

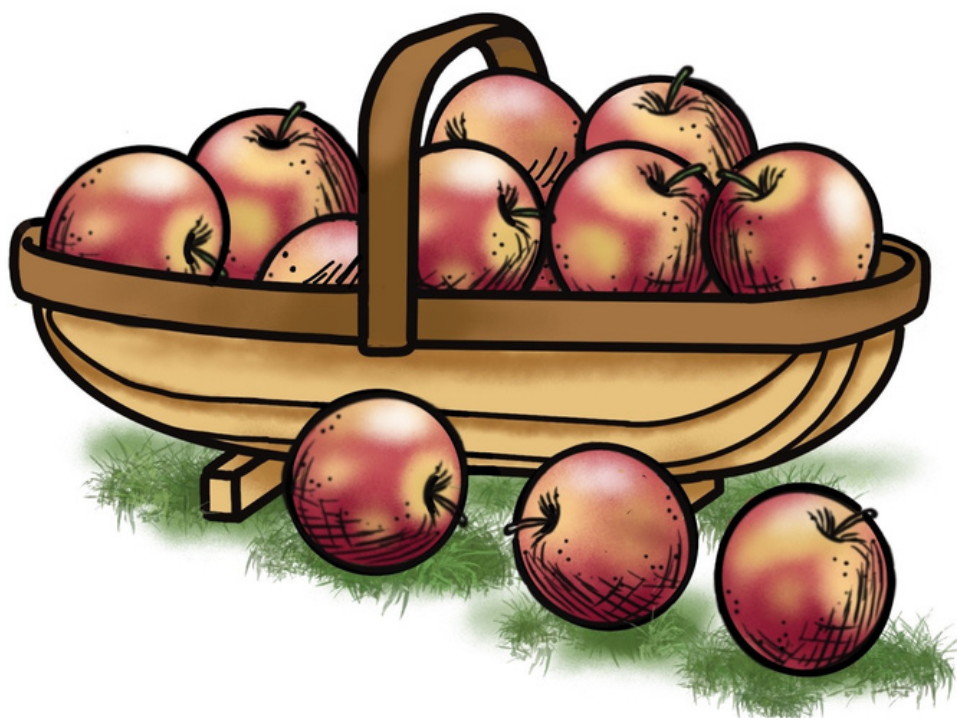
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Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, language tapes, newspapers (including the Wakefield Express), magazines, and an A4 colour photocopier (please enquire for prices). There are also public access computers with free internet 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

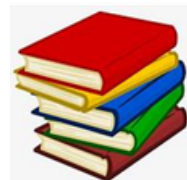
Mondays 11am - 11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
Tuesdays 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 focussing on 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

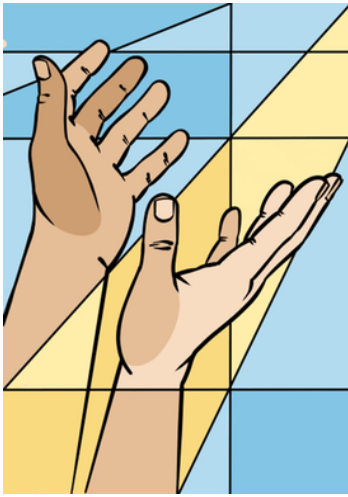
Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

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.

**We restart
after the summer
break on Monday
7th September.
Join us!**

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.
- Tuesdays 1.45am & 7.30pm**  Bible Study group in church at 1.45pm and at Libby's house at 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wednesdays 1.30am - 3.30pm** Knit & Natter with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome. 
- Thursdays 9.15am - 11am**  Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.

