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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

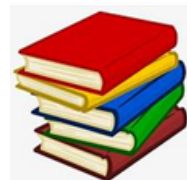
Mondays 11am - 11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10-12pm	Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
Tuesdays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

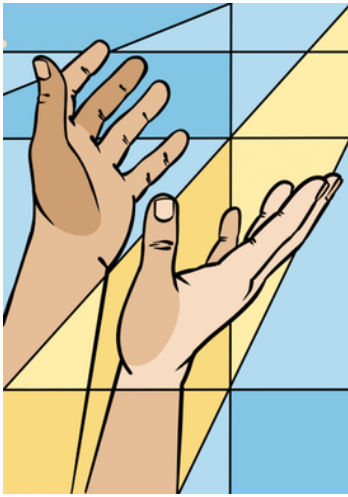
Monday	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm
Friday	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

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.

**Our Christmas
concert will be
at 3pm on Sunday
13th December
in church**

EVENTS IN STANLEY THIS MONTH

Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

- Sundays 10.45am**  Family Communion service: with Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.
- Mondays 9.30am**  Morning Prayer service: a short, informal service every Monday morning. All welcome.
- Mondays 1pm - 2pm**  Stanley Community Choir New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy singing!
- Tuesdays 10.30am - 1.30pm** Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
- Tuesdays 1.45pm & 7.30pm**  Bible Study group in church at 1.45pm and at Libby's house at 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Wednesdays 1.30pm - 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

- Saturday 10th Oct 10.30am-12.30pm**  Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!
- Sunday 18th Oct 10.45am** Harvest Festival Service A non-communion family service led by Rev Diane. 
- Tuesday 20th Oct 10.30am-1.30pm** Tuesday Lunch Club Harvest lunch All welcome to join us for our harvest lunch, £6 per person.
- Wed 21st Oct** PCC meeting at 7.15pm
- Sunday 25th Oct 3pm**  Memorial Service to remember those who have died, recently or in the past. All welcome.
- Thursday 29th Oct 1.30pm** Mothers' Union meeting Rev Bill Henderson will be telling us about his recent visit to Tanzania. 
- Sunday 8th Nov 10.45am**  Remembrance Sunday service with the uniformed groups. Starting at 10.45am on the old church site by the war memorial, and continuing in church from 11am.

The Centre - new monthly cafe

Wednesday 4th Nov, 10am-12pm

On Wednesday 4th November, our new monthly cafe, 'The Centre' will open, with a Bonfire night theme, serving refreshments, parkin, gingerbread and offering chat and friendship.

'The Centre' will replace our Lighthouse cafe, and will open monthly.

The following month the date will be 2nd December. Do please join us!



Remembrance Sunday 8th November, 10.45am

Our Remembrance Sunday service will begin at 10.45am on the old church site, by the War Memorial. Everyone is welcome to join us there. After the Last Post at 11am, the service will continue in church for those who would like to walk across and join us in church.



Anyone who is unable to walk to the war memorial is welcome to come into church where we will run a service from 10.45am in parallel to the one taking part across the road.



Christmas Fair Saturday 28th November, 10am-1pm

Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 28th November with a variety of different stalls, cakes and refreshments. Further details next month....

The pantomime is coming....!!

Rehearsals are underway for the 21st St Peter's pantomime. This year we will be performing 'Cinderella'. Although, as you might expect, the story is not necessarily the one you are familiar with! The performances will be as follows:

- 3pm Sunday 29th November
- 7.15pm Monday 30th November
- 7.15pm Tuesday 1st December
- 7.15pm Wednesday 2nd December
- 7.15pm Friday 4th December
- 3pm Saturday 5th December
- 7.15pm Saturday 5th December

There won't be an evening performance on Thursday 3rd December.



Ticket prices will be £7.50 for adults, £5 for children and concessions, and £25 for a family ticket. Tickets will be on sale at the end of October.

Join us for more Christmas silliness!

Macmillan thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 25th September. It was a very well attended event and we were delighted that we were able to raise £245. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, biscuits and pastries, and thanks again to everyone who gave so generously.

