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The Minister writes:

Life is a roller coaster for many people. It certainly is for our young people taking exams. The stress and hard work of revising and preparing for exams is then followed by relief and celebrations when the tests are over. Then the build-up of stress waiting for results is followed by either the elation of doing well or the disappointment of not doing as well as expected. Then there is the question of what to do next. Even those who get a good qualification still face the difficulty of finding a job that will be fulfilling, or that will even just provide enough money to live on. Basically life is stressful, and not just for our young people. It pays to think about how our faith can help us.

Summer is a good time to slow down and check out how things are going in our lives. Firstly we can take rest seriously. The Bible also teaches the importance of taking time to enjoy our surroundings and our relationships with each other. Part of the creation story shows God stepping back from creation and seeing that it is good. This principle of the Sabbath; taking time to appreciate the good things in life, is a great antidote to the pressure to fill our lives with work and activity. Each of us will find different things restful and it is helpful when we understand ourselves enough to know what works for us.

Secondly we can face up to our concerns, but not get into a state of worry that does not give any benefit: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:27). We can place our anxieties with God through prayer. This does not make our problems disappear, but it does give us resources to deal with them. Importantly we can have faith and trust in God himself.

There will always be things to worry about in life: whether it is exam results, our own health or that of a friend, finances or the future.

We are not called to ignore these things but to bring them to God in prayer. At the same time though, we are encouraged to take time to rest and to enjoy what is good.

Rev Bill Henderson



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All services are held at the Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, Stanley

Sunday 10am Family Communion

4pm Evensong (on the first

Sunday of every month)

Wednesday 9:30 am Holy Communion

5pm Prayers

Thursday 9:15 am Children's Ark

Other Christian Worship

ZION CHRISTIAN CENTRE

466a Aberford Road, Stanley,

www.zionchurch.co.uk, telephone: 01924 872262

Sunday: 10:30am Service

11:00am Sunday School & crèche

Tuesdays: 7:30pm Prayer meeting

Wednesdays: 7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

METHODIST CHURCH: Lee Mount Chapel Sunday: 10:30am service, including junior church

Minister: Rev Naomi Kaiga BD MA email: nkirotekaiga@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01977 705100 Steward: Mrs Doreen Abson, telephone: 01924 824577

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DATES FOR JULY and AUGUST

Weds 3rd July 2pm-4pm	Mount Road Methodist Chapel: Coffee & Chat meeting. Please see page 10 for details.		
Thurs 4th July 7:30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome to this new style of service.		
Sun 7th July 4pm	<u>Evensong:</u> join us for the monthly afternoon service based on the Common Book of Prayer.		
Weds 10th July 1:30pm	Jumble Sale at Mount Road chapel: with a variety of stalls and refreshments. See page 10.		
Thurs 11th July 6pm	Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting at the church centre, see p12 for details.		
Fri 12th July 7:30pm	Film Club: 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' a quirky and highly rated film starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt. See p16 for details.		
Sat 13th July 10am-12pm	Coffee Morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p10.		
Sun 14th July 10am—4pm	Family Communion and Parade Service: with the uniformed organisations.		
Sun 14th July 4pm	Stanley Community Singers Charity Concert: come and enjoy a variety of songs, see p12.		
Thurs 25th July 7:30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Centre.		
Weds 7th Aug 2pm-4pm	Mount Road Methodist Chapel: Coffee & Chat meeting. Please see page 10 for details.		
Sat 10th August 10am-12pm	Coffee Morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p10.		
Sat 21st Sept 1pm-3pm	Scarecrow Festival at Stanley Playground. See p13 for full details about the event.		

STANLEY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, DVDs for hire, as well as a photocopier/A4 colour photocopier, fax machine, newspapers and selected magazines. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programs (i.e. word processing). There are also free UK Online computer courses available offering internet training and Introduction to Computers —please ask in the library.

