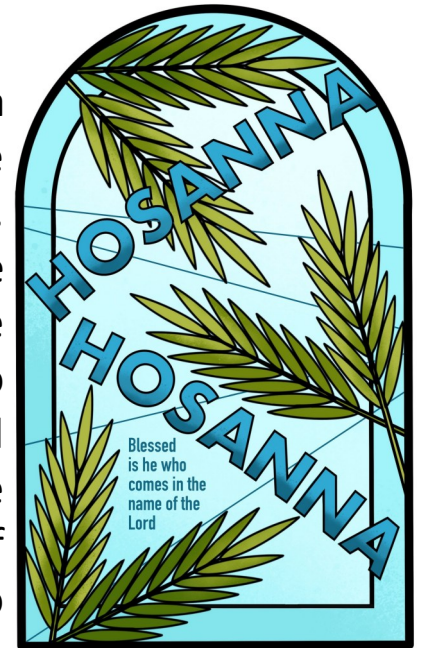
Dear Friends,

‘But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness’ – Matthew 6:33

Here we are at the beginning of March and I’m aware that in a few days time I will be your Vicar. In many ways the situation will not change – I have been the priest leading these four churches for just over a year now since Revd Glenn retired at the end of February. And in other ways the situation will.

It’s led me to pause and reflect on the year gone by. I’ve been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement I’ve received from all four churches. The kindness and care – including people making sure I’m taking my time off and looking after myself. The understanding and support in these times has spoken volumes of the wonderful people you all are, without exception. I want to take the chance to say thank you to you all from the bottom of my heart.

What the service on March 10th will mark for us as a benefice is that point at which we can begin to make decisions again as to how we want to move forwards. Those aren’t my decisions, they’re decisions we make together, guided by the PCCs of each church. Over the next few months I’m hoping we can work together to build a plan that takes the benefice forward seeing all four of our churches grow in our relationships to one another, our communities and to God and in terms of our welcome to those in our communities who want to explore faith.



Our faith is more than what we do on a Sunday. It’s something that impacts on all our lives – our work, our relationships, our money – everything. It transforms who we are and it has the power to transform our communities. So my prayer is over the coming years that we can, following God’s lead, build something special here in North Wakefield that builds connection, between us and our neighbours and with God so we can see his kingdom truly start to grow here.

Diane

Revd Diane Komorowski, Associate Vicar

Events for March

Tues 3rd Mar, 1.45pm & 7.30pm [Stanley](#)
Lent course, every Tuesday, at 1.45pm in church and at 7.30pm at Libby's house.

Saturday 7th March, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Fundraising coffee morning to raise funds for two local girls going to Borneo. Please support our event!

Monday 9th March, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Forget-me-not bereavement group for anyone who is bereaved or lonely.

Tuesday 10th Mar, 7.30pm [Alverthorpe](#)
Special service at which the Bishop of Wakefield will license Rev Diane to serve as Vicar of the North Wakefield Benefice.

Saturday 14th March, 10.30am [Stanley](#)
Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle and more!

Sunday 15th March
Mothering Sunday services in all our churches.

Monday 16th Mar, 10.30am [Outwood](#)
Mothers' Union meeting in church. All welcome.

Tuesday 17th March, 10am [Stanley](#)
Open day at Stanley Cemetery to find out about the forthcoming inspection.

Thursday 19th March, 7pm
Men's group visit to the Observatory at Carlton, see the St Paul's, Alverthorpe page for full details.

Saturday 21st March, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Women of Substance group, with lunch, craft and Bible study, looking at the story of Hannah.

Thurs 26th March, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)
New Mothers' Union meeting at St Peter's church. All welcome.

Saturday 28th Mar, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)
Lifeboat prayer meeting with Bible study, prayer and refreshments. All welcome.

Saturday 28th March, 10am [Stanley](#)
Spring Fair with lots of different stalls and various refreshments. Join us!

Sunday 29th March

Remember to put your clocks forward!

Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday services in all our churches.

Friday 3rd April, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Good Friday club with refreshments, Easter crafts, Easter egg hunt and children's Easter service.

