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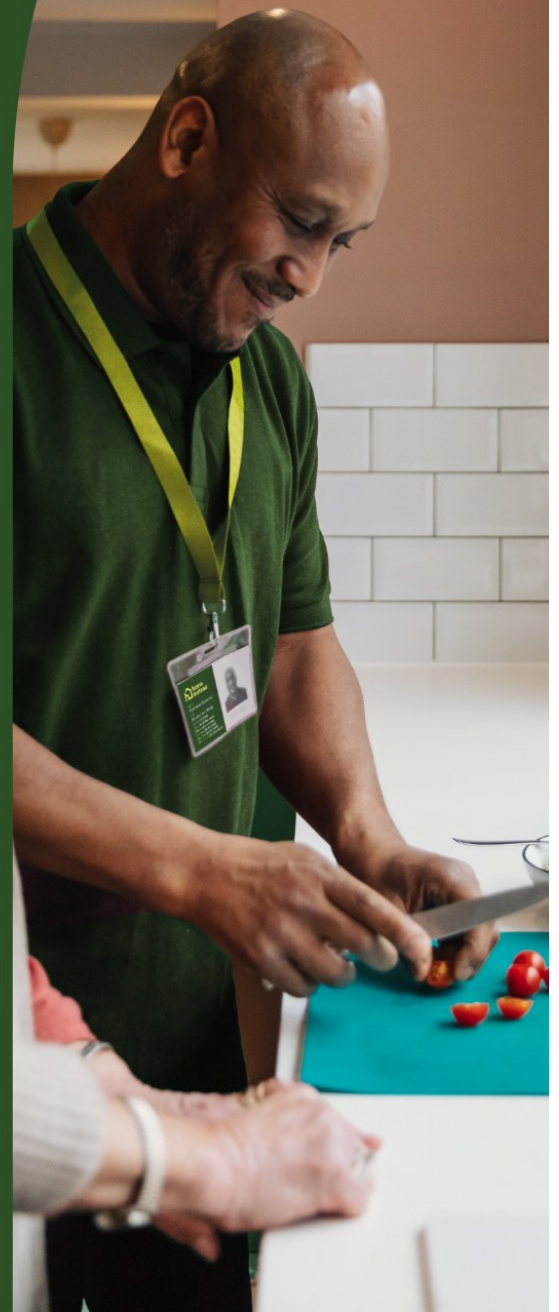


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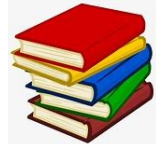


STANLEY LIBRARY

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.

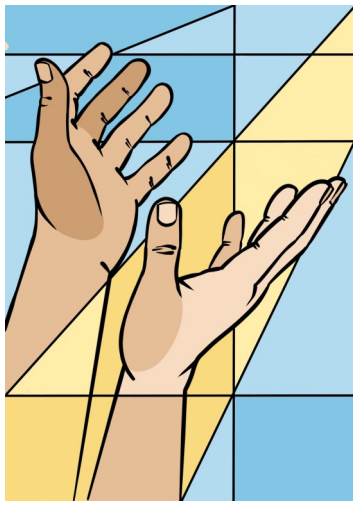
WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
Mondays 11am—11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of 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



Morning prayer every Monday 9.30am

Join us on Monday mornings at St Peter's Church for a weekly morning prayer service led by Rev Diane Komorowski. This is a short, informal service lasting 15-30 minutes following various worship styles and including a passage from the Bible and with opportunity for prayer. **All welcome.**

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 and refreshments are available after the singing with time to chat.




**Our
Summer Concert
is on Sunday 28th
June at 3pm at
St Peter's Church**

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**
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

- Weds 3rd June**
9am-10am Mothers' Union breakfast event for cyclists travelling from York to London with the MU time capsule.
- Sat 13th June**
10.30am - 12.30pm  Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!
- Sunday 14th June**
2pm-4pm Concert and cream tea with Morley & District concert band at church. Free event, all welcome. 
- Weds 17th June**
PCC meeting at 7.15pm
- Sunday 21st June**
10.45am Special Holy Communion service during which Rev Diane will be reminding us of our communion traditions.
- Thurs 25th June**
1.30pm Mothers' Union meeting—a new group for Stanley, all welcome. See page 6 for more information.
- Saturday 27th**
June 12pm-3pm  St Peter's Church Summer Fair with lots of stalls and refreshments. Join us for a lovely afternoon.
- Sunday 28th June**
11am-3pm Stanley Bowling Green Open day Free taster day at the bowling green. See p21 for details.
- Sunday 28th June**
3pm Stanley Community Singers summer concert at St Peter's church followed by refreshments. 