OPENING HOURS

Monday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Wednesday Closed all day

Thursday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

Reading Groups: There are two Reading groups: one meets in the morning of the first Monday of every month, and the second meets in the evening of the first Thursday of every month. Check with the library for times and book details.

Activities for Children: There is a Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's, 11:30-12pm on certain Mondays: check with the Library for dates. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

Family History Group: The Family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month, from 11am-12pm.

Coffee Morning: There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

The Community Centre: The hall, two rooms and well equipped kitchen are available for hire. Contact the Librarian on 01924 303130 to book in advance.

Summer Gala - a review

The annual St Peter's Summer Gala was held on Saturday 29th June in the field next to the Church Centre. The event raised £1,504 which was a fantastic total. We are very grateful to everyone who gave so generously and who came along in such numbers to make it a really successful event.

Thanks to everyone who arrived early in the morning to set up the gazebos and the stalls and take them down again afterwards. Many thanks to the stallholders who spent so much time and effort putting their stalls together. Despite some persistent rain the day before, the weather on gala day was wonderfully warm, although a little breezy.

The gala was opened at 1pm by Rev Bill Henderson, and the entertainment was got underway by the superb Stanley Starlights Majorettes. Making their debut at the Gala was Dance Fever Academy, which meets at the church centre every Saturday from 2:30pm-3:30pm and performs disco, rock n roll and street dance. Later on, the dogs from the Normanton Dog Training Club came into the arena to meet the children and had a wonderful time being fussed over and petted.

There were lots of stalls to visit: tombola, cakes, books, toys, bric -a-brac, crafts, children's tombola, sweets, plants, name the doll, and a colouring and craft stall. Refreshments included hotdogs and cream teas: many thanks to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen to serve the refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Grand Raffle: Kev's Fish Shop gave a fish and chip supper for two, and St Peter's Community Café gave a 2 course lunch. Other prizes were: a cash prize of £60, a hamper, bottle of whiskey, toiletries, sherry, a travel bag and a bedding set. All prizes have now been claimed.



The whole gala was a very happy and successful event. A huge thank-you to all the organisers, stall-holders, and above all, everyone who came along and supported the event.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

• The next 'Coffee Afternoons' will be held on Wednesday 3rd July and on 7th August from 2pm—4pm. These are held on the first Wednesday of every month with refreshments and a variety of stalls.



• The next <u>Jumble Sale</u> at the Chapel will be on Wednesday 10th July at 1:30pm with cakes, tombola, refreshments and various other stalls.

Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Thursday, 2pm-4pm Enjoy a cuppa, company and a 'crafty' afternoon!

Please come and join this established group of ladies as they knit, sew, compare ideas and patterns, learn new crafty skills, and share conversation and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed.

Please note new later start time: now starts 2pm

Coffee morning thank-you: Thank you to everyone who organised, ran stalls and came to support the coffee morning on 8th June. It was a busy morning and a total of £195.89 was raised.

The next coffee mornings will take place on Saturday 13th July and 10th August, 10am—12.30pm at Stanley Community Centre with lots of great stalls: a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, children's tombola, jigsaws, books and toys, and more!

Donations of jigsaws, books, and <u>small</u> children's toys and soft toys would be gratefully received. Please contact Mavis Darlington on 822251 or bring your items to the office at St Peter's Church Centre.

Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning. We would love to see you there.

Over the next few months there will be some new styles of church service on offer at St Peter's Church Centre. On Thursday 4th July there will be a Taize service, with prayerful, meditative music and readings. These Taize services will take place on the first Thursday of every month. Other evening events with live music and refreshments are planned for later in the year. Watch this space!

TAIZE

Stanley Library refurbishment

Stanley library will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 8th July for refurbishment. The library is being completely redecorated, and fitted with new furniture, shelving and carpets. The library will reopen on Monday 29th July.