Please see details of each church for our Holy Week and Easter services

Contact details for our clergy:

**Associate
Vicar**



Rev Diane Komorowski
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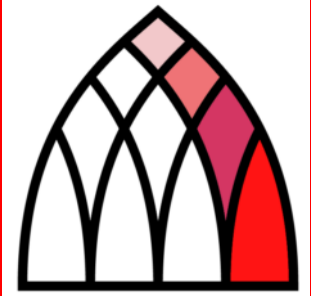
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St Peter's Church, Stanley



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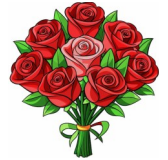
St Peter's

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

Mondays 10am - 12pm	Lighthouse Café A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, jigsaws etc.	
Mondays 1pm- 2pm 	Stanley Community Choir New members welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.	
Tuesdays 10.30am- 1.30pm	Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.	
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Thursdays 9.15am- 11am	Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.	

Mothering Sunday



Sunday 15th March, 10.45am

Join us as we celebrate Mothers and families at our special service.

Easter Services at St Peter's, Stanley

Sunday 29th March, 10.45am

Palm Sunday communion service.

Thursday 2nd April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday service.

Friday 3rd April, 2pm

Hour at the Cross contemplative service

Sunday 5th April, 10.45am

Easter Sunday celebration Service.



Lent Course on Tuesdays

It's not too late to join our Lent course which is looking at Bible stories about those who had 'Encounters with Jesus':

- On Tuesdays at 1.45pm at St Peter's Church, and
- On Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Libby Gates house in Stanley.



Spring Fair

**Saturday 28th March,
St Peter's, 10am—1pm**

Tombola Craft stall
Toy stall Books
Cakes Bottle tombola
Raffle Soft toys

....and much, much more!!

Plus various refreshments
including tea & coffee, hot
cross buns and bacon butties

Everybody welcome!

Coffee morning

We hold a coffee morning on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10.30am—12.30pm at St Peter's Church. We have some fantastic refreshments including bacon sandwiches, as well as a raffle and a tombola. The next coffee morning will be on:

**Saturday 14th March
from 10.30am-12.30pm**



Please join us for a lovely morning!

The next meeting of our new Mothers' Union branch will be at 1.30pm on Thursday 26th March. You don't have to be female to join, or even a parent! All are welcome for fun, faith and fellowship; it is a non-judgemental, friendly space where everyone can support and encourage one another, share stories, and focus on family life and community.

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
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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 different activity each week such as games, singing, quizzes, crafts and lots more. We have a lot of fun and always learn something new!

**New members are always welcome.
Don't be lonely! Please join us!**

Mothers' UNION

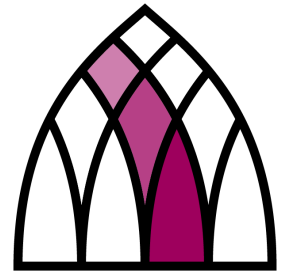
where faith, fellowship and fun meet

St Mary Magdalene, Outwood



Leeds Road
Outwood
WF1 2JL

Outwood



St Mary Magdalene

Services at St Mary Magdalene

Sundays, 9.15am	Parish Mass
Thursdays, 9.15am	Morning Prayer

Regular Events:

Mondays 7.15pm	Rate My Mind men's group in the Choir Vestry
Mondays	Care4U Community Choir
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	Free Drop-In at the Church Institute: coffee/tea, quizzes, music etc.
Fridays 9.15-11.15am	Mini Monsters 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

Easter Services at St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Sunday 29th March, 9.15am

Palm Sunday Mass, beginning with a procession from Outwood Institute

Monday 30th March, 7pm

Mass

Tuesday 31st March, 7pm

Mass

Wednesday 1st April, 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 2nd April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service

Friday 3rd April, 2pm

Good Friday Hour at the Cross

Saturday 4th April, 8.30pm

Easter Vigil service

Sunday

5th April,

9.15am

Easter Sunday

Festival Mass



At our meeting last month we got lots of information about all the events planned for our 150th anniversary this year. We will keep you informed....

Mothering Sunday can stir some deep emotions: gratitude, love, remembrance and sometimes sorrow. Around the world, there are teenage mothers who find themselves alone just when they need the love and protection of their family the most. We can help by giving an ethical gift this Mothering Sunday, to give young mothers the courage and skills to support themselves and their families. Mothers' Union always use this time of year to dedicate gifts to these young mothers. If you would like to add your tribute, please let me know; I will be collecting contributions over the next few weeks.