Mothers' Union news

On Sunday 17th May during the morning service, our new branch of the Mothers' Union was officially commissioned by Rev Diane Komorowski. This was a very exciting event as it's not very often that a new branch is established. We were delighted that so many other supporters came along from other Mothers' Union branches in the area, and joined in with our service. In addition, 18 people were admitted into membership of the new branch and each received a card and memento. The service was followed by a wonderful buffet, cakes and refreshments.

A new banner has been made and this was also officially dedicated and recognised. Many other MU banners are Victorian or early 20th century, usually blue in colour, featuring the Virgin Mary and her signature lilies. Ours is a simple, modern banner, based on the logo reflecting the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union. Please do call into church and have a closer look at our new banner.

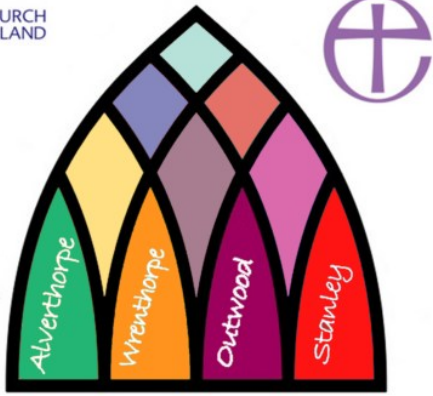


Huge thanks to Libby Gates and Joanne Bunn-Smith for all their work establishing the new branch, preparing materials for the meetings and for creating the beautiful banner!

On Wednesday 3rd June, from 9am-10am the Mothers' Union will be hosting a breakfast service for the intrepid cyclist who is taking a time capsule celebrating the 150 years of the MU from York to its burial in the grounds of Mary Sumner House in London. It is very exciting that we have been asked to host this event, and would be delighted if people would come along and share breakfast with us and join in with the short service.

Membership of the Mothers' Union is open to all. You don't have to be a mother, or even female—we have several members who are male. It's not too late to join or come along to our meetings. We meet at St Peter's on the last Thursday of the month at 1.30pm to share faith, fun and fellowship. Our next meeting is at **1.30pm on Thursday 25th June** in St Peter's Church.


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Newsletter for June 2026



**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

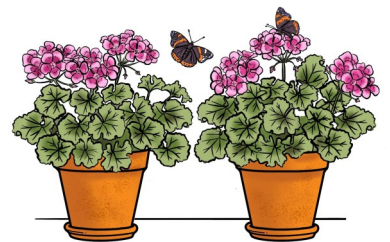
Dear Friends

“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.” Luke 12: 27

As we leave behind the season of Easter and enter into what the church calls Ordinary Time it's a good opportunity for us to reflect on our patterns of life. The whole point of this season in the church year is that we focus on the matters of everyday faith. Mountaintop moments like Christmas and Easter are easy to focus on, the more contemplative or difficult times of life, reflected in Advent and Lent can also be times when our faith seems really significant. But it's in the everyday rhythm of life that I've found we can often struggle.

One of the patterns that comes across in the readings of this season is the pattern Jesus took to take a step back and to rest. Rest matters. God rested on the 7th day of the creation story and expects us to rest too. We live in a 24/7 world where everyone is expected to run at 100 miles per hour all of the time and this isn't sustainable. God calls us to follow a different path, to take time in each day, each week and each month to rest.

Spring is pretty much over now, we're surrounded by flowers and insects and all the newborn creatures of the last season are growing into adult creatures. So often the beauty of the world can pass us by. But the heatwave of the end of May should remind us that it's ok to pause. It's OK to stop and enjoy the sunshine, smell the flowers and just rest in the beauty of God's creation.



Last month we created a new branch of the Mothers' Union at Stanley and it was a fabulous service with Diocesan representatives present to help us induct 17 new members and launch the new branch. One of the first roles of this new branch will be to host a breakfast on 3rd June for the people cycling in aid of Mothers' Union celebrating 150 years of this remarkable organisation. We're delighted to be a part of this celebration.

Membership of the Mothers' Union is open to anyone who supports the aims and objectives of the organisation. You don't have to be a mother or even female to join. If you can support marriage and families you're welcome. For more information about joining the Mothers' Union please speak to Libby or Joanne at Stanley or Sheila at Outwood.

