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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.

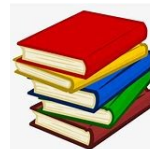
WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
Mondays 11am—11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of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

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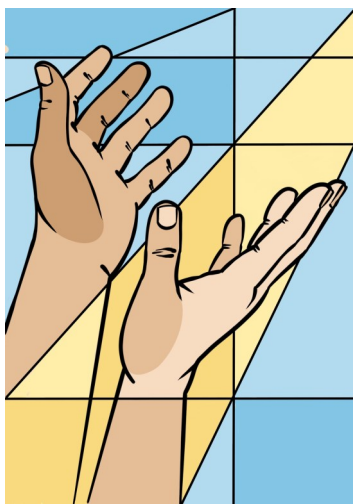
Monday	9.30am—5pm
Tuesday	9.30am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
Saturday	10am—1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

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 finish for the summer on 20th July and we restart on Monday 7th September

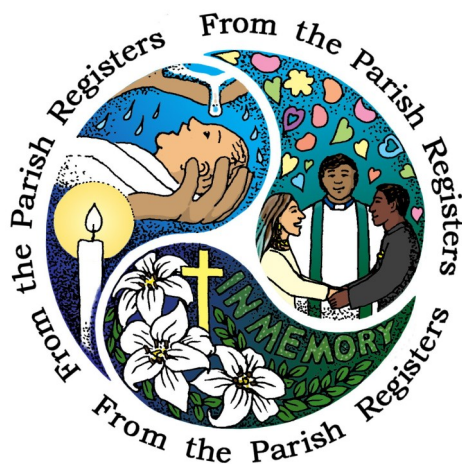
EVENTS IN STANLEY THIS MONTH

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 8th July** PCC meeting at 7.15pm
- Sat 11th July 10.30am - 12.30pm**  Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!
- Weds 22nd July 6.30pm** Stanley Residents Group meeting at the Wheatsheaf pub. New volunteers always welcome, just come along.
- Thurs 30th July 1.30pm** Mothers' Union meeting—a new group for Stanley, all welcome. See page 6 for more information.
- Sat 1st August 12pm-4pm**  Stanley Gala with the Stanley Residents group, on the church field with lots of stalls, activities, refreshments, and the fruit, veg and cake competitions, p23.
- Sat 8th August 10.30am - 12.30pm** Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more! 
- 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. See p10.



From the Stanley Parish Register

Baptisms

Andie Denice Tomlinson 5th April 2026

Valencia Myiah Burt 19th April 2026

Funerals

(At St Peter's church or the crematorium)

Alan Morris 9th June 2026

Weddings

Adele Woodward & Mark Douglas 20th June 2026

Mothers' Union meeting

at 1.30pm on Thursday 30th July in church

Our branch is working with The Sanctuary which is based at St Michael's church in Wakefield. It supports young mothers, giving them a safe, supportive environment. We are putting together leavers' packs to help with the basics of life as they set up home independently.

Can you help by providing any of these items?

- Cleaning supplies: cloths, cleaning sprays, t-towels etc
- Toiletries: e.g. soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, shower gel
- Food: packets, tins, jars, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice, biscuits, cereal, sugar
- Household items: duvet, duvet cover, sheets, towels
- Baby items: nappies, wipes, bibs, vests, blankets etc

Anything you can give will make an amazing difference.

At our next meeting on 30th July, two ladies from the Mothers' Union in Wakefield will be coming to share their experiences of visiting and helping young mothers in New Hall women's prison in Wakefield. It is sure to be a very interesting and thought-provoking talk. New members are always welcome—just come along!