Special services and events this month

- Monday 7th Sept 7pm** Licensing of Rev Millie Day as Associate Priest of our church and benefice, at Outwood parish church, with the Bishop of Wakefield, Malcolm Chamberlain.
- Saturday 12th Sept 10.30 - 12.30pm**  Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!
- Sunday 13th Sept 10.45am** Meet Rev Millie Day at St Peter's church. This will be Rev Millie's first service at St Peter's following her licensing.
- Wed 16th Sept** PCC meeting at 7.15pm
- Thursday 24th Sept 1.30pm** Mothers' Union meeting New members always welcome to join our new Mothers' Union group. 
- Friday 25th Sept 3pm - 5pm**  Macmillan coffee afternoon Please come along and support this charity event and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lighthouse Café Update

Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to complete and return the questionnaire about the future of the Lighthouse Café.

The volunteers have met to discuss your ideas and suggestions.

Nobody new felt able to join the volunteers so we remain a small but dedicated team. We all have personal commitments and have decided to make changes so that the Lighthouse can reopen in a sustainable way.



The café will no longer open on a weekly basis but will operate monthly on the first Wednesday of each month. Each month will have a theme reflected in the refreshments. We take food safety very seriously so we will offer Free Trade coffee, tea and delicious cakes but no cooked food.

Money raised by selling refreshments will be donated to local charities. We would like to have a rail of donated clothes for sale and possibly plants and books.

The café will relaunch with a new name – ‘The Centre.’

Due to prior commitments, The Centre will not open until **Wednesday 4th November from 10am-12pm**. It will have a Bonfire Night theme with ginger cake and parkin. Receipts will be donated to the Mothers’ Union charity, “AFIA” that sends needy families on holiday to the coast. The **Wednesday 2nd December** opening will have a Christmas theme with Christmas cake and mince pies.

It is hoped that work will start on the accessible toilet in January 2027. This will mean a lot of disruption and upheaval, noise and dirt, so decisions about opening The Centre in the new year will be taken at a later date.

We know that some will be disappointed with these decisions but we feel very positive about the future for The Centre. With so few volunteers, weekly opening is not sustainable. We hope that The Centre will become an event in your monthly schedule like the church Coffee morning on the 2nd Saturday. We hope that you will be attracted to come for fun and fellowship and the opportunity to support our local charities.





North Wakefield Benefice

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Newsletter for September 2026



Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

Dear Friends, for those I haven't yet met, I'm Millie, and this September I have the enormous privilege of joining the North Wakefield Benefice as your new Associate Priest. I'll be licensed on 7th September at St Mary Magdalene, Outwood, and I'm really looking forward to properly getting stuck into life across the benefice. At the moment, however, life mostly consists of unpacking boxes, trying to remember where we put things, and pretending that moving house and starting a new job at roughly the same time was an entirely sensible idea.

I'm joining you after serving my curacy in the Aire Benefice: five churches around Knottingley, Ferrybridge, Brotherton, Kellington and Womersley. They have been wonderful places in which to learn how to be a priest — although I'm increasingly convinced nobody ever completely learns how to be one! Parish ministry has taken me from the altar to the graveside, from baptisms and weddings to cups of tea in kitchens, school assemblies, meetings, community events and all sorts of conversations in between. It is strange, wonderful and holy work, and I love it.

I'm moving into the area with my husband, Andrew, and our son Oswald — Oz or Ozzy to almost everyone — who turns two just two days after my licensing. We also have two cats. Outside church, I love singing and am part of a choir. I enjoy painting and generally making things, I'm very fond of coffee, and I'm happiest when there are people around a table, plenty of laughter and probably something to eat.

As I've thought and prayed about beginning this new chapter, I've kept coming back to three wonderfully simple words from John's Gospel: "Come and see." (John 1.46) Philip says them to Nathanael when Nathanael is rather sceptical about Jesus. Philip doesn't give him a lengthy theological argument or pretend to have all the answers. He simply says: "Come and see". I like that as a starting point for ministry together.

I'm not arriving with a grand five-point plan, a clipboard and a determination to change everything by Christmas. I'm coming to listen, to hear stories of our churches and communities, and to discover alongside you where God is already at work.

And perhaps together we can become increasingly confident in saying to others, "Come and see." Come and see what happens when people pray together. Come and see what Christian community can look like. Come and see a Church where there is room for questions, laughter, mess, doubt, faith, friendship and hope. Come and see what God might be doing here.

