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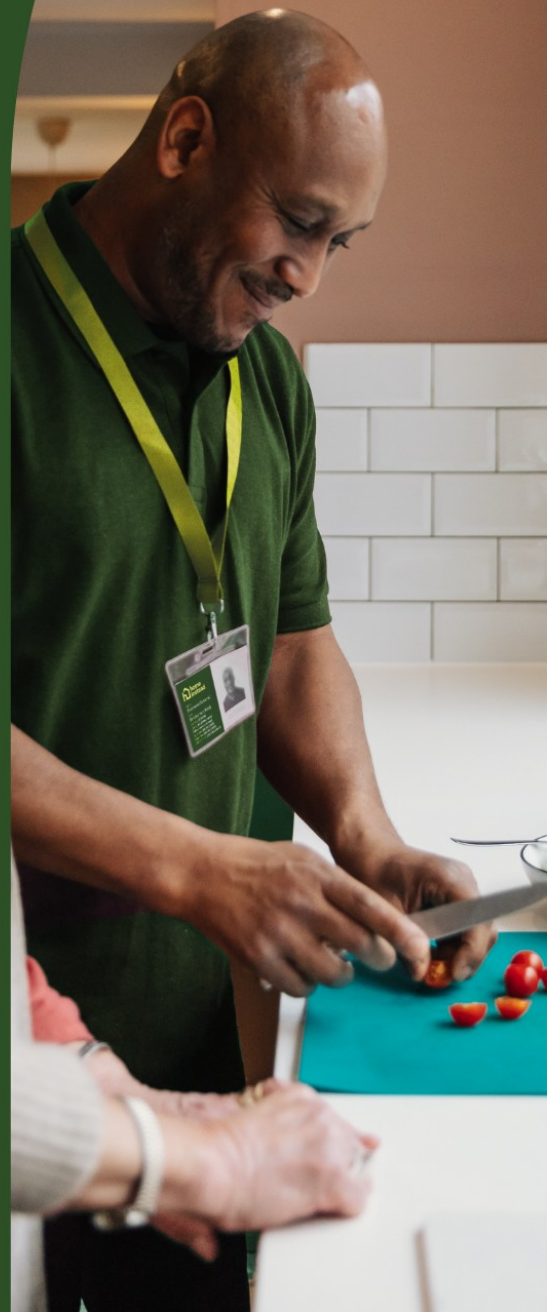


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Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, language tapes, newspapers (including the Wakefield Express), magazines, and an A4 colour photocopier (please enquire for prices). There are also public access computers with free internet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

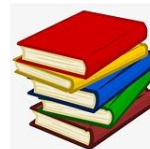
WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
Mondays 11am—11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of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

- Thurs 29th Jan**
1.30pm Mothers' Union meeting—a new group for Stanley, all welcome. See page 6 for more information.
- Fri 30th Jan**
7pm  Explore the Christian faith at our Start Course at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe. Every Friday for 6 weeks. See p15.
- Weds 11th Feb**
PCC meeting at 7.15pm.
- Sat 14th Feb**
10.30am - 12.30pm Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more! 
- Weds 18th Feb**
7pm  Ash Wednesday service to celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent. Join us for this communion service.
- Tues 24th Feb**
1.30pm & 7.30pm Lent Course starts with two sessions on Tuesdays, 1.45pm in church and 7.30pm at Libby's house, see p10.
- Thurs 26th Feb**
1.30pm Mothers' Union meeting—a new group for Stanley, all welcome. See page 6 for more information.
- 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, p17.

A new Mothers' Union for Stanley—Thursday 29th January, 1.30pm

Last autumn, St Peter's Lunch Club was visited by Sheila Crosby, the Mothers' Union leader from our sister church at Outwood. She told us about the work of the Mothers' Union locally and worldwide. Lunch Club members responded generously by collecting household items and food for a Foster Care Leaver's pack, part of Outwood Mothers' Union community outreach.

My response was a strong feeling that we should have a Mothers' Union branch here at St Peter's. Gradually, ideas and plans have crystallised, and Joanne Bunn-Smith and I will be launching our Mothers' Union branch in St Peter's church on **Thursday 29th January at 1.30pm**. The next meeting is **Thursday 26th February**.