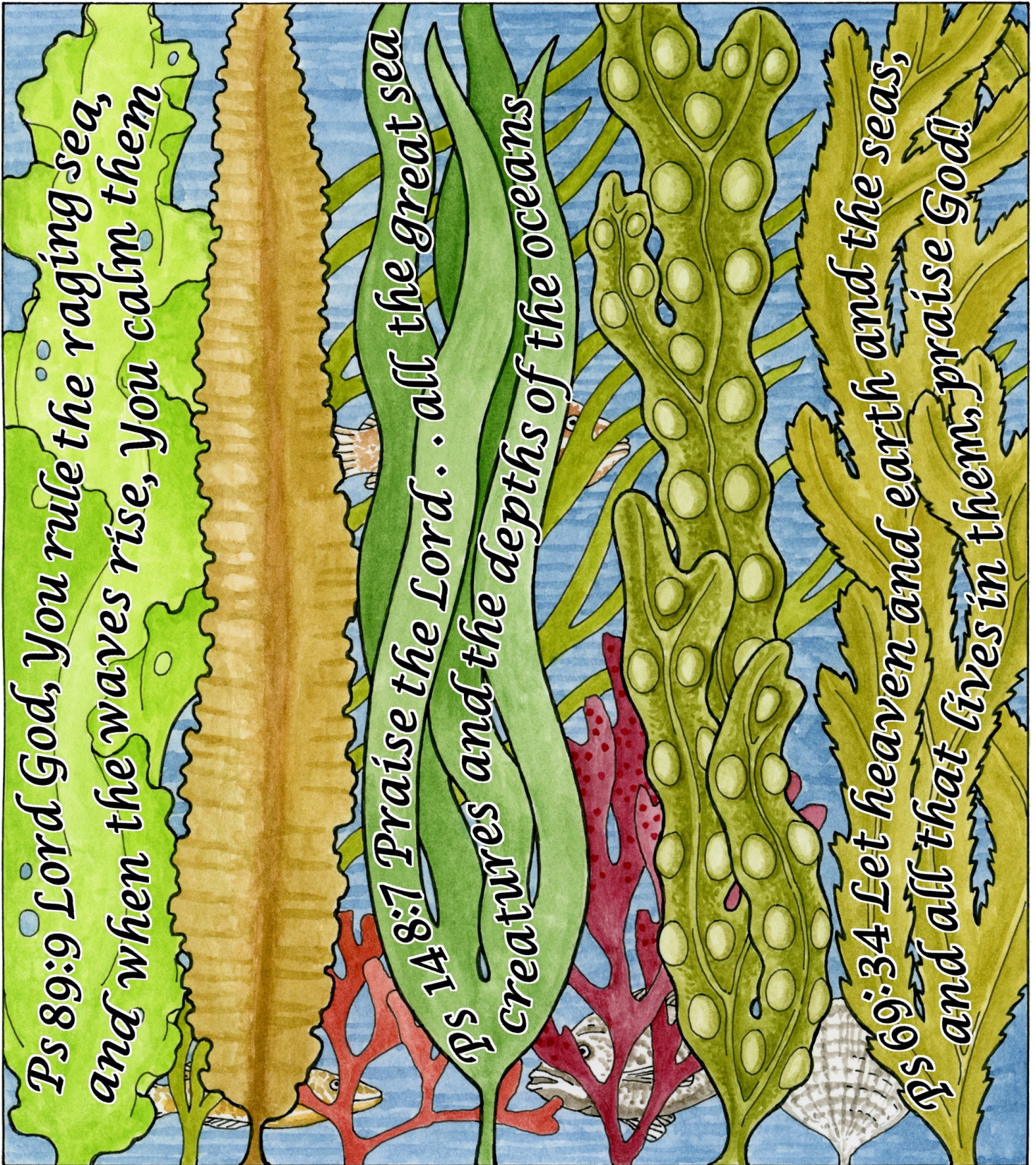




North Wakefield Benefice

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Newsletter for July/August 2026



Dear Friends

As we enter July I am delighted that we now know that early in September we will be joined by the Reverend Millie Day as our new Associate Vicar. Please read her introduction on the St Peter's Church page. We are looking forward to building a working relationship together and her licensing service will be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Outwood on **Monday 7th September at 7pm**. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us as we celebrate this joyful day.

Last month I talked about the importance of slowing down. How relevant that was when we were hit by the heatwave at the end of last month. These significant weather events are becoming more and more common as the global temperature rises. We all need to do every small thing we can to reduce our carbon footprint if we are to leave our children and grandchildren with a world they can enjoy.

When God created the world in Genesis 1 the instruction he gave us was to rule over it. The problem is we've interpreted that as allowing us to exploit it rather than to rule over it for its own good. Genesis 2 clearly tells us we are supposed to care for creation to protect it and enable it to flourish. Many of the changes in our weather like the ones we've just experienced have been attributed to climate change by scientists. This climate change is a result of our poor stewardship. Our desire to get as much as we can from the world's precious resources has led us to this point.