So, when you see me, please introduce yourself. Tell me about your church. Tell me what you love about it, what drives you slightly mad about it, and what you hope for its future. And if I ask your name again the following Sunday, forgive me.

I'm incredibly excited to be here, and I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us. Come and see. Stay blessed,

Millie

Rev Millie Day, Associate Vicar

Events for this month

Mon 7th Sept, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Cheeky Cherubs toddler group restarts after the summer break. Join us for toys, stories, crafts and more!

Mon 7th Sept, 7pm [Outwood](#)
Licensing of Rev Millie Day as Associate Vicar of the North Wakefield Benefice. All welcome to this special service.

Sat 12th Sept, 10am-4pm [Alverthorpe](#)
Heritage Open Day at St Paul's with tower tours, historical artefacts, crafts and refreshments.



Sat 12th Sept, 10.30am [Stanley](#)
Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle and more!

Sun 13th & Sun 20th September
Following her licensing as Associate Priest, Rev Millie Day will be preaching at the morning services on 13th September at Outwood and Stanley, and on 20th September at Alverthorpe and Wrenthorpe. Come along and meet Millie!

Mon 14th Sept, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Forget-me-not bereavement group.

Sat 19th Sept, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Women of Substance group, this month looking at the story of Herodius, the wife of King Herod. All welcome.

Mon 21st Sept, 10.30am [Outwood](#)
Mothers' Union meeting at Outwood church. New members always welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

Thurs 24th Sept, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)
Mothers' Union meeting at St Peter's in Stanley. New members always welcome to join our group.

Friday 25th Sept, 3pm-5pm [Stanley](#)
Macmillan coffee afternoon at St Peter's church. Please come along and support this charity event, and enjoy tea, coffee and delicious cake!

Sat 26th Sept, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)
Lifeboat prayer meeting with Bible study, prayer and refreshments. Every month on the 4th Saturday of the month. All welcome.

Weds 7th October 10.30am-3.30pm
Mothers' Union event at St Catherine's church as part of the 150 year anniversary celebrations. See the Outwood page for more information.

Contact details for our clergy:

Vicar



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St Peter's Church, Stanley



Lake Lock Road
Stanley
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

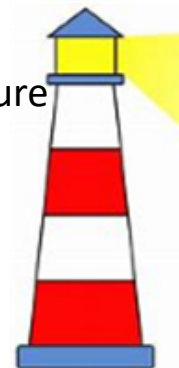
A short informal prayer service.

Lighthouse Café update

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The Lighthouse Café will relaunch as a monthly café, on the first Wednesday of every month. It will have a new name; 'The Centre', and will offer cakes and refreshments, as well as a few stalls to raise money for charity.

The first date of the new venture will be on Wednesday 4th November from 10am-12pm and will have a Bonfire Night theme.



Weekly events at St Peter's

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.
Tuesdays 1.45pm & 7.30pm	Bible Study groups every Tuesday, 1.45pm in church and 7.30pm at Libby's house. 
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Thursdays 9.15am-11am	Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.

Macmillan coffee afternoon Friday 25th September 3pm-5pm

Coffee and cake? Tea and a bun?



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

Monthly Coffee morning
Saturday 12th September
10.30am-12.30pm

Join us at our next monthly coffee mornings - they are a great place to chat and meet friends. We have some fantastic refreshments including bacon sandwiches, and we also have a raffle and a tombola.

Join us for a lovely morning of friendship and chat!



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!

We recently completed our 'Hansel & Gretel' scarecrow for the Stanley scarecrow trail. It was a fun project to do and we were delighted to win the trophy for Businesses & Community groups. Thank you to everyone who voted!



On Tuesday 22nd September, Stanley Residents Group will be visiting us to tell us more about the Stanley Heritage Trail.

New members are always welcome;
Don't be lonely! Please join us!
No booking needed - just come along!