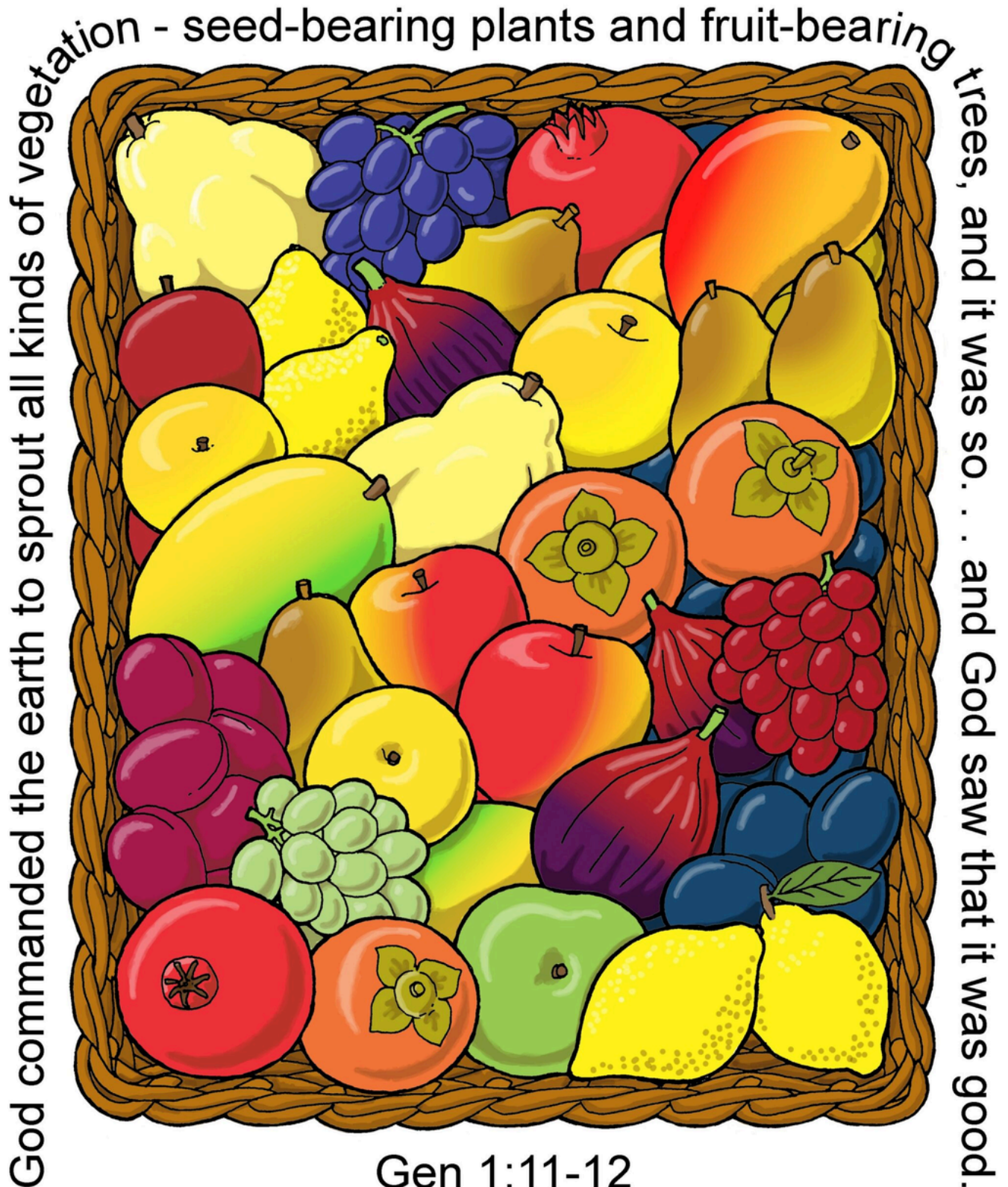




North Wakefield Team of Churches

Newsletter for October 2026

North Wakefield Benefice



Dear Friends, “Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body” (1Corinthians 12: 27 CEV)

20th September saw a big event at Wakefield Cathedral. All the Licenced Lay Ministers (LLMs) in the diocese, together with their supporting clergy, gathered for their triennial relicencing. Alongside them a number of LLMs from the Diocese were licenced for the first time, included amongst them was Daniel Beaumont who had a placement with us in the early part of the year. We were delighted to be able to support him on this special afternoon.