And for this reason I was delighted when I discovered St Peter's Church had completed the work necessary to achieve their Eco Church Bronze award. "A Rocha UK" is a Christian conservation charity set up to help churches address this key mark of mission – caring for creation – and is dedicated to encouraging churches to progress on their journey to more sustainable operations. They have created the Eco Church awards. Achieving Bronze is an important milestone. There is still work to do before reaching Silver and eventually Gold, but every step is worth celebrating.

If you want to learn more about this, please read Jackie's article on the St Peter's page and if you would like to see this be something that develops please speak to me. I'd love to explore how we might establish Eco Church groups across all our churches. In the meantime I wish you all a very pleasant relaxing July and August.

With every blessing

Diane

Revd Diane Komorowski, Vicar

Events for July and August

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

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

Sunday 5th July, 9.30am [Alverthorpe](#)

Family and parade service with the uniformed groups to celebrate Sea Sunday.

Saturday 11th July, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

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

Sunday 12th July, 10.45am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Family and parade service with the uniformed groups to celebrate Sea Sunday.

Monday 13th July, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Forget-me-not bereavement group.

Saturday 18th July, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Women of Substance group, this month looking at King David's daughter, Tamar.

Monday 20th July, 10.30am [Outwood](#)

Mothers' Union meeting at Outwood church.

Saturday 25th July, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)

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

Thursday 30th July, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)

Mothers' Union meeting in church.

Saturday 1st August, 12pm-4pm [Stanley](#)

Stanley Gala organised by the residents group, at church with lots of stalls, and the fruit, veg and cake competition.

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

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

Sunday 9th August, 9.15am [Outwood](#)

The morning service will be led by the Mothers' Union.



Tuesday 11th, 18th and

25th August, 10am-12pm [Alverthorpe](#)

Children's summer craft sessions with various activities and refreshments.

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

Mothers' Union meeting at Outwood church.

Monday 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 Day Open event—come and have a look around St Paul's.

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.

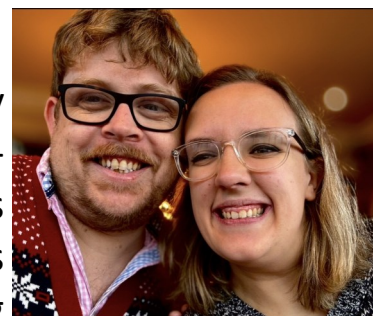
Weekly events at St Peter's

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. 
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.

Introducing Rev Millie Day

I am delighted to be joining the benefice as your new Associate Priest and am looking forward to getting to know everyone.

I am originally from West Yorkshire and was ordained in Leeds Diocese, serving



my curacy in the Aire Benefice across a number of churches. I have a passion for parish ministry and enjoy building relationships within the community; working with schools, and helping people to explore faith in everyday life. I strongly value churches being places of welcome, kindness, and encouragement for all.

I am married to Andrew, and we have a 2 year old son called Oswald who keeps us very busy along with the 2 cats, Dennis and Nala! Family life is very important to me, and when I'm not involved in church, I enjoy cooking, music, coffee and spending time as a family. I'm really excited about this new chapter and look forward to meeting you all and becoming part of parish life.



Eco Church Celebration

At St Peter's we are working towards safeguarding God's creation through responding to the climate and nature crises, and this will help us become an Eco Church. We are very pleased to say that we have recently achieved a Bronze Eco Church Award which acts as a foundation and provides a framework to work toward Silver and Gold levels, ultimately helping the church's goals to reach Net Zero carbon emissions.

As part of the award, we have completed self-assessment surveys in the areas of Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. Among other things achieved are: celebrating God's relationship with, and work in creation through worship and music; regular planned maintenance of our building to control heat loss and damp; encouraging wildlife to flourish by providing wild areas on the field; aiming to become a Fair Trade church, and reducing the consumption of materials and resources.

We will now use the survey questions to plan our next steps towards gaining a Silver Eco Church Award. And as we all know, there is something no matter how small, that every one of us can do to help safeguard God's wonderful creation.