The Mothers' Union is very inclusive. Gone are the days when being divorced or an unmarried mother would have prevented you from being a member! Now members don't have to be parents or even female. All are welcome for fun, faith and fellowship.

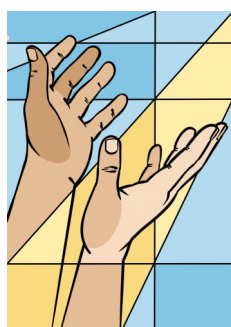
After refreshments, our meetings will start with a short, informal act of worship and prayer, and will have a speaker or focus for discussion. We aim to create a space where we can support one another, share our stories and encourage each other in a non-judgemental and friendly atmosphere.

We plan to meet on the last Thursday of the month and aim to build a bridge between church and the community it serves. The Mothers' Union has always had the focus of supporting family life, in whatever shape or form it takes. As a group, we will decide on a local outreach project to work towards.

Joanne and I don't know whether people will come to this new group but we both feel a 'prod from God' to step out in faith. You may not be able to come this month, but we would love to have your company whenever you can. The next meetings will be in St Peter's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 26th February, 26th March and 30th April.

Come and join us if you can.

Joanne and Libby



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. **Open to everyone!**



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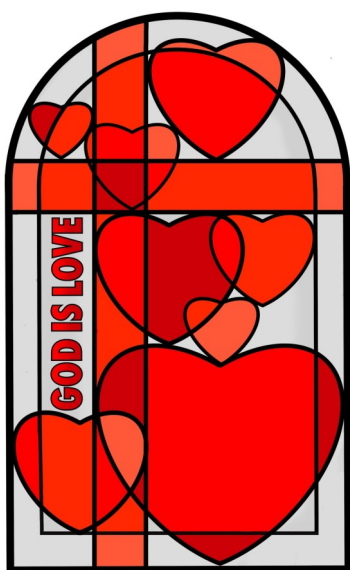
**Love is patient;
love is kind;
love is not
envious
or boastful
or arrogant.**

1 Corinthians 13: 4

Dear Friends,

**“A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13: 34**

As February arrives, we're surrounded by shop windows filled with hearts, flowers, and all things romantic. Valentine's Day dominates the month, with chocolates, cards, and special outings all designed to help us celebrate love. Yet, as Christians, we know that the Bible speaks of love in a way that goes far beyond the sentimental or commercial. The love described in Scripture is not just about romance—it's about self-giving, sacrifice, and commitment.



This year, Valentine's Day falls close to the beginning of Lent—a season when we prepare our hearts for Easter. At first glance, these two occasions might seem worlds apart: one is marked by celebration and gifts, the other by reflection and self-denial. But look a little deeper, and you'll find a profound connection.

Valentine's Day, at its best, reminds us to cherish and nurture our relationships. Lent, meanwhile, invites us to consider the greatest act of love ever shown—the self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The love we're called to embody isn't just about feelings or gestures; it's about laying down our lives for others, just as Christ did for us.

As we move through February, let's allow the world's focus on love to prompt us to reflect on the true nature of love. How can we show sacrificial love to those around us? In what ways can our Lenten practices—prayer, fasting, giving—become acts of love for God and neighbour?

May this season draw us closer to the heart of God, who is love, and inspire us to love others with the same generosity and grace we have received.

With every blessing,

Diane

Events for February

Thurs 29th January, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)
New Mothers' Union meeting at St Peter's church. All welcome.

Friday 30th January, 7pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Start Course to find out more about Christianity, every Friday for 6 weeks.

Sunday 1st February **All churches**
All our churches will be celebrating Candlemas. The 9.30am service at Alverthorpe will be a parade service.

Thursday 5th Feb, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Come along to St Anne's for a coffee morning every Thursday morning.

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

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

Tuesday 17th Feb, 6pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Pancake supper, with the Brownies. £4 per ticket, under 12's free.

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

Ash Wednesday Services	
Wednesday 18th February	
11am at	St Paul's, Alverthorpe
2.15pm at	St Anne's, Wrenthorpe
7pm at	St Mary Magdalene, Outwood
7pm at	St Peter's, Stanley

Tues 24th Feb, 1.45 & 7.30pm [Stanley](#)
First week of this year's 6 week Lent course, every Tuesday at 1.45pm in church and at 7.30pm at Libby's house.