Within our benefice we are blessed by the ministry of five LLMs: Daniel Park, David Greenwood-Haigh, David Payne, Simon Beresford and Vicky Wilson. They are key members of the ministry team who have been through a full discernment process and been trained to not just preach and teach but also to design and lead worship, engage with pastoral care and generally lead in the ministry in our benefice. It really is a privilege to have them on the team supporting all we do in North Wakefield.

There are lots of different ministries God calls us to. For some it will be ministry up front like ordained ministry or LLM ministry. For others it could be prayer ministry, administration or lots of other gifts God gives us. He intends us all to have a part to play in the life of his church. And those roles that we play can change with time. At one point I was called specifically to children’s ministry and now my calling is looking very different.

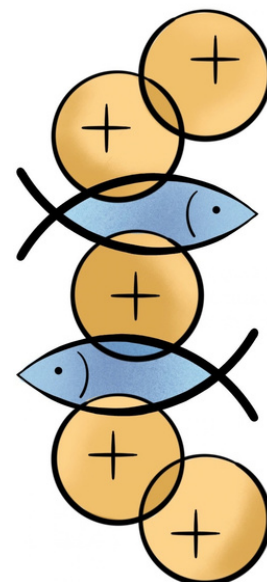
So as we give thanks for the callings God has given to our LLMs and to Daniel, this is also a good time for us to stop and ask God what he’s calling us to do now. At the start of this month the PCCs are discerning what God is saying to the benefice and to each church within it as to what our plans should be for the next twelve months to build our vision of what God is calling us to do. But at the same time it’s good for each of us to ask ourselves the same question:

What is God calling me to do in this season of my life?

When we ask that question in prayer, we will get an answer because as part of the body we all have a part to play in building these churches in a healthy and sustainable way. It may be you feel called to LLM ministry or ordination. It may be something else. Whatever God is calling you to, please come and chat with Revd Millie or myself and we’ll happily talk about vocation with you and encourage you as you explore the next steps God has for you

Blessings to you all

Rev Diane Komorowski, Vicar



Events for this month

Saturday 3rd October

Benefice vision day for all members of the PCCs, at St Catherine's Church.

Weds 7th October 10.30am-3.30pm

Mothers' Union event at St Catherine's church as part of the MU 150 year anniversary celebrations.

Sat 10th October, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

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

Harvest Festival Services

Sun 4th October, 9.30am [Alverthorpe](#)

Sun 11th October, 9.15am [Outwood](#)

Sun 18th October, 10.45am [Stanley](#)

Mon 12th October, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Forget-me-not bereavement group.

Sat 17th October, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Women of Substance group, this month looking at the story of Salome.

Mon 19th October, 10.30am [Outwood](#)

Mothers' Union meeting at Outwood church.

Tues 20th October, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

Harvest lunch, £6 per person. All welcome to join our Lunch Club.

Sat 24th October, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)

Lifeboat prayer meeting with Bible study, prayer and refreshments.

Sunday 25th October

Remember to turn your clocks back!

Memorial Services

Sun 25th October, 3pm [Stanley](#)

Sun 25th October, 6pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Sun 1st November, 3pm [Outwood](#)

Sun 1st November, 6pm [Alverthorpe](#)

Thurs 29th October, 1.30pm [Stanley](#)

Mothers' Union meeting with a talk from Rev Bill Henderson.

Sat 31st Oct, from 5.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Light Night with lots of treats and refreshments.

Weds 4th Nov, 10am-12pm [Stanley](#)

'The Centre' - a new monthly cafe with themed refreshments.