Jackie Clark



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 Officer roles

Jason Plant Church Warden

David Sunderland Church Warden

Libby Gates PCC Secretary

Jason Plant Treasurer

Safeguarding concerns

Joanne Bunn-Smith 07578 958385

Coffee morning

**Saturday 11th July and 8th August
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 also have a raffle and a tombola.

**Join us for a lovely morning of
friendship and chat!**



**Mothers' Union meeting
Thursday 30th July, 1.30pm**

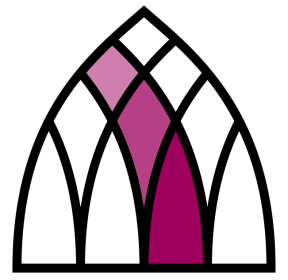
At our next meeting we will hear from some visitors to New Hall women's prison. Join us!

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

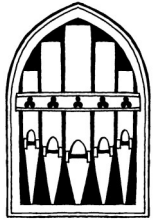
Pre-school—Suzanne 01924 825688

Organ and Window fundraising

We are trying to get grants for the repair to the east end window at St Mary Magdalene but in the meantime, the organ has begun to deteriorate and needs to be replaced.

With help from our organist, Paul, we are trying to get a second hand organ through the Organ Charity. The organ will be free, but we need to pay for transport and installation which will cost about £11,000 as it will come from Durham.

Please consider giving towards this—Brian has signed up to easyfundraising.org.uk which we hope will go live in the next couple of weeks.



New hymn books

We are buying new hymn books which have more choice of hymns. Can you sponsor a hymn book for £12? You can have any family names printed in the book along with your name as sponsor, but remember the books will remain property of the church and you may not always receive 'your' book on a Sunday. There will be a form at the back of church to complete.





The Lighthouse Café Questionnaire

The Lighthouse Café has been running at St Peter's church every Monday and Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm for a couple of years. It was originally set up as a 'warm space'.

The Lighthouse cafe offers free tea and coffee, and snacks such as teacakes and toasted sandwiches at a low price. We also have newspapers, jigsaws, and opportunities for chat and friendship.

The Lighthouse Café has now closed for the summer, to give our team of volunteers a break. We hope it will reopen in September.

We would like to know your ideas and suggestions on how we can improve the café. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. You can pull it out of the centre pages of the magazine and return it to us at St Peter's church. Thank you!

**Whether you're alone or with friends you can be sure
of a warm welcome at the Lighthouse; a safe space.**

Questionnaire

1. How often do you visit the Lighthouse Café?

a) often b) never c) occasionally

2. Tell us why. How can we make it easier for you to come?

3. The café is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am-12 noon, during term time. Is this –

a) enough? b) too often?

4. The café is run by a small group of volunteers.
Could you volunteer your time to join the team?

a) yes b) no c) occasionally

5. We need help in a variety of ways:

setting up	clearing up	serving	befriending
advertising	producing flyers	donating Fair Trade tea and coffee	providing transport

Please circle any of these that you could help with.

6. How could the Lighthouse café be advertised to –

- a) The congregation?
- b) the community?

Please give your suggestions.....

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7. If the café offered themed events such as ‘Italian month’ or ‘soup kitchen’ or ‘Games week’ etc. would it encourage you to visit the Lighthouse?

- a) yes
- b) no

8. What ideas do you have to encourage people to drop in for a chat, snack and a drink?

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Please use the space below for any further comments or suggestions.

Please complete this questionnaire and drop it off at St Peter’s church, or give to any church member.

Judith, our indoor member, despite not having very good eyesight, very actively prays for all we are doing in the branch and in Mothers' Union. It was a privilege to take our meeting to her last month and she really enjoyed being part of the branch again even if just once a year!

Our next meeting is at **10.30am on Monday 20th July** in church when we will be discussing our proposed takeover of the service in Church on Sunday 9th August which is Mary Sumner Day. (Mary Sumner was the founder of Mothers' Union). We hope to have a display of our work and of course a Celebration Cake and cake stall to share with the congregation.



Our August meeting will be at **10.30am on Monday 17th August**, again, in church. All are welcome to any of our meetings—do please come along, we look forward to seeing you!

Lots of events are being organised in the diocese for our 150th Anniversary. Here in Wakefield we are hosting an event at St Catherine's Church on Doncaster Road on October 7th. 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. More details to follow, but do put the date in your diaries!