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

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

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

Sunday 15th March **All churches**
All our churches will be celebrating Mothering Sunday with special services.

See next month's magazine for details of all our Easter week services

Contact details for our clergy:

**Associate
Vicar**



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St Peter's Church, Stanley



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WF3 4HW

Stanley



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.	
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	Lighthouse Café Also on Wednesdays!	
Wednesdays 1.30pm- 3.30pm	Knit & Natter Enjoy a cuppa, company & a 'crafty' time.	
Thursdays 9.15am- 11am	Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.	

Ash Wednesday Service 7pm on 18th February

Please join us for our special Ash Wednesday communion service, to be led by Rev David Teece.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and right from the early Christian church it was customary for people to have ashes sprinkled over them as a symbol of penitence. Join us this Ash Wednesday as we prepare for the period of Lent, in contemplation, repentance and self-reflection.





Lent Course

From Tuesday 24th Feb

This year during Lent we will be looking at the stories of people who had 'Encounters with Jesus': Nicodemus, Pontius Pilate, the Samaritan woman, Lazarus, and others. This will be a 6 week course starting on 24th February:

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

New Mothers Union group in Stanley Thurs 29th Jan & 26th Feb, 1.30pm

A new Mothers' Union branch is launching at St Peter's church in Stanley, at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th January.

The group will be run by Libby Gates and Joanne Bunn-Smith and will be a non-judgemental, friendly space where everyone can support and encourage one another, and share stories.

Meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month, and will include a speaker, discussion topic or outreach project, focussing on family life and community.

You don't have to be female to join, or even a parent! All are welcome for fun, faith and fellowship. The next meetings will be 26th Feb, 26th March, 30th April.

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 February
from 10.30am-12.30pm**



Councillor Lynn Masterman is usually available for anyone who would like to have a chat and raise any local issues.

Please join us for a lovely morning!

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
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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

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 3rd February—Australia
- Tues 10th Feb—Chinese New Year
- Tues 17th Feb—Pancake Day
- Tues 24th Feb—Scam awareness
- Tues 3rd March—St David's Day
- Tues 10th March—Nigeria
- Tues 17th March—St Patrick's Day

New members are always welcome.

Don't be lonely! Please join us!

St Mary Magdalene, Outwood



Leeds Road
Outwood
WF1 2JL

Outwood



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

Join us for these special services this month:



Candlemas
9.15am on Sunday
1st February

Ash Wednesday Service
7pm on Wednesday
18th February



Community Day of Action
9th February

At the most recent Stanley & Outwood PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting, speeding was one of the key issues raised by residents. On 9th February, local councillors and the policing team will hold a Day of Action across the Ward, with a particular focus on speeding and road safety. If there are specific locations that you think should be visited, please contact the councillors.

The next PACT meeting will be at **5.45pm on Tuesday 3rd March at the Ledger Lane club, Outwood.** Please come along to raise any issues with the police and councillors.



- 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

In December our members enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch together, and in January we had our Wave of Prayer. Luckily, the snow didn't cause any problems and we were able to hold it in the Lady Chapel at St Mary Magdalene's church—the weather was kind to us!

It was good to hear about our link dioceses of Kibungo in Rwanda, Etche & Ogbomoso in Nigeria, Hanuato in the Solomon Islands and the Diocese of Lesotho. We heard about the problems they face and their continued commitment to their projects. We will certainly keep them in our prayers.

At our meeting last month, we planned what we hope to achieve during 2026, including our own celebration event for the 150 year anniversary of the Mothers' Union. Watch this space for details!

We're delighted that, with our support, St Peter's church in Stanley have set up their own Mothers' Union group. It's super that there is now another group working to make a difference to local families and our communities.

Our meeting this month will be at **10.30am on Monday 16th February** in Outwood church. You would be most welcome to join us.

For further information please contact me 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

Brian Taylor 07815 311082

Safeguarding

Pat Robertshaw 01924 824086
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Going to church is good for your health!

A recent study has found that elderly people who had a religious upbringing are physically healthier than those who didn't. The study looked at older people across Europe and was published in the Social Science and Medicine journal. Scientists believe that they didn't abuse drugs, cigarettes or alcohol when they were young. Also, many children growing up in Europe after WW2 had Christian moral values which provided a sense of belonging and meaning; they felt more 'connected', and hence were more mentally and physically stable.