Contact details for our clergy:

Vicar



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Associate Vicar



Rev Millie Day

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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.



Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 18th October, 10.45am

Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 18th October. Please do join us as we give thanks for for all God's many blessings to us. This will be a non-communion family service led by Rev Diane Komorowski.

Donations of food are welcome: gifts such as fresh fruit and vegetables will be used in our harvest lunch for the Tuesday Lunch club on 20th October. Dried or tinned food will be donated to CAP Care in Wakefield which supports homeless people.

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.

Monthly Coffee morning

Saturday 10th October

10.30am-12.30pm

Join us at our next monthly coffee mornings - they are a great place to chat and meet friends. There will be bacon sandwiches, refreshments, a raffle and tomobla.

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! Here is our plan for the next few weeks:

- Tues 5th October - Australia

Harvest activities:

- Tues 13th October - the school choir will visit us with some harvest songs
- Tues 20th October - Harvest lunch



- Tues 27th October - Guy Fawkes
- Tues 3rd November - Remembrance

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



Mother's Union Meeting Thurs 29th October, 1.30pm

We will be welcoming Rev Bill Henderson to our meeting this month to talk about his recent visit to Tanzania as part of a delegation from Leeds Diocese that also included the Bishop of Wakefield, Malcolm Chamberlain. Bill visited our link parish of Sakawa in northern Tanzania and will be bringing the latest news from the people of Sakawa. All are welcome to join us on this day to hear from Bill. There will be another opportunity to hear about Bill's visit to Tanzania at our Sunday morning service on 15th November.

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 or Rev Millie—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

Memorial service

Sunday 25th October, 3pm

To remember loved ones who have died recently or in the past. Everyone welcome, please just come along.



'The Centre' drop-in event Weds 4th Nov, 10am-12pm



Our new monthly drop-in cafe will launch on Wednesday 4th November. The Centre is the relaunch of the Lighthouse Cafe, and will run on the first Wednesday of each month, offering cakes, refreshments and a few stalls. This month, it will have a Bonfire Night theme.

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:	
Monday evenings	Care4U Foster Carers' 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

Harvest Festival service

9.15am on Sunday 11th October

Everyone is very welcome to join us at our special Harvest festival service. Donations of food are invited, and will be delivered to Wrenthorpe Food Bank.



The Licensing of Rev Millie Day

It was a privilege for us at St Mary Magdalene to host the special service on Monday 7th September when Rev Millie Day was licensed as the Associate Priest of the North Wakefield Benefice. It was a lovely service, presided over by the Bishop of Wakefield, Malcolm Chamberlain. We are all delighted to welcome Rev Millie and her family into our four churches. She will join our Vicar, Rev Diane Komorowski in ministry duties.



Our Wakefield Episcopal area event at St Catherine's Church Doncaster Road on **Wednesday 7th October** 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.



The event will run from 10am until 3.30pm and will include a buffet lunch. The event is open to everyone, not just MU members! Tickets are available for £10. The ticket includes the buffet lunch, a concert of sorts, a sketch by Dreamtime Creative about the life of Mabel Norton the first Wakefield Diocesan Secretary, two musical interludes (including the Foster Carer's Choir) and our guest speaker Father George Nairn-Briggs who was our Diocesan Chaplain. Give me a ring if you'd like a ticket to come and celebrate with us!

The Diocesan Celebration Service and Commissioning of our Diocesan President will be at Wakefield Cathedral on Monday 2nd November at 1.30pm. Bishop Smitha and Bishop Malcolm will be attending. No tickets required for this event, but let us know if you intend to come for refreshment planning purposes.

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 or Rev Millie—see page 3 for details.

Church Warden

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Duncan Hall

Benefice Magazine, Coffee mornings

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Safeguarding

Margaret Taylor 07534 805448

Our next branch meeting is in church on **Monday 19th October at 10.30am.**

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

Sheila Crosby, Branch Leader



All Souls Service

Sunday 1st November at 3pm

Join us at our Memorial service to remember loved ones who have died recently or in the past. No invitation required, all welcome.