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:

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Church Office roles

Jason Plant Church Warden

David Sunderland Church Warden

Libby Gates PCC Secretary

Jason Plant Treasurer

Safeguarding concerns

Joanne Bunn-Smith 07578 958385



Thank you from
Mary's Meals

Thank you to everyone who rooted around in drawers, jars and purses to find long-forgotten foreign currency - you helped raise **£121.69** for Mary's Meals. This is enough for over 1,200 nutritious school meals, or enough to feed more than 6 children for a full school year.



Mother's Union Meeting
Thurs 24th Sept, 1.30pm

New members are always welcome to come along to our Mothers' Union branch meetings, in church on the last Thursday of every month. We always have an interesting topic to discuss.

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	Care4UCommunity Choir
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	Free Drop-in at the Church Institute: coffee/tea, quizzes, music etc.
Friday 9.15am-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

New Bishop of Leeds - Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth



Bishop Toby has been appointed as the Bishop of Leeds, following the retirement of Rt Revd Nick Baines last year. Bishop Toby has been Bishop of Bradford since 2014.

Bishop Toby Howarth was born in Kenya before moving to London for high school and then to Yale University. He spent a summer working with Afghan refugees in northern Pakistan before returning to the UK. After further training in Christian theology and an MA in Islamic Studies at the University of Birmingham, Toby was ordained and served in an inner-city parish in Derby. He lived in India with his family for five years, then served with a Dutch church in Rotterdam before moving back to Birmingham where he taught Islamic studies and became Vice Principal at Crowther Hall in Selly Oak.

In 2004 he took up parish work again as Vicar of St Christopher's, Springfield, a church in a majority Muslim area of Birmingham. He was also an Adviser on Inter Faith Relations. Toby is married to Henriette, who is also ordained, and they have three adult children.

Article and photo courtesy of www.leeds.anglican.org.

What a wonderful weekend we had at the beginning of August! We had an Area Celebration service at St James Ryhill on 8th August followed by lunch and a chance to talk to other members. Then we held a special 'Take Over' service on 9th August at Outwood Church, on Mary Sumner Day!

Mary Sumner left a brilliant legacy and we were proud to pay tribute to her in this way. My thanks go to all the Outwood branch members for their help in creating a display and baking cakes to raise money for our projects. We even had a celebration cake! The cakes were gratefully received, and I also received lots of lovely comments from the congregation regarding the hymns we'd too! We raised £120!



There are lots of events being organised for our 150th Anniversary. In the Wakefield Episcopal area, we are holding an event at St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, on **Wednesday 7th October from 10am-3.30pm**. It will be a day of celebration and reflection. We will reflect on our history and what has gone before, and celebrate what we have achieved and the different projects we are involved in. There will be a buffet lunch. Do put the date in your diaries!

The event is open to everyone, and tickets are available for £10. The ticket

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.

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Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

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Safeguarding

Margaret Taylor 07534 805448

includes the buffet lunch, a sketch about Mabel Norton, the first Diocesan Secretary, two musical interludes and our guest speaker Father George Nairn-Briggs who was our Diocesan Chaplain.

The Diocesan Celebration Service and Commissioning of our Diocesan President will be at **Wakefield Cathedral on Monday November 2nd at 1.30pm**.

Our next branch meeting is in church on **Monday 21st September at 10.30am**

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

Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader

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 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 **Woment of Substance group**

Cheeky Cherubs Toddler Group

Cheeky Cherubs will restart after the summer break at **10am on Monday 7th September**. It meets in church at 10am every Monday in term time.

A new year begins with hopefully new children and carers.



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

School Years 7 - 11



St. Anne's Church Wrenthorpe



Young People's Drop-In

on Mondays from 2.30pm - 4pm in Church

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



After School during Termttime

Women of Substance

Saturday 19th Sept, 10am-2pm

This month in our Women of Substance meeting, will be studying Herodias, the wife of King Herod. This was a woman who sent heads rolling when her son was called out. And it wasn't just any head it was John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus's coming.