St Anne's, Wrenthorpe



121 Wrenthorpe Road
Wrenthorpe
WF2 0JS

Wrenthorpe



Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sundays, 10.45am Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 2.15pm Holy Communion

Other weekly events (term time only)

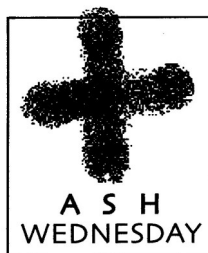
Mondays, 10am Cheeky Cherubs

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



Ash Wednesday Service

2.15pm on Wednesday
18th February

Our afternoon Holy Communion will include an act of worship for Ash Wednesday. All welcome to join us as we celebrate the beginning of Lent.

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!

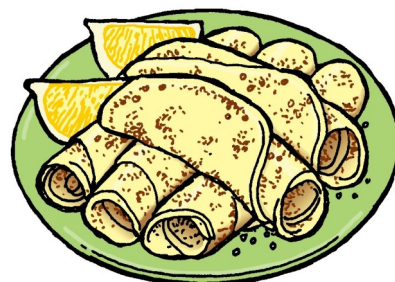
Our **Young People's Drop-In** is every Monday 2.30pm-4pm for children in school years 7-11. Come and join us for a snack, games, creative activities, films, chat. Our drop-in is every Monday after school in term-time only.



Once again, we are joining with the Brownies to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our always popular—

Pancake Supper
on **Tuesday 17th February**
at 6pm in St Anne's Church Hall.

Tickets £4
(children under 12 years free)
See Pat Nutting for tickets



START COURSE

Explore the
Christian faith
7pm on Fridays

Find out more about Christianity at our informal and friendly Start Course, 7pm on Fridays at St Anne's church. The course starts 30th January for 6 weeks but please come along to any session.

Women of Substance...

Saturday 21st February, 10am-2pm

The next meeting of WOS is on Saturday 21st February. We will be looking at the story of Delilah.

Delilah was the sort of woman that mothers warn their sons about. She was attractive and intelligent, and she used what she had to get what she wanted. She caught the eye of Samson, the ruler of Israel. He was strong, handsome and easy to manipulate. Delilah saw huge potential in the relationship... for her.

He also had many enemies who would pay generously if he could be taken out of the picture. Delilah worked everything for her good and benefit. The question is, was it worth it? Her selfishness led to a huge disaster for her people. Just because the world says we should use what we have to get ahead, doesn't mean it's actually wise.

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

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Treasurer

David Payne
david.payne24@gmail.com

Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558

Community Coffee Mornings Every Thursday, 10am-11.30am

While Wrenthorpe Village Hall is closed for refurbishment, St Anne's church is playing host to the very popular and well attended Community Coffee Mornings which will be on Thursday mornings from 10am-11.30am.

Come along and enjoy tea, coffee, toasted teacakes, and a selection of lovely cakes.



Also, conversation and friendship with a giggle or two. Come along and enjoy a lovely morning!

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

Join us for these special services:

Candlemas Parade Service

9.30am on Sunday 1st February

Vicky Wilson will be leading our parade service to celebrate Candlemas

Ash Wednesday Service

11am on Wednesday 18th Feb

Our morning Holy Communion will include an act of worship for Ash Wednesday. All welcome to join us as we celebrate the beginning of Lent.



The new Archbishop of Canterbury—Sarah Mullally

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE officially became the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on 28th January 2026, when she was legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral. She was the Bishop of London for several years, and she is the first woman to ever become Archbishop of Canterbury.

She worked as a nurse in the NHS, specialising as a cancer nurse and was appointed as the Government's Chief Nursing Officer in 1999 at the age of 37. In 2005 she was awarded a DBE in recognition of her contribution to nursing.



She became a Christian at the age of 16, and while still in nursing, felt a call to ordination. She was ordained in 2001, serving her curacy in St Saviour's Battersea Fields. In 2018 she became the Bishop of London, the first woman to hold the role. She sits in the House of Lords and has played a key role in the ongoing debates on assisted dying, which she opposes. She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, and has difficulty with writing and reading. She enjoys pottery, as well as cooking and walking.

Rev Diane to be our new Vicar!