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

Our toddler group meets in church at

10am on Mondays in term time.

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

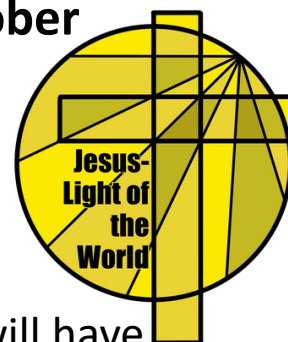
Our **Young People's Drop-In** is every Monday 3pm-4.30pm for children in school years 7-11. Come and join us for a snack, games, creative activities, films, and chat. Our drop-in is every Monday after school in term-time only.



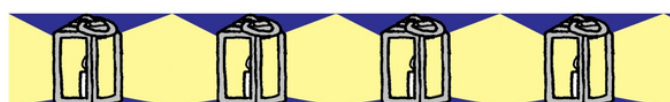
Light Night

**Saturday 31st October
from 5.30pm**

Our Light Night is an alternative to Halloween and we will have lots of goodies on offer! -



Hot dogs (with or without onions), parkin, toffee apples, hot chocolate (with cream and marshmallows) and tea, coffee etc.



You can't miss us even from outer space, we will be illuminated! Find us outside St Anne's Church on 31st October

Come along and enjoy our alternative to Halloween and remember that Jesus as Light of the World can drive out all the darkness in our lives and in the world.

*More information please contact
Lynn on 07890589907*

Women of Substance

Saturday 17th October, 10am-2pm

This month in our Women of Substance meeting, will be studying Salome, the mother of James and John, the disciples of Jesus.

The world honours great people of history with titles, statues, and tales of legends. When Jesus invited Salome's sons to become His disciples, Salome knew greatness lay in their future too. And as a good mother, she sought to help them get the very best out of their new position in Jesus' service. But Salome had the same world view of what greatness was; she asked Jesus, "Grant that my sons can sit on thrones either side of You in Your Kingdom." Jesus answered her, "you don't know what you are asking," was Jesus' unsettling reply.

Salome needed to learn what it really means to be great in the Kingdom of God. She saw her Saviour serving the sick and poor; she saw the King humbly riding into Jerusalem on a donkey; and she saw Him rebuking rather than recruiting the powerful (but hypocritical) religious leaders. Yet when her King hung naked on the cross, she was one of the few who stayed with Him.

She discovered that true greatness, the humble, serving



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 or Rev Millie - see page 3 for details.

Church Wardens

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Church Hall bookings

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greatness of God's Kingdom - is rarely recognised or valued in this world.

Come and join us, you might enjoy it! Let me know if you plan to come 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



All Souls Service
Sunday 25th October
at 6pm

Join us at this Memorial service to remember those who have died recently or in the past. All welcome.

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

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 24th October,
10am—11.30am

The Lifeboat prayer group is a spirituality group 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.



All are welcome to our
Harvest Festival service on

Sunday 4th October
at 9.30am

Vicky Wilson will be leading our service and Rev Millie Day will be preaching. This will be a family Parade service.

All Souls Service,
Sunday 1st November at 6pm

Please come along to our Memorial service and remember those who have died recently or in the past. No invitation is needed, please just come along. All are welcome.



Benefice Vision Day

On Saturday 3rd October, all the PCC members of all the four churches of our North Wakefield Benefice will be getting together at a Benefice Vision Day to discuss and pray about the future of our team of churches.

Together with the ministry team we will discern the direction that our Benefice is going and each PCC will discern the part their church will play in realising the overall vision.

We are hopeful that each church will set one or two mission priorities which will be our focus for the next 12 months. Each of the churches will have the opportunity to present their plans so that the whole Benefice can support them in their goals.

The Vision Day will be taking place at St Catherine's Church on Doncaster Road. Please pray that it is a really useful day for everyone involved. The outcome and findings will be communicated across all the churches in due course.



DON'T FORGET!!
Remember to turn
your clocks back one hour
on Sunday 25th October.