During the period of closure, there will be mobile library in the community centre car park offering a good selection of the most popular books. The mobile library will be open from 10am—4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 9am—1pm on Saturdays. The computer service will not be available while the library is closed. The Summer Reading scheme starts on 12th July: please call into the mobile unit to sign up for it.



Try the new Salsa class at St Peter's Church centre!

Wednesday, 10th & 24th July, 7th & 21st August, 7pm-9pm

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Stanley Community Singers

Summer Concert

Sunday 14th July, 4pm,
St Peter's Church Centre

Followed by refreshments

Tickets will be available on the door
In aid of Target Ovarian Cancer

The Stanley Community Singers meet every Monday afternoon in term time at St Peter's Church Centre from 1pm-3pm with singing from 1:30pm-2:30pm and time before and afterwards for refreshments and chat. Please come and join us: no previous singing experienced required; make new friends, learn new songs and enjoy singing!

Meet the police at Library coffee mornings

Coffee mornings are held every Thursday morning at Stanley Library from 10am—12pm. Every week, a member of the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team attends the coffee morning and is available to offer advice to local residents and discuss any concerns they might have. The Community Support Officers also attend the monthly PACT (Partners and Community Together) meetings which are usually held on the second Wednesday of the month at Stanley Community Centre at 6pm. The PACT meetings are also attended by local councillors.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 6pm at the Church Centre. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse and join in with the plans for the new Centre on Moorhouse Grove.

Community Awards

Representatives from St Peter's Church Centre, the Friends of Stanley Playground, the Stanley Community Singers, and the Stanley Residents Group all attended the North-West Area Forum meeting at Wakefield Town Hall last month and received Community Chest awards from Councillors Jacqui Williams and Matthew Morley.

The awards were given to help fund specific projects or needs, and will make a big difference to all these local community groups.

The Friends of Stanley Playground were also presented with a Community Champion Award in special recognition of the incredible work they have done over the past few years in setting up the new playground for the benefit of the whole community, and putting on a number of fantastic community events, including the enormously successful Scarecrow festival. Yvette Shaw did a presentation about the work of the group and showed some wonderful photos of the playground under construction, the grand opening, and the events over the past few years.

Many thanks to all the local councillors for their on-going support.

Join the Friends of Stanley Playground for the

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 21st September, 1pm-3pm At the playground on Lake Lock Rd

Display your scarecrow outside your home, business or school from 14th September, then bring it to the playground between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 21st September. There are two categories of prizes: schools and businesses, and individuals/families.

With music, activities and refreshments on the day.

Come and take part in a fun family afternoon!

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Hazel Eaton	22 March 2013
Ken Frost	27 March 2013
Irene Newton	4 April 2013
Shirley Tinker	17 April 2013
Doreen Ellis	22 April 2013
Margaret France	26 April 2013
Jack Caines	30 April 2013
Margaret Hoggan	9 May 2013
John Williamson	22 May 2013
Eva Brook	22 May 2013

Baptisms

Archie John William Whittell	21 April 2013
Lula Gene Bolton	28 April 2013
Dolly Rose Bolton	28 April 2013
Samantha Ruby Iris Lindop	5 May 2013
Harry Richard Hemingway	26 May 2013
Louisa Rose Sidlow	26 May 2013
Lucas Alex James Brickwood	9 June 2013
Noah George Alan Brickwood	9 June 2013
Beatrice Adelle Perrow	23 June 2013

Stanley St Peter's Nursery Open Evening

The nursery at Stanley St Peter's will be having an open evening for the Foundation Stage on Wednesday, 10th July. Parents of new starters are invited to come along to the reception class between 5pm and 7pm, and prospective parents and children can also visit the nursery unit between 5pm and 6pm. It's an opportunity to have a good look around and chat to the staff. If you would like more information, please phone the school on 303175 and ask for the Head Teacher, Deputy Head or Ms Lewis in the nursery.