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Clergy

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The Diocesan Celebration Service will be at Wakefield Cathedral at 1.30pm on Monday 2nd November.



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

Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader



We are looking for someone to make **jam, marmalade or chutneys**. If you feel able to do this please contact the churchwardens.

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 Women of Substance group

Cheeky Cherubs had a productive and fun-filled morning last month. We planted sunflowers and made bees. We also planted tubs of beautiful flowers to go outside church to make it look beautiful. The children loved every minute and learned such a lot.

Our toddler group is for children aged 0-4 years and their carer and meets in church at 10am on Mondays in term time.



Celebrating Sea Sunday—12th July

Our 10.34am service on 12th July will be an all-age service with the uniformed groups to celebrate Sea Sunday. Please stay on afterwards for refreshments.

On Sea Sunday, churches around the world pray for



seafarers. These workers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and dangerous conditions.

The Mission to Seafarers is a ministry organisation working in ports across the world. Last year, it made 48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for 150,000 seafarers, and ran programmes on family support. These moments of care—a visit on board, practical help, someone to listen—can make a profound difference to seafarers far away from home.

St Paul's Alverthorpe is also holding a Sea Sunday family service, at 9.30am on Sunday 5th July.

Women of Substance...

Saturday 18th July, 10am-2pm

This month, Women of Substance will be looking at the story of Tamar, the daughter of King David.

Being a beautiful princess can be very dangerous. Ammon, the crown prince, was consumed with lust for his half-sister Tamar. Instead of accepting that he couldn't have whatever he wanted - Ammon took it by force.



Tamar's innocence is recorded in the Bible for all to read; and so is Ammon's guilt. Nothing is hidden from God's eyes; no pain is missed by Him. Scripture assures us that one day God will bring complete justice; just as Ammon's guilt caught up with him, no abuser will escape. Not one.

Until then every burden and broken heart can be shared with the One who knows. He will carry our pain, grief, and shame with us, drawing us deeper into His love, grace, and healing.

Tamar is a deeply sad story of someone left alone, not believed or cared for after suffering such a tragic event in her life.

This is the last group until 19th September when we will be looking at Herodias the wife of King Herod.

Please join us! God bless, *Lynn Fowley*
07890 589907 or ldfowley@live.co.uk

Contact details for St Anne's Church Clergy

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Summer Family Fun Day

At St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Saturday 4th July
10am—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 25th July, 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 Alverthorpe in the East Room. Join us for prayer, worship, fellowship and refreshments. Please join us!



There won't be a meeting in August, so the next one will be at the end of September.

Sea Sunday

9.30am on 5th July

Our 9.30am service on 5th July will be an all-age service with the uniformed groups to celebrate Sea Sunday.

St Anne's in Wrenthorpe are also holding a Sea Sunday service, at 10.45am on Sunday 12th July.



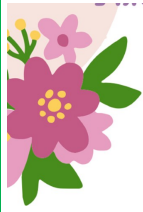
Heritage Open Day



Saturday 12th Sept, 10am-4pm

St Paul's is opening to the public as one of the UK Heritage Open Days, on Saturday 12th September. There will be tower tours, children's crafts, refreshments and the opportunity to view the memorabilia, artefacts and information that was collected for the 200th anniversary of the church last year.

See <https://heritageopendays.org.uk> for all the events taking place during Heritage Open Day week, from 11th—20th September across the UK.



Summer Craft Sessions



During the summer, there will be children's craft sessions at St Paul's Alverthorpe from 10am—12 noon on:

- Tuesday 11th August
- Tuesday 18th August
- Tuesday 25th August

All children must be accompanied by an adult or carer

For The Senses *by John O'Donohue*

May the touch of your skin
register the beauty of the otherness
that surrounds you.

May your listening be attuned
to the deeper silence
where sound is honed
to bring distance home.

May the fragrance
Of a breathing meadow
Refresh your heart and remind you,
You are a child of the earth.

And when you partake of food and drink,
May your taste quicken to the gift
and sweetness that flows from the earth.

May your inner eye see through
the surfaces and glean the real presence
Of everything that meets you.