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

Autumn Glades

We stroll through leafy autumn glades,
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;
As Nature's summer beauty fades
She clothes herself in golden hues.

The stillness of October days,
The chillness of a frosty dawn,
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays
Caress us with their glowing warmth.

They also warm the southern breeze,
Which comes upon us, as it may,
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves
To gently patter on our way.



Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,
Of freezing wind and driving snow,
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip
Through gentle autumn's golden glow.

By Nigel Beeton

Prayers for this month

Prayer for the harvest

Dear Lord, as we give thanks for the harvest and pray for the farmers who have struggled through the summer's drought and heatwaves, we also give thanks and pray for those who work to share the good news of Your kingdom, to bring in Your harvest of people who are searching for You.

May we, who know You, join those workers and share the good news that Jesus brings. So many people are lost and without hope or direction. Help us to reach out to them, maybe with an invitation, or simply a smile, or an act of kindness. May they see Your love reflected in us and turn to You.

May they put their trust in Jesus, who alone is the answer to all life's great questions. Lord, may we be workers in the harvest field where You have placed us, for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Faraway Country

There's a faraway country we dream of
Where the street is paved with gold,
No more tears or hidden fears
Where time has lost its hold.

The portals of heaven are waiting
Where a place has been reserved,
Bought at a cost, by a Saviour's cross
Not one of us has deserved.

God's love is so embracing
For He longs the world to save
Into realms of glory, resurrection's story
And for this His Son He gave.

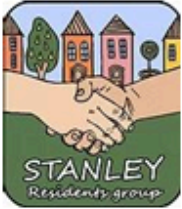
Let's be part of God's plan for redemption
Of a world still trapped in sin,
As we seek His face for saving grace
That all may enter in.

By Megan Carter



Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip,
he who watches over you will not
slumber; indeed,
he who watches over you
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand; the sun will not harm you
by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all
harm; he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your
coming and going
both now and forevermore.



Update from Stanley Residents' Group (SRG)

Our next meeting is on **Mon 5th Oct** at **The Wheatsheaf Pub** at **19:00**. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Stanley Heritage Trail:

We provided **FREE Mini Guided Walks** on Sat 12th Sept from the **Stanley Ferry Workshops** as part of this year's **Heritage Open Days**. We ran 4 walks during the day covering **POI's 9 – 14** of the **Stanley Heritage Trail**.

We also delivered a presentation on the **Stanley Heritage Trail** to **St Peter's Church Tuesday Lunch Club** on Tue 22nd Sept covering **POI's 1 – 15**.

Both events were well received, and we hope to do more next year.

If you can't wait and would like to walk the trail on your own or just want to find out more about Stanley's rich history, scan the QR code or visit the SRG website <https://www.stanleyresidentsgroup.org> where you can download our interactive **Online Map**.

Alternatively, paper maps are available from Stanley Library.



The Beginning of the M25

Forty years ago, on 29th October 1986, the M25 motorway around Greater London opened. It was first proposed in 1944, but by 1966 this idea had evolved into two ringways, to the north and south. The first sections were opened in 1975, and it was then decided to join them together. Just over ten years later, in 1986, the final section was opened by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and the new M25 became the longest ring road in Europe.

Environmental considerations were taken into account, and there were 40 public inquiries, but none of the complaints were upheld. At first the M25 was popular with the public. But problems quickly surfaced, the obvious one being chronic congestion. This was partly due to the unanticipated office and retail development along its route, generating in-and-out slower-moving traffic. Also, it was soon clear that more lanes were needed in places: in some areas three lanes become five or six. Some churches even objected because it created a kind of stone wall between those congregations within and those without. A report in The Economist said it "had taken 70 years to plan, 12 to build it and just one to find it was inadequate".

If you ever get stuck in a traffic jam on the M25, just remember that it was designed for 88,000 vehicles a day, but instead carries at times up to 300,000 a day!