City Fields Housing Development

Plans for a 2,500 housing development on the edge of Stanley are almost complete, with the developer, Spawforths, set to apply for planning permission for the first phase of 500 houses during summer 2013. This extensive development will cover 375 acres and also deliver the Eastern Relief road which will connect the Bar Lane/ Aberford Road roundabout with Doncaster Road, near Heath Common.

The first phase of the development is planned for the fields alongside Aberford Road, from Parkside Lane up the hill to Bar Lane and stretching east behind Riverdale Avenue.

The Stanley Residents Group will be meeting shortly (keep an eye on the community column of the Wakefield Express for details) to discuss how to coordinate a response to the planning application. The proposed development will fill in all the land between Stanley, Eastmoor and Agbrigg along the canal, result in an enormous increase in traffic through Stanley and will have a considerable impact on local infrastructure and change our area beyond recognition.

Please get involved and help protect our village of Stanley from development. See the website www.wakefieldeast.co.uk for full details of the proposed development.

Art Exhibition



Saturday 27th July, 9am—3pm At Stanley Community Centre

Free admission

Stalls, raffle, refreshments, paintings by local artists



In aid of **Move Ahead (Wakefield) Ltd**, a local charity supported by Councillor Jacqui Williams, that works with the brain injured and their carers,



St Peter's Church Film Clu



Friday evening, 12th July, 7:30pm

'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' (2012) 12 Rating

'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' is a quirky, entertaining and original film about Fred Jones (Ewan McGregor), a fisheries expert, who gets involved in a bizarre plan to introduce salmon fishing to the desert land of Yemen on the whim of a rich Arab sheikh. Fred is recruited by Harriet, the Sheikh's PA (Emily Blunt) but with Fred's marriage on the rocks and Harriet's boyfriend living abroad, they soon find that hope can spring even in the most unexpected of places. Meanwhile, Kristen Scott Thomas almost steals the show as the acerbic Prime Minister's Press Secretary who jumps on the unlikely project as a feel-good news story to improve Arab-UK relations. 'Salmon Fishing' takes an unusual storyline, and combines a beautifully written script with stellar performances and superb scenery to make an inspiring, funny and remarkable film.

Free admission, tea & coffee, but bring your own popcorn!

Film shown at the Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, doors open 7pm

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. More than 100,000 amazing volunteers give their time every year to help create opportunities for thousands of girls around the UK. Girlguiding welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, faiths and abilities. Volunteering is flexible and can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. Volunteers help with Rainbows (ages 5-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) and the Senior Section (14-26).

In return, volunteers are offered support, training and the opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people and have fun. If you or your

daughter would like to know more about joining Girlguiding, register your interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or phone 0800 1 69 59 01.

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Reports from our local schools

Stanley Grove School

Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4NT Tel: 01924 303805, Headteacher: Mrs J Frost Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk

We have all enjoyed an incredibly busy but exciting term. At the beginning of term our Year 4 pupils did their Level 1 Bikeability test, and Year 5 did Level 2. Year 3 have been learning life-saving skills in their school swimming lessons, and all pupils have learned some valuable First Aid training appropriate for their age group, with the older children learning CPR.

All children have been busy practising for their sports' days, and earlier in the term, Stanley Grove hosted a Quick-cricket tournament for Year 6 children from our school and from 3 other schools from the local area. Rev Bill Henderson took a special assembly when he told everyone about his visit to Tanzania, and our PTA organised a very successful Summer Fair.

Our after-school Glee club held a very successful concert for parents and carers, and Classes 2 and 3 took part in a wonderful day of singing at Wakefield Cathedral with 400 other children from the district. The children will be putting on a singing concert later this term to perform all the songs they have learned to the rest of the school.

Our children have been on some wonderful school trips this term. The Foundation Unit went to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see some of the animals they read about in 'Handa's Surprise', and Class 1 went to Tropical Butterfly House near Rotherham. Class 3 have been to York Castle Museum, Class 4 have been to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Class 5 are going to the Sea Life Centre at Scarborough.