May your soul beautify the desire
of your eyes that you may glimpse
The infinity that hides in the simple sights
that seem worn to your usual eyes.

Submitted by Melanie Dews

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

Unformed 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

'It's your move' books

Before the end of the summer term, our clergy team will be visiting the Year 6 pupils at St Paul's Alverthorpe, Jerry Clay Academy, Kirkhamgate Academy, Wrenthorpe Academy, Stanley St Peter's and Stanley Grove Academy.

All Year 6 leavers will be presented with a book, 'It's Your Move' which offers practical advice and support to help them confidently transition to secondary school. The 80 page book contains top tips, real-life stories, fun puzzles, and space for children to write their own memories and goals.

Written by the Scripture Union, these books are a gift from our churches to help year 6 pupils start their next chapter with a smile.



Prayers for this month

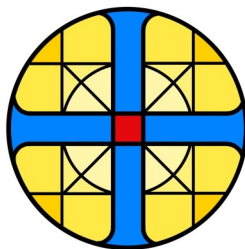
Come reign in me

Oh God, who made the world so fair,
And formed the earth, the sky, the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes, and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all love is thee.

Oh God, who in the Lord Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely
through each day.

Oh God, whose Spirit gave us birth,
And holds all life secure, e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for they both
are Thine.

Oh God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one;
Blessed be thy name, come reign in me,
And in me let thy will be



Time Prayer

Father, we are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we have time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

St Thomas

St Thomas struggled to believe
That Jesus lived again;
He feared that hope would just deceive
He thought it easier to grieve –
So 'Doubting' is his name.

But then he met the risen Lord
And touched His wounded side.
His solid faith was so restored
He saw his mission lay abroad
And journeyed far and wide

His Lord led him to Indian shore
To bring His words of love
Through journeys long and hardships sore
To bring the needy and the poor
The peace of God above.

But some who dwelt in that far land
Returned his peace with strife
For they just could not understand
The gifts he held within his hand
And so he gave his life.

Oh grant us, Lord, the certainty
That 'Doubting Thomas' knew,
May we, like him, cross land and sea
Oh may we just as faithful be
To do what You would do!



Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Wed 22nd July** at **The Wheatsheaf Pub** at **18:30**. We will be focusing on the Gala – our main fund-raising event. If you feel able to lend a hand on the day to help erect / dismantle tents, tables, bunting, and clearing up afterwards or even helping on a stall, please either attend the meeting or contact us at stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com to find out more.

The Gala will have **FREE** Face Painting and a Bouncy Castle for children as well as lots of stalls, entertainment and refreshments and of course prizes for the Best in Show.



Stanley Gala

Best in Show

Saturday 1st August 2026

St Peter's Church 12:00 – 16:00



STALLS





TOMBOLA



Best in Show: Registration deadline – Monday 27th July

Win prizes, trophies, rosettes and certificates.

Vegetable, Flowers, Baking & Homemade Produce, Crafts & Hobbies.



Stanley Library is holding special Craft Sessions at the Library in **July** that mirror some of SRG's Best in Show JUNIOR classes - see Stanley Library for more details.

Best in Show: JUNIORS Class		Library Craft Session
	A painting / drawing	Saturday 11 th July 10 – 12 noon
	Miniature garden including cress	Saturday 18 th July 10 – 12 noon
	1 painted rock / pebble	Saturday 25 th July 10 – 12 noon
	1 fruit & / or vegetable animal	Thursday 30 th July 2 – 3 pm



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 the SRG website: <https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org/bestinshowreg2026>

Landscape artworks for Stanley

In July, the 12 large landscape artworks designed and painted by artist Tony Wade will be unveiled. The large artworks will be affixed to the wall outside Stanley St Peter's school. They all depict familiar buildings, views, nature and landmarks from around Stanley village. Tony has been working for several months on the artworks, and has enlisted help from many community groups across the village.

Tony came along to the Tuesday lunch club at St Peter's church in April with a couple of his landscape designs for our lunch club members to have a go at painting. We had a wonderful time helping to paint flowers, skies, trees etc.

It will be so exciting to see the finished artworks on display outside school!