Blessings

Diane

Revd Diane Komorowski, Vicar

Events for June

Wednesday 3rd June, 9am [Stanley](#)

Mothers' Union Breakfast for cyclists travelling from York to London with a time capsule for the 150th anniversary.

Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm

Church Warden visitation service at St Giles, Pontefract; all church wardens will pledge to serve their parishes.

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

Forget-me-not bereavement group.

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

Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle and more! We will be displaying the misericords from the old church.

Sunday 14th June, 2pm-4pm [Stanley](#)

Afternoon cream tea and concert from the Morley & District Concert Band. Free event, donations invited.

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

Mothers' Union meeting at a member's house. See Sheila for more details if you want to come along.

Saturday 20th June, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Women of Substance group, with lunch, craft and Bible study, looking at the story of Bathsheba.

Teach Communion services

At these services in June, Rev Diane will remind us about our communion traditions, and why we do what we do:

- Sunday 21st June, 9.15am [Outwood](#)
- Sunday 21st June, 10.45am [Stanley](#)
- Sun 28th June, 9.30am [Alverthorpe](#)
- Sun 28th June 10.45am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Thursday 25th June, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)

Mothers' Union meeting in church. All welcome to our new branch of MU.

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

Lifeboat prayer meeting with Bible study, prayer and refreshments. All welcome.

Saturday 27th June, 12pm-3pm [Stanley](#)

Summer Fair at St Peter's church with lots of refreshments and stalls. Join us for a lovely afternoon.

Sunday 28th June, 3pm [Stanley](#)

Stanley Community Choir summer concert with a lovely programme of songs. Tickets on the door: £4.

Sat 4th July, 10.30am-4pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Free family fun day with bouncy castle, hook a duck, refreshments, cream teas and much more!

Contact details for our clergy:

Vicar



Rev Diane Komorowski
St Anne's Vicarage,
121 Wrenthorpe Road,
Wrenthorpe, WF2 0JS

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Stanley Community Singers

Summer Concert

Sunday 28th June, 3pm
at St Peter's church

With lots of lovely songs and
followed by refreshments

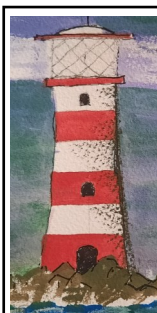
Buy tickets on the door:
£4 adults, 50p children

Coffee morning

Sat 13th June, 10.30am—12.30pm

We hold a coffee morning on the 2nd Saturday of every month, and they are a great place to chat and meet friends. We have some fantastic refreshments including bacon sandwiches, and also have a raffle and a tombola.

Join us for a lovely morning
of friendship and chat!



Lighthouse Café update

The Lighthouse Café is taking a break over the summer. It was originally set up as a Warm Space in November 2022 and we are very grateful for all the volunteers and customers who have supported it since then. We hope it will restart in September.

The next **Mothers' Union meeting**
will be at **1.30pm on Thursday**
25th June in church.
All welcome to join us.

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

Joanne Bunn-Smith 07578 958385

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!

These are our forthcoming activities:

- 2nd June—Italy
- 9th June—The King's birthday
- 16th June—Desert Island discs
- 23rd June—Crafts
- 30th June—Canada
- 7th July—Singing



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

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

Roof works

You may have noticed scaffolding around the church recently. Urgent work has been taking place on the church roof to stop the rain getting in and flooding the Lady Chapel and dripping on the organist as he plays Handel's Water Music. The work is scheduled to continue a while longer as we investigate the north side roof.



Coffee mornings at the Institute

We are having the kitchen in the Church Institute repainted, and hopefully it will have been completed by the time you read this.

The weekly coffee mornings will resume on Wednesday 3rd June. Please come along from 10am-12pm for refreshments, quizzes, music etc. We have been running these drop-in coffee mornings since 2023, free of charge, and have gradually seen numbers increase.



If anyone has any ideas of any activities we could try, please see Brian; he would be very grateful.

It is lovely that St Peter's Stanley Mothers' Union branch has now been inaugurated! Welcome and congratulations to Libby and Joanne and all their new members! Do please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this new adventure.

At our branch meeting in May, Nick and Vivian from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) came to share their ministry with us. Some members of the new Stanley branch also joined us which was lovely.

At the end of May, the Prayer Baton arrived in our Episcopal area and a service was held at St Giles Pontefract. The baton then moved onto the Huddersfield Episcopal area with another service at Dewsbury Minster. The baton is travelling around the country with prayers celebrating our 150th anniversary.