On 14th March we are at Manchester Cathedral at 2.30pm for a service of celebration for our 150th anniversary.

And on 25th March at 1.30pm we will be attending the Lady Day service for the Wakefield area at St Pauls Barnsley. Lady Day celebrates the Anunciation, when Gabriel visited Mary, exactly 9 months before Jesus was born at Christmas.



Our next branch meeting is at **10.30am on Monday 16th March** in Outwood

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

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

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Brian Taylor 07815 311082

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Treasurer

Duncan Hall

Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

Brian Taylor 07815 311082

Safeguarding

Pat Robertshaw 01924 824086

davidpat.robertshaw@gmail.com

church vestry. All are very welcome to come along to any of the services or even our branch meetings...it would be good to see you!

For more information please contact me on 01924 825866.

Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader

Special services this month



Mothering Sunday

9.15am on Sunday

15th March

St Anne's, Wrenthorpe



121 Wrenthorpe Road
Wrenthorpe
WF2 0JS

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 3pm-4.30pm 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



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!



Our **Young People's Drop-In** is every Monday 3pm-4.30pm for children in school years 7-11. Come and join us for a snack, games, creative activities, films, chat. Our drop-in is every Monday after school in term-time only.

Easter Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sunday 29th March, 10.45am

Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist

Monday 30th April, 7pm

Meditation service

at Wrenthorpe Methodist church

Wednesday 1st April, 2.15pm

Afternoon Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd April, 7pm

Liturgy of the Last Supper

Friday 3rd April, 11.30am

Good Friday Children's Service

Friday 4th April, 2.30pm

Service at the Cross,

On the Green, Wrenthorpe

Sunday 5th April, 10.45am

Easter Sunday Parish Communion

Mothering Sunday

10.45am on Sunday

15th March



Our Mothering Sunday will be a Gift Day in aid of The Children's Society. Donation envelopes will be available and all monies will be sent to the charity.

Women of Substance....

Saturday 21st March, 10am-2pm

This month we are looking at the story of Hannah. She was a woman whose desperate prayer changed a nation: "If you give me a son, I will give him back to you," she prayed. God answered her prayer! Hannah had her son and God had his prophet! Samuel loved and obeyed God, and grew to be one of the most outstanding leaders that Israel ever had.

If you would like to join us, let me know so I can make sure we have enough lunch and study materials.



God bless, Lynn Fowley

07890 589907 or ldfowley@live.co.uk

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
david.payne24@gmail.com

Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558

St Anne's annual GOOD FRIDAY CLUB



**Friday 3rd April
from 10am**

Starts at 10am with planting the Easter garden, followed by:

- ◆ Easter crafts ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Decorate your own Easter biscuit
- ◆ Special interactive children's service in church 11.30am-12pm
- ◆ Finishing with an Easter egg hunt in the church hall

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times



Community Coffee Morning in St Anne's Church Hall

**Saturday 7th March
10am-12pm**

Join us for refreshments & cake, book stall and raffle



**Everybody
welcome!**

All proceeds to Emily & Amira's 'Wakefield to Borneo' fundraising campaign. These two local girls have asked for help in fundraising for their trip—come along for a coffee and cake and help these girls get to Borneo!

St Paul's, Alverthorpe



St Paul's Drive
Alverthorpe
WF2 0BT

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

Lifeboat prayer group

Sat 28th March, 10am—11.30am

The Lifeboat prayer group meets on the last Saturday of every month in the East Room at St Paul's Alverthorpe from 10am—11.30am.

Lifeboat is a spirituality group for the whole benefice. We share, pray, study the Word and enjoy fellowship together. We begin with refreshments before leading into a time of prayer, Bible study, and discussion. You would be very welcome to join us.



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March, 9.30am

Join us as we celebrate Mothers and families at our special parade service.



Easter services at St Paul's Alverthorpe

Sunday 29th March, 9.30am

Palm Sunday service

Tuesday 31st March, 7pm

Taize meditative service

Wednesday 1st April, 11am

Morning Holy Communion

Sunday 5th April,

9.30am

Easter Sunday

parish communion



Rev Diane's licensing

Rev Diane Komorowki will be licensed to serve as the Vicar of the North Wakefield Benefice at a special service at **7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March at St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe.**

She will be licensed by the Bishop of Wakefield, The Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, and the service will be followed by refreshments.