Remembering Dolly—the cloned sheep

Thirty years ago, on 5th July 1996, Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. She was the first cloned mammal. Dolly had three mothers: one provided the egg, another the DNA, and a third carried the cloned embryo to term. Her existence wasn't made public until the following year, an announcement that resulted in much media attention, debate and controversy; some Christians argued that cloning was too much like 'playing God'.

Dolly was not the first animal cloned. Frogs had been cloned in the 1950's and sheep and cows had been cloned in the 1980's. The key difference was that Dolly was the first to be cloned from a reprogrammed adult somatic cell, instead of from embryonic cells. The process was extremely inefficient, with Dolly the only lamb surviving to adulthood from 277 attempts in 1996.

Dolly lived for six and a half years. She was euthanised in 2003 after developing a progressive lung disease not uncommon in sheep, particularly those spending their lives indoors, like Dolly. Sheep of a similar breed usually live for ten to twelve years, but scientists did not think her life was shortened because she was a clone. Her body was preserved and is on display at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

The US Declaration of Independence – 4th July 1776

It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington, but copies were quickly printed and distributed on the day, not all of them totally accurate. Its creation followed considerable conflict between the American colonies and the British Parliament, coming to a head in late 1775 when Parliament prohibited trade with the colonies.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, but it was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, who omitted certain passages critical of King George III that might offend more conservative colonists.

The Declaration made it possible for the American colonies to develop their own relationships directly with foreign governments. Elsewhere, Anglican clergy in the UK felt conflicted because they had sworn an oath to the King as Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and supporting independence would mean breaking that oath. Many colonies outlawed public prayers for King George III which in part led Anglicans to recreate themselves as the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Declaration itself could be described as a Christian document, reflecting Judeo-Christian values. In his Gettysburg Address in 1863, Abraham Lincoln quoted its second sentence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."



The phrase "In God We Trust" first appeared on US coins in 1864. In 1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law officially making "In God We Trust" the national motto of the United States. It remains in place as the USA's official motto today.

Thank you to everyone who organised and supported our Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June. It was heartwarming to see so many people there on such a sweltering hot day! It was a very successful event raising around £1,400 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who provided the refreshments, stalls, and items for sale. We are very grateful to everyone for your generous support.





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Duration: **1 - 1.5 HOURS**
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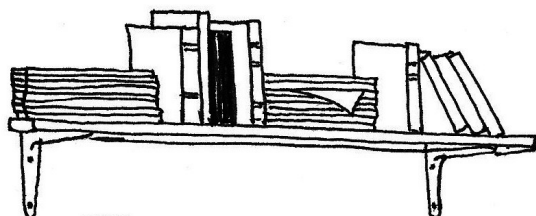
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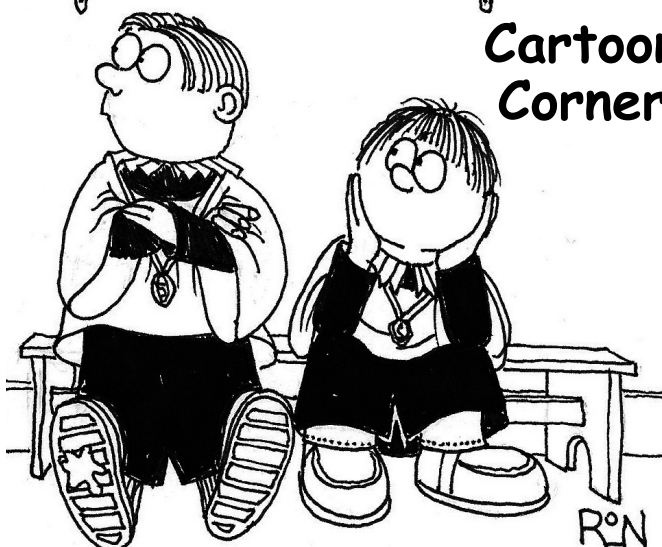
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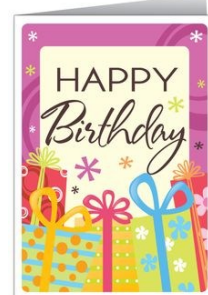


Cartoon Corner



The boys on the substitutes' bench
knew their only chance of a sing was if
one of the first team was injured

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,
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and share skills!

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includes refreshments

Contact Cheryl for more
Information: 01924 828460

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**Please note Tai Chi
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- 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,
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