Just before Christmas, we received the wonderful news that that Rev Diane Komorowski has been appointed as Vicar of the North Wakefield Benefice!

Rev Diane joined the benefice as Associate Vicar in September 2024 and served alongside Rev Glenn Coggins until his retirement in February last year.

Diane has now been appointed as Vicar, and will be licensed by the Bishop of Wakefield, The Rt Revd Malcolm Chamberlain, at **7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March at St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe.**

Diane has appreciated all the help and support she's received from all the churches since joining the benefice, and particularly through the interview process. She's looking forward to seeing how all the worshipping communities can grow in Christ together.

Diane and her family will continue to live in the Wrenthorpe vicarage. The diocese has already begun the process to advertise for a new associate vicar to work alongside her in our benefice.



Candlemas—1st February

Candlemas falls 40 days after Christmas Day, and in Biblical times this was an important day for a baby boy. Jesus would have been taken to the temple to be 'presented'. Over time, the church began the custom of blessing their year's supply of candles on this day, hence the name, Candlemas.

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

Lifeboat prayer group

**Sat 28th February
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.



The sessions begin with refreshments before leading into a time of prayer, Bible study, and discussion.

The group is for all the churches in our benefice and you would be very welcome to join us.

Prayers for February

Flame of a Candle

See the candle flame a-burning
See its flick'ring, dancing light;
See how it, the darkness spurning
Burns throughout the darkest night.

Light of faith, of God reminding
As His Spirit, long ago
Lit the first apostles, finding
Faith within the Spirit's glow.

Light of life – God's life eternal
Won through Christ's atoning death
Sparing us from Hell, infernal
Granting us His living breath!

Light of hope, in God victorious
For we know that He will win
When we'll see His flames of glorious
Vict'ry o'er the pow'r of sin!

Light your candle, kneel and praise Him
Kneel and praise the Lord of Hosts;
Let your prayers and praises raise Him
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

By Nigel Beeton



Disturb us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord,
when we are too well pleased
with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the
shore.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show
your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake

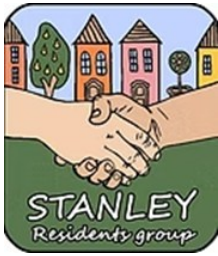
Prayer – of thanks for Candlemas and the Presentation at the Temple

Dear Lord, the shortest month, the snowdrop month! February brings those beautiful, hopeful little flowers, also called Candlemas Bells. Thank You, Lord, for the beauty and the hope.

Thank you for the reminder of when Jesus was presented at the Temple as a baby. Thank You, for Simeon recognising in that vulnerable baby the promised Saviour of all the world. Oh Lord, how this world needs to hear afresh that message of salvation.

Open eyes to see You and to know You. Open ears to hear Your message of hope and reconciliation. Open hearts to receive Your love and to share it, for the sake of all the suffering people of the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



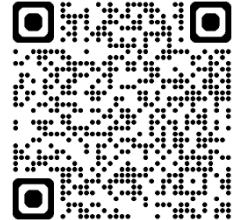
Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our AGM took place on 14th Jan where we started planning for 2026.

If you are interested in helping to improve your local community, have great ideas to share or wish to raise local concerns within the Stanley area, then please come along to one of our meetings or contact us through our website.

To keep up to date and find out more about your SRG as well as links to other activities and groups in Stanley, visit our website.

<https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org>



Events to look forward to and ways to get involved:

Summer Gala - 1st Aug: Our main fund-raising event and always a great day!

Annual Vegetable, Flower, Cake & Craft Show – TBC: Participation continues to grow and it's wonderful to see how many talented residents we have.

Scarecrow Trail – 22nd to 31st Aug: The quality of entries gets better every year, and your creativity is always a delight to see, so the challenge is on for 2026!

Litter Picking - TBC: It's always disappointing to see our district blighted by rubbish. So, once again, we will be organising several events throughout the year to tackle this.

Community Orchard / Gardens: Keep an eye out for the Spring bulbs! Volunteers are always needed to help with the planting, watering and weeding.