Lots of events are being organised in the diocese. Here in the Wakefield Episcopal area, we are hosting an event at St Catherine's Church on Doncaster Road on 7th October. More details to follow.... but do put the date in your diaries!

Our next branch meeting is on **Monday 15th June** at Judith's home, one of our indoor members, who enjoys visitors calling and updating her on what is going on in Mothers' Union.

Do please contact me if you need any further information on 01924 825866.

Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader

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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Treasurer

Duncan Hall

Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

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Safeguarding

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safeguardingsmmoutwood@gmail.com

Church Warden's licensing

On Thursday 3rd June at 7pm, all the church wardens from churches across Wakefield, including from Stanley, Outwood, Alverthorpe and Wrenthorpe, will gather at St Giles, Pontefract for this special 'visitation' service.

Please pray for all our warden as they make their declaration in the presence of the Bishop to 'faithfully and diligently perform the duties of their office' and to willingly serve their churches. If you would like to go along please let your warden know as soon as possible.

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!

Forget-Me-Not friendship group

Monday 8th June 12pm-2pm



For anyone bereaved or lonely. Bring a packed lunch and share some time with friends.

School Years 7 - 11



St. Anne's Church Wrenthorpe



Young People's Drop-In

on Mondays from 3pm - 4.30pm 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 Termtime

Women of Substance....

Saturday 20th July, 10am-2pm

This month we are looking at the story of Bathsheba;

The woman who should be known for more than her famous affair.

The name Bathsheba stirs up an image of a seductive beauty who lured King David into an infamous scandal; but that's not exactly fair.



David should have been at war, but he wasn't. He shouldn't have been peeping at another man's wife as she bathed in her own home, but he was!

Bathsheba paid a high price for the sin of David, whether she enjoyed his attentions or not. Her husband was killed, then her baby son died; and her reputation is still tarnished thousands of years later. But thankfully, that's not the whole story....

Sorry to leave you on a cliff hanger so come along and find out more!

Let me know if you are planning to give WOS a try so that I can ensure we have enough lunch, study, and craft supplies.

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.

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Treasurer

David Payne
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Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558



Summer Family Fun Day

At St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Saturday 4th July
10.30am—4pm

Bouncy castle
Hook a duck
Giant games
Competitions
Refreshments



Plus,
Strawberry
cream teas

FREE EVENT!!

St Paul's, Alverthorpe



St Paul's Drive
Alverthorpe
WF2 0BT

Alverthorpe



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 27th June, 10am—11.30am

The Lifeboat prayer group is for the whole benefice and meets on the last Saturday of the month at St Paul's. We share, pray, study the Word and enjoy fellowship together. We begin

with refreshments, followed by a time of prayer, Bible study, and discussion. You would be very welcome to join us!



160 years of Reader Ministry

It is 160 years since the Reader movement began in the Church of England. The archbishops and bishops of the time realised that there was a need to bring the Bible back into the home and the workplace. They founded a ministry to bring the voice of God back into the conversation.

What is important is that the reader ministry in 1866, the founding of the Mothers' Union 9 years later and then the Church Army 16 years later, were all lay (non-ordained) initiatives. Although there all were, of course, encouraged and supported by the ordained.

These initiatives had teamwork at their centre; where lay and ordained would work together to support and pray for their congregations. A lay reader is a disciple, a member of the dispersed people of God, bringing Him into everyday situations and conversations.

Please pray for and give thanks for the Lay Readers in our benefice and their ministry: Simon Beresford, David Greenwood-Haigh, Daniel Park, David Payne and Vicky Wilson.

Teaching Communion

On the last two Sundays in June, Rev Diane will be conducting a teaching communion service at each of our 4 churches. This will aim to remind us of the significance of our communion traditions and help us to better understand what we do, and why.

These services will be on these dates:

- Outwood—21st June at 9.15am
- Stanley—21st June at 10.45am
- Alverthorpe—28th June at 9.30am
- Wrenthorpe—28th June at 10.45am

June is a useful month to revisit the significance of Holy Communion as some churches will be celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi during June. This feast day was proposed by Thomas Aquinas to focus on the joy of sharing the body and blood of Christ during communion.

Holy Communion helps us look back at the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples; it also reminds us of the communion we enjoy with the living Christ who forgave our sins; and we also look forward to Christ's return.

So when we next take Holy Communion, let's reflect on the past, present and future implications of what this meal means for us.



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 news

The MAPPs Men's group has enjoyed a varied programme of outings and speakers over the past year, but is currently taking a break from activities, with a view to reconvening in the autumn.