None of us are perfect or without fault, and we all sometimes make poor choices and others call us out on them. But it is what we do next that really matters. Do we deal with sin before God and seek to grow? Or do we protect it and justify it? Herodias shows that when we choose that road, sin will be the only thing that grows in our life.

Give Women of Substance a try, you might be surprised. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month at St Anne's Church and each month we learn about a woman's story from the Bible. Just let me know that you'll be coming so that I can make sure we have enough study materials, craft, and food to enjoy.

God bless you all
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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Treasurer

Charlie Dews 07445 891487

Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth 07443 459558



22nd September - the Autumnal equinox

On Tuesday 22nd September it will be the autumnal equinox - for those of us that live in the northern hemisphere. For everyone living in the southern hemisphere, it will be the Vernal, or Spring equinox. The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. The corresponding day in March when we will experience our own Vernal equinox will be 20th March. These are the only points of the year when neither pole points towards the Sun and the Sun is directly above the equator.

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 Holy Communion or a Morning Prayer Service

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 26th September,
10am—11.30am**

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

Two poems for Autumn:



Autumn

Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside,
Clouds grey and white.
Autumn, good morning!
Summer, good night!
By Florence Hoatson



Lovely Things

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
God bless the barley and the wheat!

A lovely thing to breathe is air –
God bless the sunshine everywhere!

The earth's a lovely place to know –
God bless the folks that come and go!

Alive's a lovely thing to be –
Giver of life – we say – bless Thee!
By H M Sarson

Heritage Open Day at St Paul's

Saturday 12th Sept, 10am-4pm

On Saturday 12th September there is an opportunity to view all the memorabilia, historical artefacts and information that was collected for the 200th anniversary of St Paul's church last year.

The event has been registered with the official Heritage Open Days organisation. See <https://heritageopendays.org.uk> for details of all the buildings and organisations holding events during Heritage Open Day week, which runs from 11th-20th September across the country.

This is an ideal opportunity to come along and find out about the history of the church. There will also be tower tours—climb the tower and ring the bells! Also descend into the church crypt and see the rooms below the church.

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

Search the Heritage Open Days website to find all the other places open to view in Wakefield during Heritage week. They offer behind the scenes tours and talks. These include Wakefield Cathedral, the Theatre Royal, the Town Hall, St John's church, St Austin's church, the West Yorkshire History Centre and many more.



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



70 years of the Duke of Edinburgh awards

In February 1956, Buckingham Palace announced plans for 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'. His Royal Highness wanted to help boys build self-confidence and a sense of purpose. He believed a youth programme would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

After the first year, 7,000 boys joined and 1,000 awards were achieved. Girls were allowed to join in 1958. Since that first year, millions of young people have benefitted from the DofE programme.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people...but in 7 decades of the DofE awards we've learnt to never doubt what young people can do. Time and time again, we've seen that there's no limit to what young people can achieve."

Prayers for this month

The Sower

He works beneath the morning sun
He scatters wide the seed;
Rests not before the work is done
That bread may fill our need.

Some fell upon the hardened way
Where clay was hard as stone,
Birds ate the seeds right where they lay
And none was left alone.

Some landed on the rocky soil
Soon sprang their leaves of green -
To wilt beneath the sun's dread boil
As if they'd never been.

Some fell among the choking weeds
The tares took all the light;
Their growth then overwhelmed
the seeds,
Which disappeared from sight.

But some fell on the fertile loam
The rain fell from the sky
A hundredfold their seeds had grown
As they grew strong and high.

Let not your heart be made of stone
Nor fail when troubles come;
By no foul sin be overgrown,
But thriving 'neath the sun!

By Nigel Beeton



The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory

Almighty God, Creator:

The morning is yours,
rising into fullness.

The summer is yours,
dipping into autumn.

Eternity is yours,
dipping into time.

The vibrant grasses,
the scent of flowers,
the lichen on the rocks,
the tang of sea-weed,

All are yours.

Gladly we live in this garden
of your creating.