One hundred years of Winnie-the-Pooh

One hundred years ago, on 14th October 1926, the children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A A Milne, was published. It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine Punch, who provided the beguiling illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse When We Were Very Young, which contained the seeds of Winnie-the-Pooh and its sequel, The House on Pooh Corner, all of which proved extremely popular.

The character of Winnie-the-Pooh was inspired by a teddy bear that Milne bought for his son, Christopher Robin, from Harrods, and also by a bear called Winnipeg that they encountered during a family visit to London Zoo. Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo and Tigger were also toys of the real Christopher Robin; Owl and Rabbit came from Milne's imagination.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family. The author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him: "I do not want C R Milne to ever wish that his name was Charles Robert."

Nevertheless, the son did become estranged from his parents, especially following his marriage to his mother's niece.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

Despite creating a kind of Eden, Milne, who was a pacifist, said little about religion. But he did say on joining the Home Guard that "in fighting Hitler we are truly fighting the Devil, the Anti-Christ ... Hitler was a crusader against God."

The four Winnie-the-Pooh books went on to sell more than 50 million copies worldwide. They have been translated into many languages; the translation into Latin became the only Latin book ever to feature on the New York Times bestseller list. The original manuscripts are held in the Wren Library, in Trinity College, Cambridge.





Light Parties - a happier alternative to Halloween

While many of us may buy Halloween-themed confectionary, pumpkins, decorations and even costumes this month, thousands of us have no intention of celebrating Halloween and might be looking for a more positive and upbeat alternative to traditional Halloween celebrations.

Many churches offer an alternative to Halloween - a 'Light Party' - a family-friendly Christian event that celebrates the themes of light and hope in Jesus Christ instead of ghouls and ghosts. Scripture Union, the Christian charity that first pioneered Light Parties, reports that around 8,000 churches and youth organisations now request their Light Party Pack each year. Churches of all the major denominations are in full and active support. The Church of England, Methodist, Baptist, and Elim Pentecostal churches also offer Light Parties, to which all are welcome.

St Anne's Church in Wrenthorpe will be holding a '**Light Night**' on **Saturday 31st October from 5.30pm** - they will have an illuminated stall set up outside the church offering delicious goodies and treats as an alternative to Halloween trick or treating. All are welcome to go along. See page 14 for more details.

How William Tyndale affects what you say - even today

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament. And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, although they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world: 'salt of the earth', 'go the extra mile', 'the powers that be', 'eat, drink and be merry', 'apple of his eye', 'in the twinkling of an eye', 'sign of the times', 'my brother's keeper', 'fight the good fight', 'broken-hearted', 'fallen flat on his face'. These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign.

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

- Scapegoat: the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.
- Atonement: literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.
- Passover: when the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.
- Busybody: invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.



Which milk do you buy?

Once upon a time there was just milk. Now our supermarkets offer whole, semi-skimmed and fat-free milk, as well as plant-based alternatives: oat, pea, soya, almond and coconut. But which is best? The amount of protein, sugars, fat and vitamins vary a great deal. No wonder that, according to Mintel's UK recent market report, nearly half of us struggle to decide. Here are some facts to consider:

- According to nutritionists, semi-skimmed cow's milk is the best all-rounder; it contains all nine essential amino acids and has the most protein.
- If you are dairy-free, try fortified soya milk or pea drinks for reasonable levels of protein.
- Oat milk is popular but contains very little protein.
- Almond milk is popular and low in calories, but also has little protein.
- Coconut milk has hardly any protein at all.
- Rice milk has almost zero protein.



Is sleep spiritual? London-based vicar, Sarah Guinness, claims in her newly published book, 'The Alternative Guide to Discipleship' that sleep is crucial to growing in Christian spirituality. She writes, "Sleep is not wasted time. It is an opportunity for God to seal our dreams, and to deposit things and ideas in our hearts and minds. I'd like to imagine that at night God, who knit our brains and bodies together, stands by our beds, ready to sort through the day that we've had, patching the holes, processing that conversation, mending the tears in our armour so that we wake up feeling repaired, refreshed and ready for another day."

Cartoon Corner



The hardcore fans were at the back, playing air-organ

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