God, the Port of Peace

Now come all,
you who have been brought
In bondage full of busy bitterness,
Earthly desire abiding in your thought!
Here is the rest from all your busyness
Here is the port of peace
and restfulness
To those who stand in storms
and in dis-ease,
Open refuge to wretches in distress,
And all comfort from trouble
and mis-ease.

Adopted from John Walton, 1410

Prayers for June

Miracle at the Table

Thy table is set, but no lavish spread
A simple communion of red wine and bread.
Simple yet holy – where heaven bends low
That those knelt before Thee Thy true grace may know.

We follow where firstly our Saviour has led
We listen to words that Jesus first said:
'This is My body, it's broken for you
And this is My blood, shed for you too.'

The bread that is broken, the wine seen outpoured
They tell of the sacrifice made of our Lord.
His body was broken that we might be saved
But death was defeated – He rose from the grave!

So, kneel in the stillness of this holy place
Gladly receiving these tokens of Grace.
Then go from here knowing His Spirit in you
Will help you to do what He'd have you do!

By Nigel Beeton



A new creature

Once I felt I was melting
under the heat of anguish.
Once all hope of happiness had left me.
Now I melt under the heat of Your warm joy,
And my present bliss excludes
even the memory of past misery.

I am a new creature, Lord, reborn in You.
Your grace rises up and rushes through my veins.
You re-fashion my heart, as a sculptor fashions a statue,
Shaping it in the perfect image of love.

Jacopone da Todi (c 1230 – 1306)

*He was a Franciscan lay brother, briefly imprisoned by
the Pope for his opposition to the papal corruption of the time.*

Daily Strength

Jesus said

“I have been given all
authority in heaven
and on earth.

Go, then, to all peoples
everywhere and make
them my disciples:
baptise them in the
name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, and teach them
to obey everything I
have commanded you.”

Matthew 28: 18-20

Be the Power of All Things Within us

O God the Holy Ghost
who art Light

unto Thine elect,

Evermore enlighten us.

Thou who are Fire of Love,

Evermore enkindle us.

Thou who art Lord
and Giver of life,

Evermore live in us.

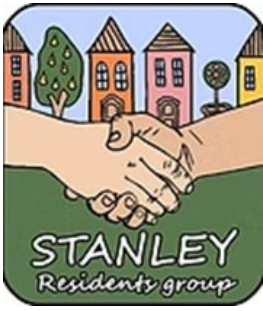
Thou who bestowest

sevenfold grace,

Evermore replenish us.

Christina Rossetti







Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Tue 16th June** at **The Wheatsheaf Pub at 18:30**. The meeting will focus on preparations for the **Stanley Gala**, to be held on **Sat 1st August 2026**. We continue to be blown away by the support we receive each year, but are always looking for new volunteers! You can give as much or as little time as you like. Every contribution counts and you can earn Citizen Coins for your hard work to spend in Wakefield.



Best in Show: Our annual Vegetable, Flower, Cake and Craft Show will once again be held alongside the Gala. Trophies and prizes are up for grabs with rosettes and certificates too. New classes for this year include two in the **Homemade Produce** Category.

<p>P5</p>	<p>Homemade Produce 1 bottle of home-made cordial</p> 	<p>P6</p>	<p>Homemade Produce 1 bottle of home-made lager or beer</p> 
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Entry fees are just **50p** per exhibit and **FREE** for Juniors. Full details of Schedules, Categories, Classes and Entry Forms can be collected from **Stanley Library** and the **Community Hub Leaflet Boxes** (at the Little Library outside Willow Tree Nursery) OR downloaded from SRG website:

<https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org/bestinshowreg2026>



British bees

The UK has over 250 species of bee, each with their own unique behaviours, habitats and appearances. Honeybees are the ones that live in hives and can travel in a big swarm, but there are many solitary bees, including bumblebees, that nest in the soil, crevices in walls, and vegetation.

Would you like to advertise in the Stanley parish magazine?

We have advertising space available at very reasonable prices.

Please contact the church office:

churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

Derbyshire Well-dressing

Derbyshire is known for its wells and well-dressing every summer. The annual tradition followed in many villages of decorating the village wells, or 'well dressing', attracts sightseers from miles away. In many villages, the well-dressing tradition has evolved to include parades, fairs and carnivals.

The well-dressing follows an ancient, centuries-old tradition; baseboards are covered in clay which is then impressed with thousands of colourful flower petals to create pictures and tableaux. A lot of careful planning goes into creating the intricate designs, and in particular deciding which colour petals or leaves will be in available and in season to make up each part of the picture.