Everyone is very welcome to join us as we celebrate Diane's new role. We look forward to supporting her as we grow in Christ together.

The diocese has already begun the process to advertise for a new associate vicar to work alongside Diane across our four churches.

Before me

Before me be Thou a smooth way,
Above me be Thou a star-guide,
Behind me be Thou keen-eyed,
For this day, this night, and for aye.

I weary and heavy am driv'n,
Lead me on to the angels' place;
'Twere time now I went for a space
To Christ's court
and the peace of heav'n;

If only Thou, God of life, give
Smooth peace for me, at my back near,
Be as star, as helmsman to steer,
From smooth rest till rising I live.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

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

Men's group visit to Observatory

At **7pm on Thursday 19th March**, the MAPPs men's group will be visiting the Rosse Observatory at Carlton, as guests of the West Yorkshire Astronomical Society. Opened in 1969, the observatory has a range of telescopes including a large Newtonian reflector.

Places are limited, so please contact Rev Stuart Millington if you would like to attend. There will be a charge of £6 per person, and lifts can be arranged.

Hopefully it will be a clear evening! But even if it is cloudy, it promises to be a most interesting and enjoyable evening. So do come if you possibly can.



The full address of the Observatory is Carlton Road, Pontefract, WF8 3RJ.

Prayers for March

The mystery of suffering

Why is there suffering, who can know
When all is well and free from strife?
Job also thought upon these things
Then tragedy struck, upturning his life.

A curtain in heaven was drawn aside,
A spiritual battle was all around
Bringing death, destruction, sickness and woe
As Satan attempted to bring Job down.

Job's friends arrived to sit and pray,
To fathom out the reason why,
But all their wisdom came to nought,
Even his wife said: 'curse God and die'.

Unseen forces inhabit our world,
But God is faithful, His word is true,
Hold fast to God, He never fails
For God in Christ will see us through.

By Nigel Beeton

A prayer as Lent continues

Let me hold fast to You, beautiful Lord, whom the angels themselves yearn to look upon. Wherever You go, I will follow You. If You pass through fire, I will not flinch, I fear no evil when You are with me. You carry my griefs, because You grieve for my sake. You passed through the narrow doorway from death to life, to make it wide enough for all to follow.

Nothing can ever now separate me from Your love.

By Bernard of Clairvaux 1090 -1153

Winter and Spring

Lord, end my winter, and let my spring begin.

I cannot with all my longings raise my soul out of her death and dullness, but all things are possible with Thee. I need celestial influences, the clear shinnings of Thy love, the beams of Thy grace, the light of thy countenance; these are the Pleiades to me. I suffer much from sin and temptation, these are my wintry signs, my terrible Orion. Lord, work wonders in me, and for me.

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon 1834 – 1892

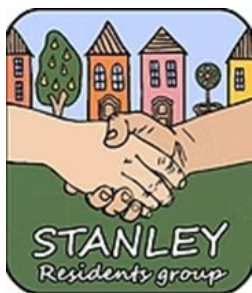
A Child's Morning Prayer

Look down on me, a little one,
Whose life on earth
is but begun:
Dear Saviour, smile on me.

Watch over me
from day to day,
And when I work,
or when I play,
Dear Saviour, smile on me.

Help me to do Thy holy will,
With lovely thoughts
my mind to fill:
Dear Saviour, smile on me.





Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th March at the Wheatsheaf Pub at 18:30.**

With Spring in the air, we have some fun events coming up, focussing on the young and the elderly in Stanley.

Sunflower Seed Giveaway: Once again, we are offering **FREE** Sunflower grow packs to brighten up our community. During March we are looking to visit **Kingsland, St Peter's and Grove Primary Schools; Willow Tree and Stepping Stones Nurseries; Scouts, Brownies and Rainbows**, as well as **St Peter's Senior Citizens' Tuesday Lunch Club** and **Hepworth House Care Home**.