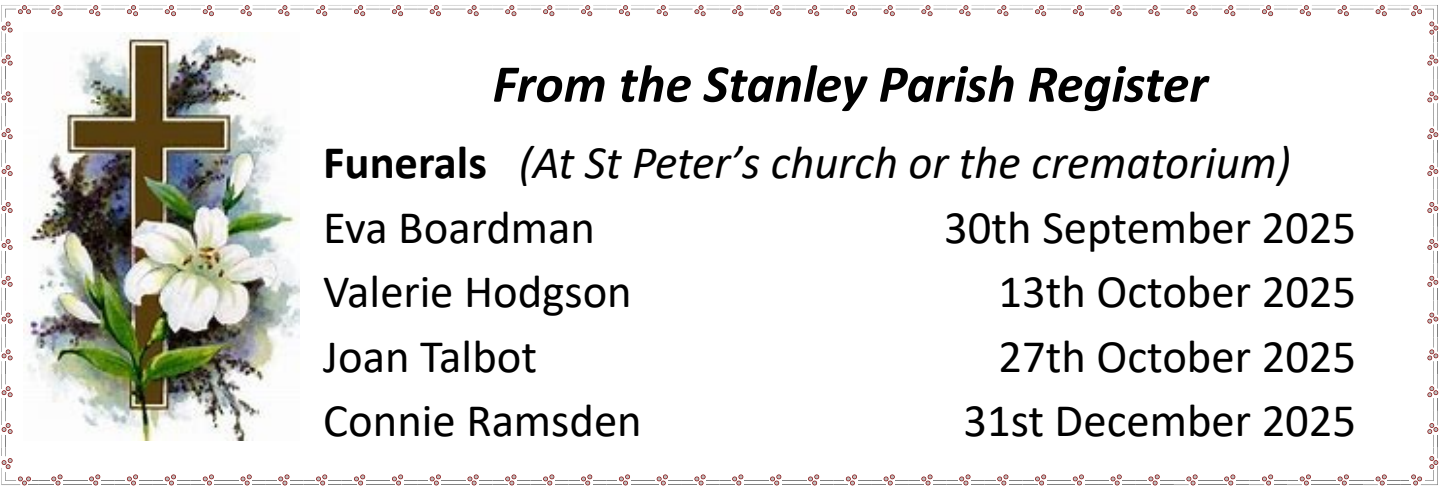
Hanging Baskets: The company maintaining our Hanging Baskets has withdrawn their service, so we are looking for another provider. I'm sure you'll agree that the baskets add a lovely splash of colour.

Heritage Trail: Last year we ran some guided walks along parts of the Stanley Heritage Trail and hope to do so again in 2026. Can't wait? - then download the online map from our website or pick up a paper copy from Stanley Library and start exploring.



Don't forget—Pancake Day is Tuesday 17th February

Pancake Day, or more properly—Shrove Tuesday—falls on the day before Ash Wednesday each year, which is the first day of Lent. The custom of eating pancakes dates back to the 16th century when foods such as eggs, milk and butter would be used up before the start of the Lenten fast.



From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals *(At St Peter’s church or the crematorium)*

Eva Boardman	30th September 2025
Valerie Hodgson	13th October 2025
Joan Talbot	27th October 2025
Connie Ramsden	31st December 2025

The Winter Olympics begins! Italy is hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics, from 6th—22nd February. The opening ceremony will be at Milan’s famous San Siro Stadium. The Winter Games will have 2 host cities, Milan and Cortina d’Ampezzo, with events spread across 15 venues in northern Italy, using existing infrastructure to reduce costs. Around 3,500 athletes from more than 90 countries are expected to compete for 195 medals across 16 Olympic disciplines. New this year is ski-mountaineering.



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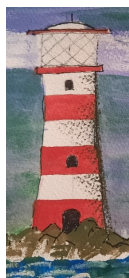
Warm Welcome at the Lighthouse Cafe

We were delighted to welcome Alison Gelder from the Co-op community team to our Lighthouse café in January. The Co-op supports the Warm Welcome campaign of which our Lighthouse café is a member.



Alison brought us some food items from the Co-op as well as a £10 voucher to spend on FAIRTRADE Fairtrade tea and coffee.

Call into our **Lighthouse Café every Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm** for free tea and coffee, snacks such as teacakes and toasted sandwiches.



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Cartoon Corner

Henry is making a real effort for Lent—he’s giving up the remote control and walking to the TV



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2nd Saturday of each month 10am-11am at:
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