*By George MacLeod (1895 – 1991;
founder of the Iona Community)*



Matthew and Me

Here I am, as I am,
As I have been, known.

And You see and You call,
Understanding all the tangles
And the turmoil,
Up to speed with all the details,

Still, You call me to wholeness.

Lifted by Your word I will obey,

I will follow You

Along the Kingdom path

To another rising.

By Daphne Kitching



Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Mon 7th Sept** at **The Wheatsheaf Pub** at **18:30**. This will be a post event review of the Best in Show, Gala and Scarecrow Trail. If you have any feedback or thoughts, please come along and share.

It has been a busy Summer, and we would like to take the opportunity to say a big

THANK YOU

to everyone who took part in the Best in Show, attended the Gala, built a Scarecrow and / or purchased a Trail Map. It was lovely to see so many of you, both new and old, getting involved and enjoying yourselves. All monies raised go towards improving our village of Stanley!

It was disappointing not to have any Hanging Baskets this year due to our existing contractor pulling out and not being able to secure an alternative supplier at an affordable price. However, the good news is that thanks to the support of our Stanley & Outwood East Councillors' we secured NIF funding, enabling us to purchase our own baskets. This and the money we have raised, takes us one step closer to bringing back Hanging Baskets in 2027.

To keep up to date with all SRG Activities and Events as well as links to Non-SRG Activities, scan the QR code or visit the SRG website:

<https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org>



25th anniversary of 9/11

On 11th September it will be 25 years since the terrorist attacks on America took place. Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania. 2,973 people were killed.



Major national institutions in the US will mark the anniversary of that terrible day. In New York, many Christian churches and interfaith groups are planning special services and memorial events. There will be hourly musical offerings at St Paul's Chapel in New York City, in honour of the chapel's role as a refuge for the first responders. Other events planned are a digital experience at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and various events by the New York City Fire Department, who lost 343 members that day, as well as 400 members who have since died from related illnesses. There will be the annual Tribute in Light installation, held at Ground Zero.

In the UK, at 7.30pm on 11th September, there will be a Memorial Concert at Southwark Cathedral with a programme of American and British music reflecting on loss, memory and the human cost of violence.

Diocese visit to Tanzania - with Rev Bill Henderson

Twelve people from the Diocese of Leeds, including Rev Bill Henderson, and the Bishop of Wakefield, Malcolm Chamberlain, recently visited the link dioceses of Mara, Tarime and Rorya in Tanzania. The link between Leeds and north Tanzania has been going strong for 38 years. The group spent two weeks in the country, visiting schools and churches in the region including all three cathedrals. Throughout their visit they were welcomed with generous hospitality from all.

While in the country, Rev Bill Henderson visited Sakawa, the link parish of St Peter's church and took a message from our congregation with our news and our blessings to the people of Sakawa. The parish responded with their own message and photo:

"To our beloved brothers and sisters at St Peter's, praise the Lord Jesus Christ! We thank God that we were able to hold a thanksgiving service to raise funds towards purchasing a power mixer. God is good! We raised TSh 717,000 (about £200). Please continue to pray for us, so that God may continue to open more doors and provide for us according to His will. God bless you all."



While in Tanzania, the group also visited a training centre for local farmers that helps people learn better farming techniques as well as trying out new farming ideas. They visited several schools; one held a sports day with sack races, egg and spoon race (with a lemon instead of an egg!) and tug of war.

The visit to the ACT Mara Safe House was an important visit. The Safe House takes in girls that are at risk of forced Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or other domestic abuse and gives them a safe place to live until they can care for themselves. The safe house finds the girls school places and some have gone to university. Others are taught skills that could earn an income such as sewing. The safe house relies entirely on funding from the Diocese of Leeds for its continued survival. St Peter's church continues to support the Safe House through its charitable giving.