The end of year reports have been given out, and our Year 6 children have visited their new high schools. All the other year groups will spend a morning in their new classrooms and with their new teachers, ready for September. At the end of term, Year 6 will show some mini-films they have made and give a performance of 'Robin Hood', which they have been rehearsing for all term. We will be saying goodbye to them in a special Leavers' Assembly and wish them all the very best for the future.

We would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

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St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School

Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS Tel: 01924 303175, Headteacher: Mr Lee Wilson

What a busy time it has been in school over the last month! We held a fantastic gala and raised £1,200: a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us. We also held our Sports Day and had a fantastic time celebrating our sporting achievements.

Mr Wilson visited China in the Spring holiday and made a number of school links as part of our international work. We look forward to working with our new partner school and to learning more about Chinese culture next year by working with a Chinese language assistant. We also received letters of thanks from our link school in Gambia. Earlier in the year we sent them some PE equipment which was gratefully received.

Fifty of our year 5 and 6 children visited London recently. They saw a production of Lion King and enjoyed a trip on the London Eye as well as a guided tour of the capital city. There are many more events planned for the next few weeks such as our graduation ceremonies, end of year shows and parties. These will round off what has been a highly successful year.

Mr Wilson, our headteacher, leaves at the end of term to take up a post at Outwood Grange Academies Trust as Director of Primary School Improvement. Mr Wilson has been at the school for nearly 5 years and we wish him well for the future. Mrs Hopton and Mr Vickers will act as Headteacher until January 2014. The appointment of permanent headteacher will be made early in the autumn term.

A personal note from Mr Wilson.....

"I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and the school during my time at St Peters. I have made many great friends during this time and I have many special memories to take with me.

I am proud of all that we have achieved together at St Peters. The school is now one of the most successful in the local area; but more importantly it is a special place where every single person is valued for their individual gifts and talents. It is a place that thrives off the contribution that the community makes and welcomes that contribution with open arms. I hope that this continues well into the future. I am sure that the school will continue to thrive and I wish you all well for the years to come. "

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Stanley Children's Centre

Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181, Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

There are lots of events on at the Children's Centre over the summer:

- There is a <u>First Aid Course</u> on Wednesday 10th July from 9.15am—11.15am. Booking required; crèche available.
- The <u>Job Centre Plus Adviser</u> will be visiting the centre on Wednesday, 24th July from 9am—12pm. Please book an appointment.
- There are <u>Parent Craft Classes</u> on Tuesday 23rd and 30th July from 6:30pm—8:30pm. Please phone to book your place.
- <u>Fun with Jo Jingles</u> is on Thursday 1st and 15th August from 10:30am—12pm for children aged 18 months—5 years.
- <u>Holiday Baby Time</u> is on Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August from 1:30pm—3pm for babies 0—9 months; £1 per session.
- Holiday Stay & Play is on Friday 26th July, 10am—11:30pm, and Thursday 8th, Friday 16th and Wednesday 21st August from 1:30pm—3pm for children aged 9 months—5 years; £1 per session per child.
- There are <u>Holiday Stay & Play Sessions</u> at Memorial Hall, Outwood on Monday 5th, 12th and 19th August from 10am—1130am for 0-5 years.
- There will be a <u>Teddy Bears' Picnic</u> at Stanley Community Centre on Thursday 29th August from 10:30am-1pm. Bring a picnic and a teddy!