There will also be an open family activity event at **Stanley Library - Sat 28th Mar 10:30 - 12:00.**



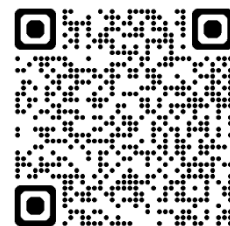
We would love you to grow your sunflowers in your front garden so everyone can see how well you've done and we can say that Stanley is the **'Sunshine Village!'**



Stanley Heritage Trail / Easter Egg Hunt: To help provide families with things to do during the Easter holiday, images of colourful eggs will be placed along the **Stanley Heritage Trail** from **Mon 30th Mar to Fri 10th Apr**. Entry forms and maps will be available to download from the SRG website or to collect from Stanley Library.

Walk the trail, find an egg, write down the Heritage Trail No. and answer a simple question relating to Stanley's rich history. Find up to 12 eggs and collect a bronze, silver or gold prize from Stanley Library **Sat 11th April 10:30 - 12:00.**

March will also see **SRG** visiting the residents of **Hepworth House Care Home** to deliver a presentation on the Heritage Trail and the history of Stanley.



*To keep up to date and find out more about **SRG** as well as information and links to all activities and groups in Stanley, scan the **QR code** to visit our website. <https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org>*

Do you take afternoon tea?

Every wondered how it started? The custom seems to date back to the mid-19th century, and the seventh Duchess of Bedford, Anna Russell. She got hungry at 4pm each day, calling it 'that sinking feeling'. As it was still four hours until her 8pm dinner, she began to have sandwiches or a small cake with some tea. Her friends thought this was marvellous, and the idea spread quickly through upper class circles. Soon a great British tradition was born. During the last century, the sandwiches and cake gave way to biscuits, but even sales of tea and biscuits have been falling over the past 5 years. Perhaps we are now drinking more coffee?



In praise of donkeys

In Biblical times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They helped with ploughing and grinding corn, they carried people and goods. Despite their small frame, they are surprisingly tough. They are content with poor fodder like thistles and can travel 20 miles a day. Donkeys feature in two main Bible stories—at Christmas, Mary travelled 100 miles to Bethlehem on a donkey. On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose a donkey as a symbol of peace and humility.



Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding, and remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

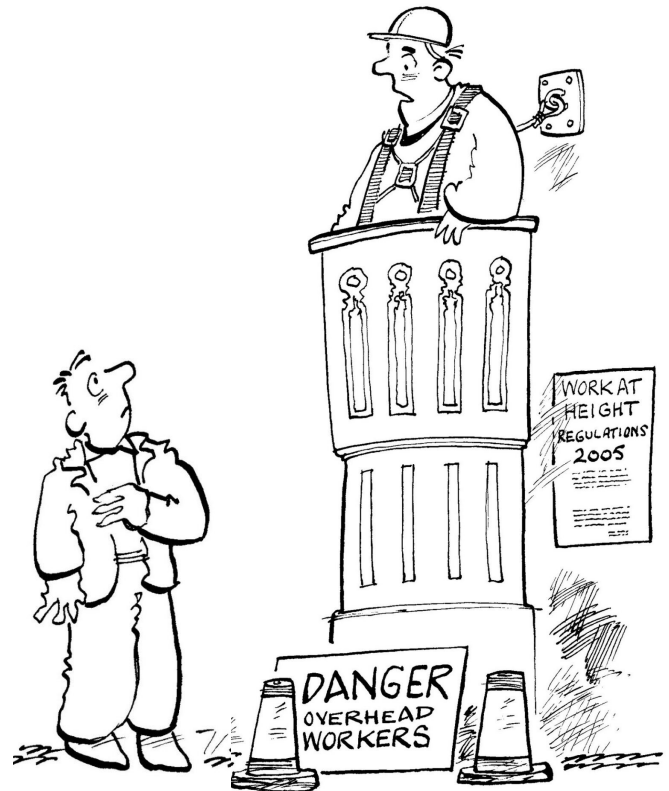
Protect yourself from fraud

The Tuesday lunch club recently had a very interesting talk from the local fraud team, who were full of advice about protecting ourselves from fraud.

The church has a number of leaflets if anyone wants to call in and pick one up. Here are a few points:

- Be wary of things that seem too good to be true,
- A sense of urgency is a common tactic by fraudsters,
- Do due diligence before sending money to anyone,
- Use strong passwords for banking, emails and social media,
- If you are suspicious about a phone call, hang up and verify who they are by phoning from a different phone.

Cartoon Corner



One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...



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