Bishop Malcolm said "It was a huge honour to spend two weeks with our sisters and brothers in the Dioceses of Tarime, Rorya and Mara in Tanzania. We met with a great number of people, including most of the parish clergy serving in all three dioceses, and enjoyed incredible hospitality and celebration wherever we went. We visited many churches and schools, joined in joyful worship and I had the privilege of preaching in all three Cathedrals, confirming 16 young people, and sharing in the ordination of deacons and priests. We have all returned with full hearts and a renewed commitment to see the link that our diocese has with all three Tanzanian dioceses strengthen and flourish in the years to come."

See www.leeds.anglican.org for the full article. Rev Bill Henderson hopes to visit St Peter's to report on his visit sometime in the autumn.

John Wisden and his famous 'Cricketers' Almanack'

Two hundred years ago, on 5th September 1826, British cricketer John Wisden was born. He was the founder of Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack. Launched with 112 pages in 1864, it now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket.

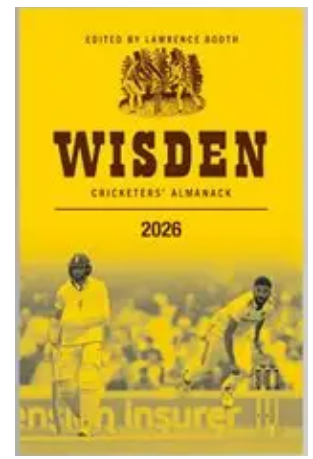
Wisden was a builder's son, born in Brighton. He moved to London after his father died, and lived with the outstanding Sussex wicket-keeper, Tom Box. Wisden was only 5ft 4in and weighed seven stone when he made his first-class debut for Sussex against MCC in 1845 taking nine wickets. He became known as Little Wonder.

He averaged 225 wickets a season for twelve years, took 455 wickets in 1851, and clean bowled all ten wickets in the second innings for North v South in 1850. He bowled fast, round-arm (before overarm was permitted) and was said to have had an extraordinary off-break. He was also a strong batsman.

Away from the game, Wisden began a cricket equipment business in Leamington Spa in 1850, and five years later opened a "cricket and cigar" shop in central London, initially in partnership with fellow-cricketer Fred Lillywhite. Wisden was also cricket coach at Harrow School and in 1867 bought The Cricketers, a pub in Sussex.

In 1859 Wisden – by now bowling slow – was involved in the first tour by an English team to Canada and the United States, where he achieved a double hat-trick, taking six wickets in six balls.

Because of rheumatism, Wisden retired from cricket in 1863 at the early age of 37 and started publishing his annual Cricketers' Almanack the following year. Described now as the most famous sports book in the world, the iconic yellow-bound volume contains comprehensive match records, chapter and verse, prophecy, history and the occasional sermon. It is known simply as Wisden.



C of E welcomes Government consultation on RE in the National Curriculum

The Church of England has welcomed a recent announcement from the Government that there will be a consultation on RE becoming part of the National Curriculum, for the first time ever. An Expert Advisory Group, which included some CofE members, has put some recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth said: "As Chair of the National Society for Education, I fully welcome this government consultation on RE moving into the National Curriculum. This both elevates the importance of the subject as integral to the flourishing of every child in our nation and also preserves long-standing arrangements for church schools which make up a third of the state sector. The Church of England will respond to the consultation in the Autumn.





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Football Ministry kicks off

Free football clubs for children will be launched in churches as part of a new outreach programme. Thirty churches across the country will be supported to start free football sessions for children as community outreach, with a focus on those in low-income areas and estates.



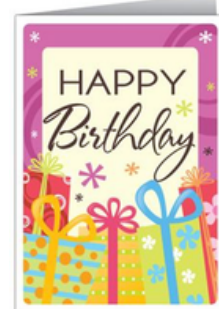
Each session will be run by trained volunteers from the church and will include training drills and matches, as well as team talks and the session closing with a prayer. The team talks will explore themes such as team-work or sacrifice, and how they relate to football, life and Jesus's teachings. Several of England's football clubs reportedly started in churches, including Everton, Manchester City, Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspurs.

Cartoon Corner



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

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