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 10am—3:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	Health Trainers: appointment needed. Child Health Reviews: by appointment. Stay & Play for ages 18 months—5 years.
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews:</u> appointment needed. <u>Baby Time</u> from birth—9 months.
Wednesday	9:30am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	Rightsteps: booking required. Toddler Time from 9—18 months.
Thursday	9:30am—12pm	Child Health Reviews by appointment.
Friday	9:30—11:30am 10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	Childminding Support Group Child Health Reviews by appointment. Midwife Drop-in Clinic

A Walk to Remember: on Sunday, 8th September

Put your best foot forward and step out in support of Wakefield Hospice on Sunday 8th September at their annual Sponsored Walks event. There are three routes to choose from; short, medium and long (circa 4, 8 and 13 miles). All walks start and finish at the National Coal Mining Museum. These are countryside walks so are unfortunately not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Walkers can register online via the hospice website www.wakefieldhospice.org where you can also download an entry form or call the fundraising department on 01924 213900. The walks are open to anyone who would like to take part, dogs are welcome too!

Entry fees are £10 per adult (£15 on the day) and £5 per child and all entries must be received by Friday 23rd August, after which time only entries on the day will be accepted.

Each walker will receive a complimentary water bottle on the day, a banana (courtesy of Fyffes) a walk description booklet and a map. Marshals will be on hand to guide you along the routes too. To keep younger walkers entertained on the short route, there will be a competitive game spanning the whole route with a prize for the winning entry.

For an additional £1.80 you can pre-order a snack pack which will contain homemade flapjack, bottle of water, cereal bar, packet of crisps and a token 'sack of coal' as a memento.

Out of the Depths: John was seven years old when his mother died, and 11 when his father took him to sea. John soon became a hardened blaspheming seaman, and slave trading became a way of life. One day a tremendous storm arose. John in fear, called to God for mercy and was miraculously saved. John was so chastened and reformed, that on his return to England he gave his life to God, and was ordained in the Church of England, becoming a curate in 1764. He joined forces with William Wilberforce to campaign for the abolition of slavery. This is John Newton's testimony:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me: I once was lost but now I'm found; Was blind but now I see.





St Peter's Community Café

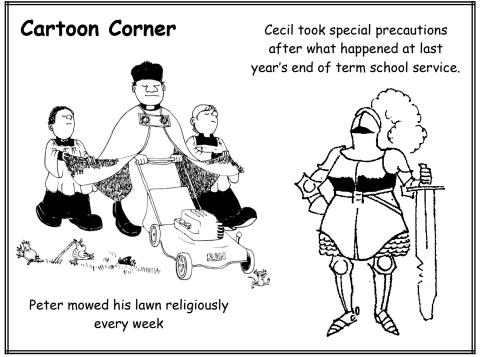
At: St Peter's Church Centre, Lake Lock Road

Open Mondays—Fridays
10:30am—2pm

Special meal of the day, baked potatoes, hot and cold sandwiches, all-day breakfasts, children's menu, desserts, refreshments

TUESDAYS: Senior Citizens discount on meal deal THURSDAY: £1 off all children's meals
(when accompanied by full-paying adult)

Mary and the team look forward to welcoming you!



Prayers for this month



Prayer to know God's will

Loving Father, You made us in your image. Our whole life is a process of transformation to become like you. And yet it is so difficult to know what you are calling us to do; how you want us to serve you. There are so many possibilities, so many roads we could choose. Which one has your signpost? Which one has the green light for us? The disciples faced the same dilemma, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" they asked. Jesus' answer was quite simple: "The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent." (John 6: 28-29)

Lord help us to believe in Jesus, with a real, active, trusting faith and then to relax, knowing that if we do believe, everything, absolutely everything we do will be your work; washing up, working in the office, preaching a sermon or preparing school dinners: we will be doing your work. Thank you for showing us your way.

In the name of Jesus, Amen. *By Daphne Kitching*

Anew

How can a man be made anew Can he be born again? All of the dross washed away, Cleansed from every stain.

"Come now, let us reason together" says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow: Though they be red as crimson, They shall be like wool."

By Megan Carter (Isaiah 1 v18)

Heart

I take my heart in my hand, O my God, O my God, My broken heart in my hand: Thou hast seen, judge thou. My hope was written on sand, O my God, O my God: Now let thy judgement stand – Yea, judge me now. From 'Twice' by Christina Rosetti



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