It is thought the practice may date back to the 14th century, and it may have started as an act of thanksgiving when the community escaped the devastation of the Black Death. Over the years, and before piped water became available, it also became an act of thanksgiving for the village's supply of clean, clear water.

The well-dressing in the village of Eyam is also a symbol of their experience during the 1665-66 bubonic plague. The villagers decided to quarantine themselves to prevent the plague spreading to neighbouring villagers, who repaid the sacrifice by bringing coins which they left soaking in vinegar in the wells on the outskirts of the village. The well-dressings in Eyam every summer are a reminder of how the wells were used to provide for the beleaguered villagers during that terrible time, when as many as two-thirds of the villagers died.

Today more than 80 Derbyshire villages still follow the tradition, and the season extends through the summer. Many wells have a biblical theme, or are inspired by royal occasions or sporting events. Some will have been specially designed and created by children's groups.



Generally, the Derbyshire wells are not considered holy or named after saints. Most were just the original village water tap. However, Buxton does have a celebrated holy well, St Anne's, where people regularly line up to collect its special waters. Buxton mineral water is available in supermarkets, but in the town itself, at the well, it is free. In medieval times there was a chapel there, and pilgrims came seeking cures and to leave offerings. Today the free Buxton water emerges from a pipe set in a modern plinth containing a statuette of St Anne, the mother of Mary and Jesus's grandmother.

Stanley

Crown Green Bowling Club

Find us behind Stanley Community Centre

Bowls are provided to use on the day

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Please wear flat-soled pumps or trainers



Refreshments available

<https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org/scgbc>

FREE OPEN DAY

Taster Session

Sunday 28 June

11am – 3pm



Come and view our misericords

The misericords—the intricately carved ends of the choir stalls—from the old St Peter’s church will be available to view during our coffee morning on **Saturday 13th June, from 10.30am-12.30pm.**

The misericords were carved by HP Jackson in the 1920’s and feature scenes from the creation story in the book of Genesis.

The misericords were last on show during our 200 year anniversary celebrations in September 2024.

Come along and enjoy a bacon sandwich and see a bit of our local church history.

Remembering John Constable

It was 250 years ago, on 11th June 1776, that John Constable, the British landscape artist, was born. He had a deeply conservative Christian faith which was reflected in many of his paintings, such as of Salisbury Cathedral, and he saw nature as a reflection of God’s creation. Born in Suffolk, he painted the places that he knew, such as on the border of Suffolk and Essex, an area now known ‘Constable Country’. “Painting is but another word for feeling,” he wrote to a friend. His work is now highly valued, but he was not financially successful in his lifetime.

‘Lord for the years’ - the story behind the hymn

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
 Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

This well known hymn was written in 1967 by Rev Timothy Dudley Smith, who became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed ‘I wrote it on a train

when I was very pressed for time.’ The hymn was a ‘hit’ straightaway and in 2002 he was asked to write an extra verse in tribute to the late Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

Stanley Ferry

FREE NORDIC WALKS

EVERY TUESDAY - From 7th Apr until 1st Sep 2026

<p style="text-align: center;">Start Time: 6:15 PM Duration: 1 - 1.5 HOURS Distance: 3 – 4 MILES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Place: THE STANLEY FERRY PUB Top Car Park, WF3 4LT</p>
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<p>Please wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather Sorry - No dogs allowed</p>	<p>Poles are provided on the day</p>
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Kissing cows for TikTok: Here is a story that you couldn't make up. There is a craze on TikTok of people wandering onto farms in search of cute cows, to cuddle and kiss them for the camera. Some influencers have attracted thousands of followers by targeting Highland cows in particular. However, the farmers are worried. As one said: "These people risk being trampled, charged or attacked. Cows are not domesticated animals. They are highly unpredictable creatures. They can kick hard. If you upset one, you will regret it – and you will never out-run it."



Cartoon Corner

"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

Friday Card Class
Fridays 12pm-2pm

New members invited to join our 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

Tai Chi Class



Please note Tai Chi is currently full!

- Great for health and well-being
- Promotes relaxation and helps balance, joints, breathing, co-ordination and circulation etc.
- You will receive a very warm welcome!

**Wednesdays
7pm-8pm**

**At St Peter's Church,
Lake Lock Rd, Stanley,
Wakefield, WF3 4HW**

Contact Kathryn to join the waiting list or for more info:
07711 538258

Saturday morning outdoor classes 'in the park' starting soon. Watch this space.....

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